



TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & ADVISORY COMMISSION

CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

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**TO:** Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Members, Council members, City Manager Kurt Hodgen, Assistant City Manager Anne Lewis

**FROM:** Ian Pike, Transportation Systems Specialist

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016

**RE:** Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Agenda for Wednesday, October 12, 2016

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The Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission met on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 8:30AM in Room 011 of City Hall, 409 S Main St.**

Members present included: Jim Baker, Bill Blessing, Chance Ebersold, Joshua Humphries, Cpl. Wayne Westfall, and Leonard VanWyk

Advisory Members & Guests Present: Chief Ian Bennett, Lee Eshelman, Paul Helmuth, Ian Pike, Doug Stader, James Wininger, and Erin Yancey

*Commission meetings are open to the public and citizens are provided the opportunity to voice their views/concerns about any item before the Commission. It is the policy of the Commission to move relevant agenda items to the beginning of the meeting when citizens are in attendance to avoid detaining them for the entire meeting.*

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*Welcome*

*Business*

**1. Sight Distance at Campbell St/S Mason St Intersection**

Mr. Humphries brought up a complaint about hedges along the property at the corner of S Mason St and Campbell St. The hedges block the sight lines for vehicles turning left from eastbound Campbell St onto northbound S Mason St. Cpl. Westfall mentioned that the hedges are possibly over 6 ft tall. Mr. Humphries would ideally like the hedges to be removed, but realistically believes they should just be trimmed down to allow for the full sight distance needed at the intersection.

Mr. Blessing suggested that Public Works contact the property owner about trimming the hedges. Cpl. Westfall suggested mentioning the city code specifically dealing with this issues (Sec. 10-3-115 (4)). Mr. Humphries formally recommended that Public Works contact the property owner regarding their violation of the city code.

## **2. Speeding on Clay St**

Mr. Pike stated that the issue appears to be drivers heading east on Clay St are passing the last available side street to turn on, causing them to turn around in a private driveway. Cpl. Westfall believes that GPS units are picking up a paper street that doesn't exist, leading them past the last available turn.

Mr. Baker said that the plan is to add an advanced warning sign ahead of the turn and a dead end sign at the intersection, but would like the blessing of the Commission because the people filing the complaint do not want the signs in their yard. Mr. Blessing recommends adding the signs.

## **3. Pedestrian Fatality on N Main St**

Cpl. Westfall explained that the fatal collision that occurred in late July involved a pedestrian crossing mid-block at night with low light. The driver was not speeding.

## **4. Close Calls with Buses in Bike Lanes**

Mr. Wininger expressed concern over several close calls occurring from buses nosing into designated bike lanes to drop off and load passengers and cyclists in those bike lanes not paying attention to the bus behavior. Mr. Wininger said that this is addressed in driver training, but would like to add a sticker to the rear of buses similar to what was done in London (the stickers read "Caution. This bus pulls in frequently.")

Cpl. Westfall believes this would be an appropriate action that addresses safety for cyclists and buses. Mr. VanWyk agreed and appreciated that the language does not automatically fault cyclists.

### *Other Business/ Announcements*

#### **1. Joint meeting with Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee**

The joint meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26 at 6pm in Room 011 of City Hall, 409 S Main St.

#### **2. Request for presentation on HPD's Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)**

Mr. Pike requested a presentation from HPD on their new program, Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (D.D.A.C.T.S.) Cpl. Westfall agreed to put one together and have an officer present at a future meeting.

### *Adjourn*

Next Meeting November 9, 2016, 8:30am