



CITY OF WAUWATOSA
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MARCH 11, 2014

Regular Meeting

Committee Room #1

6:45 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	
William Porter	Public Works Director	Present	
Elizabeth Hilt	Program Analyst	Present	

- Continued from the last meeting, memo from the Director of Public Works regarding a traffic calming policy

Traffic Calming policy discussion continued from meeting of February 11, 2014

The committee reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works regarding a traffic calming policy. This item was originally discussed on February 11, 2014 and brought back for continued discussion.

Decision #9

If Phase II improvements are supported by the specified percentage of residents, how will the City control the number of neighborhoods requesting improvements in any given year? There is not sufficient staff to take on an unlimited number of studies at one time.

What is the approval process for going forward with permanent, Phase II traffic calming measures? Report back to Traffic and Safety, then full Council approval? Timing: Are funds budgeted for the City contribution annually? Wait until next budget cycle? Separate bids for traffic calming measures? Board of Public Works approval of contracts?

Staff is also asking for guidance on how best to utilize the portable speed tables purchased last year. Possible options are detailed below:

- Retain all five for placement in response to construction related complaints for speeding traffic
- Retain all five speed tables for use as neighborhood “test cases” to see if neighbors approve of a speed hump before being assessed for a permanent installation
- Some combination of #1 and #2 with the understanding that the Traffic and Safety Committee will be the final arbiter for the deployment of these portable speed tables

The committee discussed and provided this feedback:

- There must be 50% support of the residents impacted by the request
- Prioritization should be done on a first-come, first-served basis; along with staff input
- The speed bumps should not all be placed in the same district at one time; they should be spread around
- Staff would have to assess what if any construction is going on in the requested area causing residents problems and based on the number of accidents in the area

- Requests should be collected but not necessarily always acted on, the funds would have to be spread out throughout the year

Mr. Porter suggested that there could be a standing agenda item updating the committee on requests received. A matrix would be completed for the requests received. The committee could then help prioritize as necessary.

Decision #10

What policy should be used to employ the portable speed tables the City owns?

Mr. Porter responded to a question that it would take 40-50 man hours to install the speed tables which would be done during the normal work schedule. The more these are installed labor costs should decrease.

The committee discussed and provided this feedback:

- On a case by case basis, we can't keep moving these around, we should try other options first like signage and not put them down unnecessarily
- Neighborhood process beforehand would be necessary to alert the neighbors - some public information first
- Compile a wait list
- Maximum flexibility was recommended

Mr. Porter reported back to the committee regarding why Milwaukee used a 90% cost recovery and he has not heard back from the City of Milwaukee yet. Mr. Porter also was asked to check on special billing as opposed to special assessments. He reported that Mr. Ruggini felt the special billing was better since there is a minimum billing of \$200 for a special assessment. The special assessment program is a cumbersome, time-consuming, detail oriented procedure. He is looking at raising the minimum to \$500 to save on staff time and efficiency. Mr. Porter said he expressed the committee's desire to allow the residents to spread the cost out for several years. Mr. Ruggini indicated that there could be some flexibility based on the committee's input.

In some instances the assessment could be under \$200. On the west side of town where there are fewer homes and the lots are bigger the costs will vary. A compromise could be made if the assessment is less than a certain amount it could be a special billing, if over a certain amount it could be through the special assessment program, keeping in mind that the special assessment program is a detail oriented cumbersome process.

Mr. Porter said he will prepare a draft policy and bring it back to committee.

2. Report from the Director of Public Works on trial of 90-day parking restriction on State Street at N. 70th Street

The committee reviewed a memo regarding a 90-day trial of parking restrictions on State Street at 70th Street.

At the July 30, 2013 meeting a 90-day trial of No Parking Here to Corner restriction in front of 7018 State Street was approved. The resident has complained that because of the parked cars in front of her home an unsafe condition existed when trying to exit her driveway.

Staff has received no negative comments on the parking restriction.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to recommend introduction of an ordinance amendment for a parking restriction on State Street at N. 70th Street - Ayes: 5

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION [UNANIMOUS] Next: 3/25/2014 7:00 PM
TO:	Traffic and Safety Committee
MOVER:	Dennis McBride, Alderman
SECONDER:	Jeffrey Roznowski, Alderman
AYES:	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke

3. Report from the Director of Public Works on the 90-day trial of an additional No U Turn restriction on Center Street in front of Wauwatosa West and Eisenhower Schools

The committee reviewed a memo regarding an additional No U Turn restrictions on Center Street in front of Wauwatosa West and Eisenhower Schools.

