



Engineering Services Division

Traffic Operations Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2016

Attendees: Rob Mack, PE, PTOE, Engineering Services
Jim Major, General Services
Heather Shank, Planning Division
John Thomas, Police Department

A. Regular Discussion Items

- 1) **Overview of city-wide accident data, including prior-month accident summary and discussion of select accident locations, circumstances and potential action.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Crash data for January 2016 was reviewed. There were 105 reportable crashes in January 2016. This compares with 121 and 104 reportable crashes in January 2015 and 2014, respectively. 16 crashes resulted in total of 18 people injured. There was one fatality.

There were two crashes involving pedestrians: a pedestrian in a wheelchair riding along the edge of the eastbound lanes on the I-393 Connector near the N. Main Street intersection and being struck by a motorist aged 52 years turning onto the I-393 Connector from Bouton Street (pedestrian fatality, crash under investigation); and a pedestrian aged 49 years walking in the crosswalk in front of Target and being struck by a motorist aged 49 years turning left from a parking lot aisle (minor injuries, driver at fault).

- 2) **City Council meeting update.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its February 8, 2016 meeting, City Council accepted TPAC reports recommending transportation CIP project priorities, as well as TPAC's endorsement of the CIP19 Loudon Road Corridor Improvements project.

- 3) **Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) update.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its January 28, 2016 meeting, TPAC discussed Council's reconsideration of the Loudon Road Corridor Improvements project and crafted a recommendation to Council strongly endorsing the proposed design that converts the four-lane road into three lanes.

B. On-going Discussion and Action Items.

- 1) None.

C. New Discussion and Action Items

- 1) None.

D. Open Discussion Items

- 1) **Staff response to miscellaneous inquiries (refer to correspondence in agenda packet).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: The Police Department received an inquiry from Councilor Matson regarding Ripley Street residents' complaints on speeding and cut-through traffic. Engineering plans to deploy a radar speed counter on Ripley Street to record traffic volumes and speeds.

- 2) **Discussion of city-wide truck route map.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: After further review of the current truck route map, TOC members concurred on the following potential changes: post a restriction to through trucking on both Centre Street (west of N. Main Street) and Washington Street (west of N. State Street) to prevent inadvertent truck traffic from continuing westward and being trapped at the Liberty/Centre roundabout beyond which truck restrictions are currently in place; extend the restriction on through trucking to the easterly end of Hutchins Street next to N. State Street; remove the restriction to through trucking along Sewalls Falls Road as trucks will be allowed after the new bridge opens; remove the restriction to through trucking along Dunbarton Road through the St. Paul School campus as this is not a public way anymore; and designate recently-constructed new streets including Langley Parkway and Regional Drive as streets designated for commercial through-way trucking (Ordinance change will be required). Staff will forward a recommendation to the Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Mack, PE, PTOE, Traffic Engineer
Chair, Traffic Operations Committee

***The next Traffic Operations Committee meeting will be held on
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 @ 12:00 PM in the 2ND Floor Conference Room.***