



**CITY OF WAUWATOSA**  
**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • DECEMBER 11, 2012**

Regular Meeting

Committee Room #1

7:00 PM

7725 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James Moldenhauer	Alderman	Present	
Jeffrey Roznowski	Alderman	Present	
Dennis McBride	Alderman	Present	
Bobby Pantuso	Alderman	Present	
Jason Wilke	Alderman	Present	
James Archambo	City Administrator	Present	
William Porter	Public Works Director	Present	
Gregory Walz-Chojnacki	Alderman	Present	

1. Presentation by Ayres & Associates regarding School Crossing Safety on W. Center Street in front of Eisenhower, Wauwatosa West, and Whitman Schools, and in front of Madison School on N. 100th Street

Mr. Porter introduced Ken Voigt, Ayres and Associates, N17 W24222 Riverwood Drive, Waukesha. Mr. Voigt noted that the traffic study was conducted late in the 2011-2012 school year. Staff from Ayres Associates met with City and School District staff, spoke with Police Department personnel who are stationed at these schools, spent time on site observing traffic flow and patterns in the morning and afternoon peak times, and researched recent traffic data and accident reports. It was presented to School District officials last week and they are now finalizing their comments.

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## LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

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Install Public Sidewalks	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Drop Off/Pick Up Bay	\$26,600	\$0	\$26,600
Retaining Wall/Railing, etc.	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
Concrete Islands (\$900/ea)	\$8,100 (9)	\$0	\$8,100
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Mr. Porter noted that in 2013, a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) is being planned to resurface Center Street west of Eisenhower school from 117th Street to 124th Street. One implementation option would be to include these recommendations and costs with this project although they were not included in the numbers given to the Budget committee in the CIP. A map showing the project limits on Center Street is attached to this memo. Vicky Spiering, 9117 Jackson Park Blvd., noted that there needs to be more safety measures like the orange traffic cones in the crosswalk. Jason Cauflin, 4134 N. 110th Street, urged that more traffic signs be installed. He didn't think that creating a space at the corner for a 10 minute child drop off was a good idea.

Ald. Roznowski emphasized that it was gratifying to see that the safety of the children is a priority -

Ald. McBride noted that sidewalks at Wauwatosa West High School was an issue a few decades ago and traffic has increased from that time. He observed that sidewalks bring added safety and traffic congestion, while slowing down the cars also keeps people safe.

Moved by Ald. Roznowski, seconded by Ald. Wilke to hold this item for the city to work with the School District on school crossing safety on Center and 100th Streets and come back to committee with further suggestions M- Roz that the city work with the school distreictand come back to this committee with suggestions - 5

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FOWARDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 1/8/2013 12:00 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeffrey Roznowski, Alderman	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jason Wilke, Alderman	
<b>AYES:</b>	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke	

2. Memo from the Director of Public Works Regarding a Traffic Calming Policy for the City of Wauwatosa

Mr. Porter commented that traffic calming done properly is an interim process with neighborhoods being involved. If there is money for signage, speed bumps, etc., the work can be done, but there is no money right now in the budget for this.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to hold this item until the next meeting --

Neil Hardy, 507 N. 103rd Street, commented that his street has become a thoroughfare. He wrote to the city and didn't get much of a response. His very concerned that children and residents will get hurt and he can only see

the traffic getting worse. He would also like to see speed controls installed. He requested that a speed study be done as soon as possible.

Ald. Gregg Walz-Chojnacki, Third District, noted that when visiting all the neighborhoods in his district the concern that comes up the most is speeding on their residential streets. He is eager to have this conversation go forward.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 5

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### 3. Request for a 90-day trial to create on street parking at the Intersection of Swan Boulevard and North Avenue

Mr. Porter reported that currently the city prohibits on street parking on the south side of North Avenue between Swan Blvd. and 90th Street. It has been requested that the city consider allowing parking on this corridor on a trial basis. Lifting the parking ban was considered on a temporary basis during the Meinecke Avenue Flood Mitigation project however the alley connection through the Alterra Coffee Roasters parking lot eliminated the need to take this step. Allowing the parking now would increase the parking supply for rental and commercial properties in the area.

