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**TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 25, 2005**

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Herzog, Krol, Maher, McCarthy -5

ALSO PRESENT: W. Wehrley, City Engineer; Capt. J. Sutter, Police; Aids. Bruderle-Baran, Sullivan

Ald. Becker as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Pedestrian Safety Measures at N. 65th and W. Lloyd Streets**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works regarding a request from Rezonn Dahlin-Klein for pedestrian safety measures at N. 65th and W. Lloyd Streets. The Chair said that he has worked with Ms. Dahlin-Klein and Mr. Kappel since September to find a simple solution to address pedestrian safety concerns. Mr. Wehrley reported that measures already implemented include pedestrian crossing signs for eastbound and westbound traffic and down arrows to further call attention to the crossing. Recommended now as the next step is the use of portable pedestrian crossing signs similar to those used on State Street in the Village. Residents would place the signs between 7:45 and 8:05 a.m. and between 3:10 and 3:30 p.m. This type of signage is most effective when used only during the critical crossing times.

Rezonn Dahlin-Klein, 6223 Washington Circle, said she regularly walks her daughter to Washington School and has observed problems with speed and the volume of traffic. She estimated that up to 50 adults and children use this crossing, depending on weather, 10-20% of whom are unaccompanied children. She previously submitted a list with 25 signatures of others who are concerned about safety here. Jody Lowe, 6274 Upper Parkway North; Jenny Larson, 6273 Upper Parkway North; Susan Chen, 2026 Martha Washington Drive; and Jeff Greipp, 1606 Martha Washington Drive, the latter representing the Washington Highlands Board, also voiced concerns about safety at this intersection and supported the proposed signage. Several noted that a telephone box at one corner creates a blind spot for both pedestrians and drivers, who often don't see or yield to pedestrians.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran said that Lloyd Street is very wide at this point and is used by many drivers as a route to the freeway. Traffic volume is significantly higher than on adjacent streets. She fully supports a 90-day trial.

Ald. Herzog said that at the end of a 90-day trial he would want a report on the possibility of moving the telephone box or reducing its size. He noted that, although Mr. Kappel has reported that a four-way stop is not warranted here, one of the justifications for a four-way stop is sight distance problems.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Maher to approve a 90-day trial of pedestrian crossing signs to be placed by residents at the times recommended by the Director of Public Works –

In response to questions, Mr. Wehrley said it may be possible to provide a storage box for the signs, and he noted that one of the warrants for four-way stop signs is a volume of 300 cars per hour for an eight-hour period. The Chair said that traffic counts done recently reported volumes close to that level. He requested police monitoring of driver compliance during the 90-day trial.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 5

**Turn Restrictions at N. 62nd and W. Clarke Streets**

In a memo dated January 20, 2005, the Director of Public Works reviewed concerns about traffic volumes on N. 62nd Street, which residents believe is being used as a short-cut to bypass the intersection of Lisbon Avenue, 60th Street, and Center Street in Milwaukee. To address this problem, Mr. Wehrley outlined a recommendation for a 90-day trial of no left turns from southbound 62nd Street to eastbound Clarke Street and no right turns from westbound Clarke Street to northbound 62nd Street.

Ald. Herzog suggested that this could push the problem farther south with drivers simply making their turns at the next intersection, which Mr. Wehrley agreed is quite possible. Ald. Herzog asked if there have been any discussions with the City of Milwaukee about restricting left turns on Center Street and on 60th Street to address the problem before traffic gets into Wauwatosa. Mr. Wehrley said that those measures would also affect residents' access to their homes.

Ald. Sullivan reported that residents feel the proposal is a good compromise to their earlier request for a four-way stop. He supported a 90-day trial to assess the impact on the neighborhood and requested police monitoring during that time.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Krol to approve a 90-day trial of no left turns from southbound 62nd Street to eastbound Clarke Street and no right turns from westbound Clarke Street to northbound 62nd Street. Ayes: 5

**Right-Turn Restriction at N. 115th Street and Watertown Plank Road**

Mr. Wehrley reported on concerns with trucks blocking traffic on Watertown Plank Road as they exit 113th Street and try to turn left to proceed eastbound on Watertown Plank Road. There are traffic signals at 115th Street, but there are few gaps in eastbound traffic flow on Watertown Plank Road due to a high volume of right turns on red by southbound-to-eastbound drivers. As a result, westbound traffic on Watertown Plank Road often backs up while trucks wait in the median at 113th Street to complete their left turns. To address the problem, a 90-day trial of no right turns on red from 115th Street to Watertown Plank Road between 7 and 9 a.m. is being proposed. This would provide an adequate gap in the traffic flow for completion of the 113th Street turning movements. Mr. Wehrley noted that there is some concern about excessive backups in northbound 115th Street traffic, which would be carefully monitored during the trial.

Ald. McCarthy said that this has been a problem for a long time inasmuch as many trucks from both Miller Brands and FedEx exit to Watertown Plank Road at 113th Street. Possible signalization of the intersection awaits action on developing the public works parcel to the north, which is not imminent at this time. Occupancy of a 62-unit apartment building on 115th Street just south of Watertown Plank Road is expected in 60 days, however, and may further contribute to traffic problems. Ald. McCarthy cautioned that this is a band-aid solution and there may again be a request for signals at 113th Street.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Krol to approve a 90-day trial of no right turns on red between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. for northbound 115th Street traffic turning eastbound onto Watertown Plank Road. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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