In 2012 the City and School District partnered with Ayres and Associates to study school traffic safety. After review and consideration of the recommendations made by Ayres and Associates this committee decided to recommend, among other improvements, that Council adapt some of the short term recommendations immediately. One of those recommendations was additional signage.

On November 26, 2013, the committee approved a 90-day trial of an additional No U Turn on Center Street in front of Wauwatosa West and Eisenhower Schools.

Staff has received no negative comments from the public, the Police Department, or the School District.

Moved by Ald. Roznowski, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer to recommend introduction of an ordinance amendment for an additional No U Turn restriction on Center Street in front of Wauwatosa West and Eisenhower Schools - Ayes: 5

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MOVER:	Jeffrey Roznowski, Alderman
SECONDER:	James Moldenhauer, Alderman
AYES:	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke

4. Report from the Director of Public Works on the 90-day trial of parking restrictions on N. 113th Street from Center Street to Clarke Street

The committee reviewed a 90-day trail regarding parking restrictions on the west side of 113th Street from Center Street to Clarke Street.

In response to a petition made by area residents a 90-day trial of two-hour parking restrictions was approved by this committee from Center Street to Clarke Street. High School students were parking on this residential street and preventing mail delivery to the residents.

Staff has received no negative comments regarding this parking restriction change.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to recommend introduction of an ordinance amendment for parking restrictions on the west side of N. 113th Street from Center Street to Clarke Street - Ayes: 5

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MOVER:	Dennis McBride, Alderman
SECONDER:	Jeffrey Roznowski, Alderman
AYES:	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke

5. Memo from the Director of Public Works and proposal from Kenneth H. Voigt, P.E., Ayers & Associates, regarding engineering analysis and design of W. North Avenue on-street bike lanes, Project 9001

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works regarding the possibility of a study of bike lanes on North Avenue between Wauwatosa Avenue and Menomonee River Parkway.

In 2013 a study was done on the section of North Avenue east of Wauwatosa Avenue to 60th Street in terms of traffic improvements and installation of bike lanes. At that time the Committee expressed a desire for a similar study further to the west.

Mr. Porter advised that there are funds budgeted this year for the project. Kenneth Voigt, Ayers & Associates is here to answer any questions the committee may have.

Ald. Roznowski wanted clarification that this analysis is more than the expansion of bike lanes. He felt it should mirror the study done in East Tosa and should also include parking and crosswalks. He felt that an analysis should be done on signaled intersections specifically Swan Boulevard and North Avenue, and Ludington and North Avenues. He suggested that the study shouldn't be too narrow but was mindful of the budget available.

Ken Voigt, Ayres Associates, said he didn't anticipate a major analysis with recommendation changes at these intersections. He did indicate they would look at and identify logical crosswalk enhancements. Mr. Voigt said they would have to add something for operational improvements if this were to be included. Ald. Roznowski felt that this intersection analysis would be necessary and asked Mr. Voigt to calculate the additional cost and get back to the Public Works Director. Nothing was put into the cost to analyze on street parking as it relates to the bike lanes. The committee felt the relationship between bike lanes and parking needs to be addressed in the analysis.

Ald. Wilke agreed that the parking, intersections, traffic flow, and the Sendik's area should be analyzed to be more conclusive.

Ald. Pantuso could not fathom that North Avenue could be looked at without a study at Swan Boulevard which is such a key intersection and the different things that are going on there. This is a huge pedestrian crossing and Ald. Pantuso really emphasized that this has to be included in the analysis. He felt that something needs to happen in the location of Sendik's. He felt Sendik's is a dangerous area that needs some resolution.

Mr. Voigt said he would redraft his proposal reflecting a study to mirror the analysis done on the east side of North Avenue and get back to Mr. Porter. Mr. Porter said as long as the study stays under budget it could be approved administratively. Mr. Voigt noted that these additional items are substantial, but he'll put some numbers together.

Carla A. Ledesma, CMC, City Clerk