Mr. Porter noted his concern that making this change right now is premature. He based his concern in the following reasons:

- With the current lane line configuration, eastbound traffic has two travel lanes available that run through the Swan/North intersection. When reaching the area east of Swan Boulevard, the two lanes continue for several blocks before on street parking forces cars to merge into one eastbound lane. Allowing parking in the area of North Avenue immediately east of Swan Boulevard will force cars to merge while in the Swan Boulevard intersection. I have safety concerns over having traffic merge in this area.
- By making this change, it is likely that the lane line configuration will have to be modified. Painting lines in this cold weather is problematic at best.
- The Committee has made clear its desire that there be a traffic study along the North Avenue corridor from Wauwatosa Avenue to Swan Boulevard in 2013. Looking at the corridor as a whole, and ensuring that changes made to long standing traffic patterns on arterial streets meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards is best from a traffic management and potential liability standpoint. As such, waiting for the study to be done before making substantive changes is the recommended approach.

If directed by the Committee, Mr. Porter advised that the 90 day trial could be accomplished by changing the existing No Parking signs, to signs stating 2 Hour Parking 9AM to 6PM except Sunday and Holidays. He estimated the out of pocket expense at \$600. Staff recommends that this matter be delayed until such time as the traffic study of this area is complete, and any changes can be made at one time.

Kurt Spiering, 9117 Jackson Park Blvd., talked about his concerns with impact of the Locker's Point project on traffic in the area. It has been several years since he spoke with the Engineering Department about the increased traffic in the area. He mentioned parking on the south side of North Avenue as an option. He also suggested more signage and a right turn only on Jackson Park Blvd.

Sean Phelan, Phelan Development, 117 N. Jefferson Street, Milwaukee, pointed out that people are slowing down because there are more people on the east side of the street. Slowing the traffic allows the drivers to notice the businesses.

Sean Phelan - owner of the development agree with comments by Mr. Voigt. People are slowing down because there are more people on the east side of state street. Slowing the traffic allows the drivers to notice the businesses.

Ald. Moldenhauer asked if funding could be formalized for this project. Mr. Porter stressed that there is o money in the 2013 budget for this, but if there were savings in other areas, they could be used. He added that if the 90-day trial is done now and the city does not have a proper traffic and engineering study to back it up, the city could be sued in the event of an accident. He recommended doing the study in the first quarter of 2013.

Ald. Roznowski felt more strongly about acting on this now. Mr. Porter advised that the city needed to find the funding for this project before we can do the study. Ald. Wilke also wanted to start the 90-day trial right now noting that there is space in the area.

It was the concensus of the committee to do the 90-day trial and review the resulting report and the fiscal impact.

Moved by Ald. Moldenhauer, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to recommend approval of the 90-day trial with two hour restrictions to create on street parking W. North Avenue starting on N. 91st Street to Ludington Avenue and to evaluate the fiscal impact on the traffic study - 5

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FOWARDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 2/26/2013 12:00 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moldenhauer, Alderman	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeffrey Roznowski, Alderman	
<b>AYES:</b>	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke	

#### 4. Update of the Zoo Interchange Construction Schedule

Mr. Porter reported that he spoke with Bob Gutierrez, SE Freeways Section chief from WisDOT. Mr. Gutierrez stated that the fiscal issues affecting this decision are a statewide budget issue, and not one that can be resolved locally until the Governor and Legislature produce a new budget. The pressures on the State's Capital Budget are much the same as the issues affecting Wauwatosa's State of Good Repair only on a much larger scale. The costs to maintain the State's highways on an adequate basis exceed available funding levels. Unless either revenues are increased or projects are cut or delayed, a balanced budget will not be achievable. He expected that discussion to play out in Madison in the coming months and be resolved one way or the other when a new budget is adopted in 2013.

Mr. Porter added that in terms of effects on local projects in Wauwatosa, Mr. Gutierrez stated that projects planned for early 2013 will proceed as planned. This includes the reconstruction of Mayfair Road between I-94 and Watertown Plank Road and Glenview Avenue from south of Blue Mound Road to just north of Wisconsin Avenue. In addition, design and planning for the later 2013 Swan Boulevard extension project, and Watertown Plank Road reconstruction in 2014 will proceed at full speed.

Mr. Porter noted that the DOT urged the committee to draft a letter with the Mayor's signature to the Governor, and State Senators and Representatives indicating that the Zoo Interchange projects should move go forward without delay.

The committee discussed holding this until January; however, Mr. Archanbo stressed that the letter would have to be approved by the next Council meeting in December.

Move by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to recommend that a letter be drafted and signed by the Mayor and the Common Council to urge the Governor, and State Senators and Representatives to move forward without delay with the state and ancillary projects for the zoo

interchange - 5

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dennis McBride, Alderman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bobby Pantuso, Alderman
<b>AYES:</b>	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke