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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, March 9, 2010

PRESENT: Alds. Jay, McBride, Meaux, Wilke - 4

EXCUSED: Ald. Stepaniak

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; J. Archambo, City Admin.

Ald. Meaux as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Extension of 90-Day Trial – No Parking on Portion of W. Keefe Avenue

Mr. Kappel displayed a map showing the south side of W. Keefe Avenue east of Menomonee River Parkway where a 90-day trial of no parking at any time restrictions is just ending. The local alderperson has requested an extension of the trial regulations to continue to work out details with representatives of the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Wilke to approve a second 90-day trial of no parking at any time on the south side of W. Keefe Avenue from Menomonee River Parkway to a point 605 feet east. Ayes: 4

U-Turns at Controlled Intersections

Mr. Kappel reported that a change in state law at the end of 2009 allows for U-turns at traffic signal controlled intersections. U-turns will only be prohibited at intersections where No U-Turn signs are posted. As the state continues to eliminate crossovers and entrance points on roads that they control, this will provide more opportunities to get from one side of a thoroughfare to the other.

Mr. Kappel cited the intersection of Mayfair and Walnut Roads as an example. There are only a few median openings on Mayfair Road between North Avenue and Watertown Plank Road, and one of those few openings will ultimately be eliminated. Without the ability to make a U-turn at Walnut Road, it is very difficult for a driver travelling south on Mayfair Road to access a business on the east side of the street.

The state will monitor crash history and will not hesitate to restore U-turn restrictions where needed. Mr. Kappel would handle those consultations with the state administratively. Any removal or restoration on local streets covered by ordinances would come to this committee. In all cases, the police department is consulted before any action is taken. The committee concurred with the procedure as outlined.

Zoo Interchange Update

Mr. Kappel reported that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) has completed the public hearings for input on the Environment Impact Statement and is in the process of making final recommendations, which will include choosing an option from those that have been studied. That report is expected sometime in 2011. Once that choice is made, they will start dealing with traffic mitigation efforts, which tie into the West Suburban Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA). Mr. Kappel noted that the DOT is aware of happenings in proximity to the project and had a representation at the UW-M presentation last week.

Ald. Meaux raised a question regarding storm water options, noting that the city has already adopted some recommendations to the DOT. Mr. Kappel said that the DOT will continue to take comments until the final EIS statement is issued. He suggested that this might be a Community Development issue in connection with county grounds projects. A discussion of the Zoo Interchange project and pending proposals in terms of ponds and wetlands ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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