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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, April 27, 2010

PRESENT: Alds. Jay, McBride, Meaux, Pantuso, Wilke - 5

ALSO PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works

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

No Trucking on N. 68th Street South of W. Blue Mound Road

Mr. Kappel reported that limiting trucking on 68th Street north of W. Blue Mound Road was discussed extensively about two years ago. The current request from a district alderperson relates to the area south of Blue Mound up to the south city limits at approximately W. Mt. Vernon Avenue. There are northbound and southbound no trucking signs in the City of Milwaukee portion of the street to the south between Mt. Vernon Avenue and I-94 to dissuade those not making deliveries to State Street from using that route. Other than the freeway, Blue Mound Road is a main east-west trucking thoroughfare, and Hwy. 181/Glenview Avenue to the west and Hawley Road to the east are main north-south trucking thoroughfares.

Mr. Kappel recommended a 90-day trial of no trucking on 68th Street between W. Blue Mound Road and W. Mt. Vernon Avenue. That would allow some time to contact State Street businesses to reinforce their commitment to make every effort to encourage deliveries via routes other than 68th Street. This would also add uniformity to a major thoroughfare. Mr. Kappel clarified that a truck making a delivery in this corridor would still be able to use this route.

Ald. McBride reported that he has received a number of phone calls and emails from 68th Street residents south of Blue Mound Road who cited the no trucking signs in Milwaukee. It makes sense to coordinate with Milwaukee, he felt. The bigger question is use of the route for deliveries to State Street.

Mr. Kappel speculated that the recent complaints may have been prompted by some increased traffic on the street because of construction elsewhere, although it was not a specific detour route. In response to questions, he indicated that the police department would be alerted if signage is disregarded, and he will confirm that the City of Milwaukee intends to retain their signage to the south. He reiterated that it is time to again seek some friendly cooperation from State Street businesses.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to approve a 90-day trial of no trucking signs for eastbound and westbound traffic on N. 68th Street from W. Blue Mound Road to the south city limits. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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