

## **Traffic Safety Meeting**

**November 9, 2004**

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Craig Nordfelt, Randy Reese, Randy Lewis, Randy Schwendiman, John Millar, Donna Benfield, Rose Bagley, Lynn Archibald, and Eric Erickson.

**University Students Safety Campaign Members:** Stuart Wells and Andy Burningham.

**Approval of Minutes** Rose Bagley moved to approve last month's minutes. Randy Reese seconded it. All approved

### **Reports:**

#### **Police:**

**Randy Lewis** had a list of problem street lights for John Millar.

#### **Streets:**

**John Millar** stated that they are currently working hard on 7<sup>th</sup> South, and haven't had time to get to South 2<sup>nd</sup> East as of yet. He said that they may have found an easy and effective way to get rid of striping that they are going to try on 2<sup>nd</sup> East. They shoot oil and coarse sand on top about ¼" thick; it seems to work better and easier than painting over old striping and sandblasting.

### **Old Business:**

#### **South 2<sup>nd</sup> East Turn Lanes**

**John Millar** hopes to be able to get striping done on 2<sup>nd</sup> East before the snow comes; still working on 7<sup>th</sup> South.

#### **West 4<sup>th</sup> South Speed Limit**

**John Millar** bought another speed checker, and is going to put it out on 4<sup>th</sup> South between 2<sup>nd</sup> West and 4<sup>th</sup> West to monitor speed and complete study.

#### **Reflectors/Barricades on Pioneer**

**John Millar** stated that he had the barricades and reflectors for Pioneer; he will have them in next week.

#### **Roundabout Bob Discussion**

**John Millar** had two drawings of proposed roundabouts. He leaned more towards the style in the non-aerial drawing. The proposals will start going through city council

approval at the next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. If approved, they will try to put it in next summer.

**Donna Benfield** asked if there would be public input on a controversial and major impact on the traffic plan. She has had several people voice their concerns about having a roundabout. Many have based their opinions on the roundabouts in Idaho Falls.

**Randy Schwendiman** was concerned about the road going from 2 lanes down to 1 lane on South 2<sup>nd</sup> West; he was afraid that traffic would bottleneck. He was also concerned that it could be an expensive mistake.

**John Millar** stated that South 2<sup>nd</sup> West was set up for a 4 lane road when it calls for it in the future. Also, the City would pay for realignment of sidewalks. He discussed traffic lights for that intersection in a meeting with Mayor Larsen, the staff, and Keller associates. The intersection doesn't warrant a signal.

The Traffic committee asked what the driving decision for a roundabout is.

**John Millar** stated that there aren't the same warrants to be met for a roundabout. The City wants to make the intersection safer and more efficient.

**Lynn Archibald** stated that the design of the proposed roundabout is better than Idaho Falls; he thinks people will find it easier to move through.

**John Millar** said that the Idaho Falls roundabout is much smaller than the proposed roundabout for 4<sup>th</sup> S 2<sup>nd</sup> W.

Idaho Falls roundabout – diameter is less than 100 feet.

Rexburg roundabout – diameter would be about 150 feet.

**Eric Erickson** was concerned about the impact on businesses in that area.

**Lynn Archibald** was concerned about pedestrians not using cross walks on roundabouts.

Roundabouts have been designed according to traffic projections for 20 years.

**The Traffic Safety Committee would like to recommend a roundabout for 4<sup>th</sup> S 2<sup>nd</sup> W on the condition that it is properly designed and concerns about South 2<sup>nd</sup> West narrowing from 4 lanes to 2 are met.**

### **Safety Campaign**

**Andy Burningham and Stewart Wells** got the safety campaign started. They are currently trying to meet with campus administration to see about financial and administrative support from the University. They are not having too much success, and are getting passed from one individual to another.

James Smith was suggested as someone who could help them with the financial side.

Brother Piper from Campus Traffic Safety gave them permission to get started.

**Andy Burningham** researched parking on campus. He distributed surveys and had focus groups. He had the results from the survey. The student group was brainstorming nontraditional ways of advertising to catch attention; they also thought to have it as a public service to show in classes. Mr. Burningham informed the committee that the University had the results of the April 2004 campus parking survey posted on their website at <http://www.byui.edu/parkingservices/Parking%20Surveys.htm> .

The plan is to promote using crosswalks and discourage jaywalkers; they have done research, now they are working on ideas. They have thought of having the Scroll advertise as a public service. They also need to get a budget in place – approx. \$3000.00.

**Donna Benfield** stated that Garth Hall is the Vice President in charge of public relations, and that he may be a good contact to help get the student traffic committee going.

**Randy Reese** informed that committee that BYU-ID's fiscal year was January to January; also they plan the budget 2 years in advance.

**Stewart Wells** stated that they would get preliminary things done and then hit hard in April.

**Donna Benfield is going to see about funding for the Student Safety Campaign with the City Council.**

**Eric Erickson** thought that the campaign committee could be an appendage of the University's Traffic Safety Committee, and liaison with the City.

**Randy Schwendiman** asked about funding, if it is a continual concern and expense.

**Eric Erickson** stated that if the University gets on board, the campaign can be an ongoing enterprise.

**Donna Benfield** stated that she meets with Garth Hall once a month, and asked if the committee members would like her to pitch the campaign to him.

### **Committee Bylaws**

**Eric Erickson and Randy Schwendiman** had a copy of Ordinance No.497 that justified committee. Currently, the committee is not set up according to the Ordinance.

The Ordinance addresses committee requirements as follows:

- Duties - to send traffic safety recommendations to the City Council.
- Terms of service
- Who appoints members
- Budget
- Who elects officers.

**Eric Erickson and Randy Schwendiman** want to adopt bylaws or amend Ordinance No. 497 to meet current regulations.

**Craig Nordfelt** put bylaws on hold until Stephen Zollinger could update Ordinance No. 497.

**Stephen Zollinger** told Deborah Lovejoy about Ordinance No. 664, which is an updated ordinance that addresses the Traffic Safety Committee bylaws.

**New Business:**

**Traffic, Safety Issues/ Quadrant Reports**

**Randy Schwendiman** was concerned with overnight parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> East. If laws are in place, they should be enforced.

Also, Western Watts is using the street as an employee parking lot by Porters.

**Judy Rydalch** monitors parking in the mornings and afternoons Monday – Friday.

There was discussion of restricted parking apartments on College Ave that rented only to non-car students.

**Eric Erickson** stated that there was another bad accident on Pioneer and West Main with a school bus and a car crossing 2 lanes of traffic.

**John Millar** stated that issue is moving forward on purchasing property to fix the intersection. Hopefully, the timeline for the project will be 2 years.

He also mentioned that there is a request in to the state to lower the speed limit on 12<sup>th</sup> West and Main from 45 mph to 35 mph.

There are also more complaints about pedestrian visibility on 2<sup>nd</sup> West and 3<sup>rd</sup> South. They are looking at putting in another street light at Taco Time as the higher wattage on the existing light is not sufficient.

**No meeting for December.**

**Next meeting January 11, 2005 5:00 pm.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**