

TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (TSC) MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00PM  
Weston Police Training Room  
180 Boston Post Road By-Pass

Committee Members Attending:

Jay Doyle (Chair), Andrew Chase, Richard Gula

Ex Officio Members Attending:

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

Public Attending: Pat & Bill Fitzsimmons 340 Merriam St., Julie Hyde 487 Wellesley St., Kim Ntzarvartian TEPP LLC, Steve & Donna Carter 820 BPR, Howard & Ivy Cubell 14 Black Oak Rd., Liz Gilbard 156 Highland St., Tyler Burns 99 Love Ln., Diana Chaplin 26 Love Ln., Rochelle Nemrow 61 Beaver Rd., Gina Gagliardi 10 DiBenedetto Dr., Rebecca & Lou Mercun 502 South Ave., Annette Somers 6 Conant Rd., Barbara Gilman 15 Winter St., Barbara Fullerton 3 Winter St., David & Elizabeth Young 78 Pine St., Susan Stracton 22 Dickson Ln., Jack Cowie 22 Dickson Ln., Lise Revers 4 Deerpath Ln., Dan Hill (Hill Law), David Hall Hanover Construction, Jonathan Buckman 518 South Ave., Peter Hill 687 Wellesley St.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/posting of old minutes/assign someone to take minutes
  - The July minutes were approved, unanimously.
  - Andrew Chase volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting.
3. Public Comments / Letters from Residents
  - D. Chapman asked about the Traffic and Sidewalk Committee opening and how the process works. Jay Doyle explained the process is run through the Board of Selectmen who are currently reviewing applicant submissions. The vacant position has not yet been filled.
4. 518 South Avenue Hanover Weston Development Traffic Analysis
  - David Hall with Hanover Co. discussed the project and current status. The South Ave project was originally proposed as 275 units, and is currently applying as a 200-unit building. The project's management team has a meeting with the ZBA scheduled on Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed project.
  - Shawn Kelly – from the developer's traffic consultant Vanasse and Assoc. presented a summary of the traffic study. The focus was on existing and future traffic volumes and operations on Wellesley St., Highland St. and Winter St. close to the project. Approximately 17k cars travel these roads per day, about 1,250 cars per hour in the morning and about 1,750 in evening per hour. Each weekday morning 70% were headed east and the same percentage in evening. The traffic study used industry standards and focused on the weekday mornings and weekday evenings. The evening counts were done from 2PM to 6PM to include the school traffic. The traffic study identified insufficient sight line distance to the west from the proposed driveway, and identified tree removal and grading in the town right-of-way necessary to have sight lines meet engineering standards. The study suggested to put in speed limit signs along Route 30 to improve compliance in vicinity of the driveway. Assumed that

Winter Street intersection will be signalized as part of Route 30 reconstruction project, currently not a signalized intersection.

- TSC comments – JD asked about how the study would change if Winter street wasn't signalized. The proponent said the study hadn't taken that into consideration, but the impact would be low. AC asked about the sight distance to the west and how the current conditions would change, impacting project. RG asked about the firm qualifications and both forward looking and looking backwards and the study should consider conditions which more closely reflect the area under consideration.
- Resident comments: IC – noted the poor traffic conditions currently and possible buildup on Highland St. will have a domino impact to other streets in the area and will have cause significant problems. HC – has the town got an independent consultant? Suggested the town to do a peer review of the traffic report and suggested to redo the study during the day post Labor Day to test traffic and see what the practical impact will be. PH – is there a left turn lane into the complex? If a light at Winter who is going to pay for the light and has a roundabout been considered? SK – no left turn lane into the complex and the Winter St. light is part of the town, Rte. 30 project which is proposed. TB – asked about timing of vehicles turning into the complex and to clarify the delay. TR - talked about the current delay to the schools because of traffic, asked about the delivery truck impact. JD – asked about what's included in counts – school bus, traffic, getting to sports active. BF asked about the impact to Winter St. and crossing over Rte. 30 from the other side of Winter St. increased congestion of traffic cutting through to the schools and surrounding area. DH – asked about the proposed work in the right of way. What is the work being done to the west, how to improve, what is the impact of removal, clearing of vegetation, is there stone wall(s) impacted, who is going to maintain the area under consideration. Suggested the TSC should talk provide the committees thoughts to ZBA about safe site distance from drive. LK – asked about which version of the lane use study that was used. RN – asked about if the private schools were in session because the traffic circumstances need to mirror the traffic situation as possible to get the best results. BG – asked about the safety and how the project impacts the current unsafe area. The traffic presentation was recorded by Weston Media and is online.

5. Updates on Walkway/Sidewalk projects

a. Merriam Street

- Some progress on easements and culvert work around Cherrybrook.

b. Ash Street

- A little bit behind on project but working with the contractor to make progress. Legacy trail work is progressing

d. Other – None noted

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

a. Route 20 at Wellesley Street Design

- Board of Selectmen public meeting to be scheduled in early September to get additional resident input on the conceptual design before finalizing the 25% submission to MassDOT

b. Route 30 Reconstruction Design

- Continued work on addressing connectivity issues for peds and bikes in the conceptual design. Current concept lacks sufficient detail at either end and designer is working on these areas with committee and public input from prior meeting. Meeting(s) to be scheduled with interested parties and concerned residents who are impacted. The designer HSH asked for a follow up meeting with TSC timing to come.

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

- Recommendation in a peer review by the town would have the developer conduct a Road Safety Audit to include the intersection of Rte. 20 and Highland St.

- d. Traffic consultant priority assignments (Love Lane/Chestnut St. and MerriamSt//Rt.117)
  - HSH is working on Merriam St. and Rte. 117 traffic study. VHB is working on Love Ln., Chestnut St. traffic study. Both firms will continue more study work after Labor Day when traffic conditions will be more representative.
- e. DPW-Police-School Dept requests – None noted

**NEXT MEETING DATE: September 11, 2019**