

TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (TSC) MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 7:00PM

Weston Police Training Room

180 Boston Post Road By-Pass

Committee Members Attending:

Jay Doyle (Chair), Tom Benson, Andrew Chase, Richard Gula

Ex Officio Members Attending:

Steve Fogg (Town Engineer), Captain Tom Kelly (Weston Police Dept.)

Public Attending: Stas Alekseev & Katerina Aniskovich – 31 North Ave., Tricia Liu – 10 Winthrop Cr., Stephen Keefe – 53 Page Rd, Paul Griner – 27 Pine Summit Cr.

1. Introductions of the Members of the Committee
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/posting of old minutes/assign someone to take minutes
 - The May minutes were approved, unanimously.
 - Andrew Chase volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting.
3. Public Comments / Letters from Residents
 - Stas A. & Katerina A. – Inquired about adding a sidewalk extension easterly on Rte. 117 from Lexington St. to allow the residents who live there a safer alternative. They would like to be safer as they walk along Rte. 117, on the shoulder. The new sidewalk would meet up with the existing sidewalk along 117 at Lexington St. and allow for walking to and from the train station more safely.
 - Trisha L. – Discussed the parking issue on Indian hill and Winthrop Cr. She explained how she had been to the Board of Selectmen's meeting last August to describe the parking issue. She expressed that she and her neighbors believe the restrictions existing at Drabbington Rd have caused the parking issue to move to her neighborhood and now has become a safety issue. She described incidences with people who park on the street and members of the neighborhood, not always in a cordial manner. She suggested people who are causing the parking issue should use Kendal Green train station as an alternative. Chairman, Doyle – Acknowledged the issue and it's an unexpected consequence to the restrictions of the Drabbington parking area. The committee agreed to review and to do research of the parking situation of future weekends. Andrew C. volunteered to do some follow up in the area and report back.
 - Steve K. – Expressed Page road was having the same issues with parking because of the Drabbington restrictions and the temporary signs which were installed work to deter people from parking on the road. He also wanted to know when the temporary signs would be replaced with permanent signs. The committee agreed that if the temporary signs are working they would probably stay that way for now.
 - An email was sent to the committee about an ongoing unsafe intersection at Bullard and Ridgeway. The resident is requesting the proper signage to make the intersection safer. This issue with the intersection was brought to the committee's attention previously. The resident and a former committee member met and discussed a solution which was not followed up on. That committee member has since resigned and this issue was not properly "handed off" to a current committee member. To refresh the issue and get a better understanding Chairman Doyle agreed to meet again with the resident at the location in the future and follow up.
 - An email was received by the committee expressing the need for an update to the Brown St. and Wellesley St. traffic signal, a need for an additional loop. The issue is that drivers who don't stop

at the intersections stop line painted on the street, don't trigger the road sensor. The sensor doesn't alert the light a driver is waiting to properly cycle the light Brown St. drivers. There isn't a solution and adding an additional loop may not solve the issue. Town Engineer, Steve F. said he would investigate but if drivers stopped at the stop line, as they should, the signal would work as it was designed.

- An email was received about the committee providing assistance with line of sight issues at the Newton St. exit from Pine Brook CC. The representative from Pine Brook would like to meet with a committee member to discuss the issue and possible solutions he has. Andrew C. agreed to meet with the representative from Pine Brook CC to get a better understanding of the issue.
- An email about the Ash Street side walk a potential updates and changes was received, a site walk had taken place to help with the issues holding the project up from advancing. Moving the sidewalk away from the street was a big issue. More to come but Town engineer Steve F. is working on some of the resolutions possible.
- An email was received about the Route 30 road project, specifically about continuing it more toward Newton. Additionally and more importantly the need to involve to more stakeholders to be sure the project is tied together with plans in Newton and the plans MassDOT are considering with the road area.

4. Updates on Walkway/Sidewalk projects

a. Merriam Street

- Currently 2 of the 9 needed easements have been obtained, the third is being worked on. Drainage improvements are being done. The culvert work is in process and although it is not part of the sidewalk project it is part of the planned road project which impacts the sidewalk project, planning and scope is ongoing. More work to be done but progress is being made.

b. Ash Street

- The legacy trail portion of the project is going to be done before the other sections. The project work area from the parking area north is impacted by the drainage work proposed to be done. Another alternative to the current path location is being looked at. There is a possibility of moving sidewalk away from road so as to cause less roadway impact. A potential solution to the extensive and expensive drainage work that is currently part of the project. If this new alternative is adopted the drainage work could be separated from the project and not be included in the overall project cost. This would involve the potential of the MWRA and a town resident agreeing to have the walkway on their property.

d. Other

- Nothing noted

5. Updates: Projects/Designs/Studies/Issues:

a. Route 20 at Wellesley Street Design

- There was a MassDOT meeting to help some of the stakeholder understanding of the project and to help project move along. MassDOT might push for buffered bike lane. MassDOT had concerns with keeping the slip lane from westbound Route 20 onto BPR, asked if it could be made into a right turn lane. Might depend on the pedestrian crossing and other issues currently under review. VHB needs to improve the visibility of the pedestrian crosswalk for drivers entering the slip lane and increase warnings to drivers when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. This would allow more time for drivers to react and increase the safety for the pedestrians. Possible VHB presentation of the project to Board of Selectmen meeting in September.

b. 751-761 Boston Post Road development aka Woodleigh Farm

- Only known update is the traffic report which should have been uploaded to Weston web site and a peer review would still need to be done.

c. 510, 518, 540 South Avenue Hanover Weston development

- Nothing new
- d. Traffic consultant priority assignments (Love Lane/Chestnut St. and MerriamSt//Rt.117)
 - Merriam at North Ave, scope of work and project fee is ongoing. Possible to have HSH to come up with at least two options, one of which involves revised pavement marking to try to reduce speeds and improve safety. help current situation. HSH to work on developing the options.
 - VHB to start a study of Love Lane and Chestnut St. to provide some options on how to resolve the ongoing issues with cut through traffic and speeding.
- e. DPW-Police-School Dept requests
 - Possible speed study needed around Cases Corner and School St. to make the temporary speed signage permanent at a later date. The time will run out on trial period soon, having a traffic study done is a good idea to keep the speed signs at the temporary speed limits at 30 from current 35 MPH.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 24, 2019