



Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission  
City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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**TO:** Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Members

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 20, 2018

**RE:** Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Agenda for Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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The Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission met on **February 14, 2018 at 8:30AM in Room 011 of City Hall, 409 S Main St.**

Commission members: Bill Blessing, Chance Ebersold, Marian Lebherz, Leonard Van Wyk, Cpl Wayne Westfall

Advisory members and guests: Mike Brady, Lee Eshelman, Paul Helmuth, MPO Greg Deeds, Ian Pike, Officer Alex Piper, Erin Yancey

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*Welcome*

*Business*

**1. Presentation on Crashes at E Market St/Valley Mall Crossover**

Officer Piper presented on the crash history at the E Market St/Valley Mall crossover, suggesting that the city construct a concrete directional crossover similar to the crossover at the Chik-fil-a entrance.

**2. Updates on Previous Items**

**a. Yield to Pedestrian Signs**

Since the Yield to Pedestrian signs have been installed on S Mason St, Public Works has been fixing and replacing the sign installed at Franklin St. Some reports suggest that it is being hit intentionally. This has caused concern amongst the residents of the neighborhood who worry about children that regularly use that crossing.

The sign concern has also highlighted a concern with drivers running the stop sign at Franklin St. The group asked that the Old Town Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan be reviewed for further steps that were not implemented.

#### **b. Cut-through Traffic on Springfield Dr**

Cpl Westfall shared the comparison results from the HPD speed trailer on Fieldale Pl over winter break and at the beginning of the JMU spring semester. It showed that the daily volume increased, though the 85th percentile speed stayed at 30 mph. Neighbors are still complaining about cut-through traffic and most have agreed that creating a cul-de-sac on Fieldale Pl at the city/county border would be the best course of action.

The neighborhood is currently working through the initial steps of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. VDOT has also been contacted since the main road in question is partly in the county. VDOT has expressed some concern with blocking this access and would prefer to evaluate alternatives after the completion of the Reservoir St expansion project in the county.

### **3. Parking Zone on N Liberty St**

Residents on N Liberty St from W Washington St to Edom Rd have requested a parking permit zone be created. A survey by HPD showed a high number of non-resident vehicles parking on the street, mainly employees at a nearby poultry plant.

The assistant city manager has requested a recommendation from the commission before taking to city council. Mr. Blessing made a motion to support the creation of this parking zone to maintain the safety and integrity of the residential neighborhood. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. E Water St Parking**

A new business on E Water St across from Urban Exchange has highlighted concerns with the current on-street parking on E Water St. When vehicles are parked on the north side, the road can feel too narrow for two vehicles to pass each other. Cpl Westfall suggested setting a 1-hr time limit during the day and eliminating overnight parking to increase spot turnover. The group also discussed removing the parking entirely, but some worried that would make the road feel too wide, leading to increased speeds. No action was decided on.

*Other Business/ Announcements*

*Adjourn*