



**CITY OF WAUWATOSA**  
**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • APRIL 9, 2013**

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	
Elizabeth Hilt	Program Analyst	Present	
Alan Kesner	City Attorney	Present	
Craig Wilson	Alderman	Present	
Barry Weber	Police Chief	Present	
Cheryl Berdan	Alderwoman	Present	
Kathleen Ehley	Mayor	Present	

2. Request for a 90-day trial to convert a loading zone to a 'No Parking' zone on N. 99th Street at W. Blue Mound Road

Mr. Porter reported that the Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) has recently relocated to an office building at 9898 W. Blue Mound Road. Their staff has asked the city to convert a former loading zone into an area of No Parking Any Time along N. 99th Street. He recommended a 90-day trial of no parking at that location.

Mr. Mike DeMoss, Cities and Villages, Mutual Insurance Company stressed that they are concerned about the safety of their staff and the public especially with the construction changes coming in that area.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to approve a  
90-day trial for No Parking Any Time along N. 99th Street - 5

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PLACE ON 90-DAY TRIAL [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dennis McBride, Alderman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeffrey Roznowski, Alderman
<b>AYES:</b>	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke

3. Staff report on school crossing study performed by Ayres Associates regarding a segment of W. Center Street near Wauwatosa West High School, and a segment of N. 100th Street near Madison School

Mr. Porter introduced Ken Voigt from Ayers and Associates. He noted that over a year ago the city retained Mr. Voigt's company to perform a safety analysis on Center Street and N. 100th Street. The original report to the Traffic & Safety Committee was submitted on December 11, 2012. Two public meetings were held.

Mr. Voigt reported that they have received quite a lot of comments. Over the last five years there have been no significant problems in the areas in question; however, over the same time frame they have recorded two accidents. They also found that some changes might have a worse impact than leaving the area as is. He recommended providing sidewalks on the south side of Center Street, placing a crossing guard for students at the Center Street and Mayfair Road intersection. There is a need to provide a safe place for children to stand at intersection corners and wait to safely cross the street. These were some of the recommendations made by his report.

Both he and Mr. Porter gave a PowerPoint presentation with an illustration outlining the short term and long term plans for the area.

Mr. Porter noted that the plans were divided into short term and long term recommendations depending on the size of the work needed and the funding available. Total short term costs would be \$20,850. Total long term costs were \$194,250. He noted that sidewalks that would be added as part of the Zoo Interchange project would not be eliminated unless the Council takes action on not having sidewalks. He add that short term costs for parking lot improvements at Madison School would cost \$1,900 while the long term costs would be \$70,750. Mr. Voigt recommended the elements in Alternative #4.

The short term recommends were as follows:

#### CENTER STREET SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	<b>Project Element</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	Repaint Crosswalks	\$0	Already done
	Install Pedestrian Pads (5)	\$7,000/5	5 pads are recommended
	Pedestrian Pads	\$1,400/ea	At 117 <sup>th</sup> St., 115 <sup>th</sup> St., and the west side of 114 <sup>th</sup> St. Other pads will be installed as part of WisDOT work in 2016
	Install truncated domes (11)	\$9,350/11	Same as above except to also install domes at 111 <sup>th</sup> St.
	Truncated domes	\$850/ea	
	Install concrete refuge islands (5)	\$4,500/5	Install all islands as shown. Should an island be installed at St. Joseph School crossing?
	Concrete refuge islands	\$900/ea	
	Cones	\$0	Cones are not necessary if refuge

			islands are built
	Signage Plan	\$0	In process.
	<b>Total Short Term Costs</b>	<b>\$20,850</b>	

#### 100<sup>th</sup> STREET SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	<b>Project Element</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	Repaint crosswalks	\$0	Already done
	Install truncated domes (2) at \$850/ea	\$1700	Install at locations shown.
	Signage plan plus speed feedback signs (2) at \$6,000/ea	\$12,000	Signage in process.
	Cones	\$200	Short term
	<b>Total Short Term Costs</b>	<b>\$13,700</b>	

Comments: Ald. Craig Wilson, 8th District, 4172 Menomonee River Parkway  
 Terry Krueger, 4603 N. 101st Street  
 Nicole Morton, 4739 N. 103rd Street  
 David Goodwille, 4505 N. 100th Street  
 Tristan Almazan, Safe Routes to School, 4660 N. 107th Street  
 Alisha Getschow, 4535 N. 100th Street  
 Jason Kauflin, 4124 N. 110th Street  
 Molly Del Vecchio, 3303 N. 107th Street  
 Dr. Phil Ertl, Wauwatosa School Superintendent

The people appearing to make comment expressed concerns about the necessity for sidewalks with regard to pedestrian safety. They had questions and suggestions about where the sidewalks should go in the different areas of Center Street and Madison Street. They felt that even if sidewalks are put in people won't use them especially if the snow isn't shoveled regularly. It was suggested that lowering the speed limit on 100th Street near Madison might help, but ten minute parking will interrupt the traffic flow. People do not obey the parking signs, enforcement by the Police Department will help to make it safer. There was also a suggestion that legal parking be moved further north. An expanded parking lot at Madison School is a good solution, but the front of the school doesn't need a loading area. It would also be good to discourage people from parking on the south side of Glendale which was a problem this winter. It was stressed that enforcement of current and future signage was very critical. Some in attendance were opposed to having any sidewalks put in and felt that educating the parents was more important. Another sentiment was that some people didn't want to lose green space in the Eisenhower School area.

Ald. McBride commented that he thought sidewalks were needed on Center Street, they are important for the safety of children and parents. People don't like shoveling the sidewalks, but residents with them don't seem to think that it's a burden. This is important where there are neighborhood schools so children can walk to them safely. It comes down to taking care of the children.

Ald. Pantuso said he didn't know why sidewalks were never built on the west side. As a realtor he has found that recently sidewalks have been more desirable to buyers. He believes that sidewalks add value to the neighborhood.

Ald. Roznowski noted that a study by a doctor at the University of North Carolina found the incidence of sidewalks cuts down on accidents in different parts of the country. Included in responses from Eisenhower

school were a number of people that say they do not let their children walk to school because of the lack of sidewalks. He acknowledged that some people who don't want sidewalks don't want the assessment or the maintenance. Mr. Voigt added that he did receive some pro and some con against sidewalks particularly because of the expense; however, society is changing and more people want the walkability with sidewalks. It is becoming something that people are asking for.

Ald. Roznowski noted that the financial element is going to be more challenging regarding putting in sidewalks; however, the short term recommendations seem to be doable. He was in support of the short term recommendations.

Ald. Moldenhauer asked about talking with St. Joseph's Church and School regarding the addition of the refuge island. The cost is nominal and the city should be concerned about the children in that school as well.

Dr. Ertl noted that with regard to the schools, he would like to look at work being done on school district property as a part of the school district's responsibility.

Ald. McBride commented that the short term recommendations seem to be affordable. He added that Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant corner pads would be important.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to recommend approval of the short term recommendations put forth by Ayres and Associates for N. 100th and Center Streets and for Madison School. The city should also contact St. Joseph's School on Center Street and offer to include them. The committee is referring the long term recommendations back to the Public Work Director to be included in the 2014 Capitol Budget --

Ald. Wilke suggested including some of the long term recommendations, but comments by Mr. Porter made it clear that it would take time to find money to subsidize the cost. He noted that the short term recommendations could be done for this year. He added that the recommended alternatives are located mostly on school district property so Dr. Ertl will be looking into that.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 5

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

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Carla A. Ledesma, CMC, City Clerk