



Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission
City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

TO: Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Members

FROM: Ian Pike, Transportation Systems Specialist

DATE: Thursday, May 24, 2018

RE: Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Summary for Wednesday, May 9, 2018

The Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission met on **May 9, 2018 at 8:30AM in Room 011 of City Hall, 409 S Main St.**

Commission members: Bill Blessing, Chance Ebersold, Leonard Van Wyk, Josh Humphries, Cpl Wayne Westfall

Advisory members: Mike Brady, Tom Hartman, Ian Pike, 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.

Welcome

Business

1. Updates on Previous Items

a. Yield to Pedestrian Signs

Since the yield-to-pedestrian signs were placed on S Mason St in late January, the sign at Franklin St had been hit and stolen several times. Public Works decided to reinstall it in the northern crosswalk instead of replacing it in the southern crosswalk in late April. There have since been no further issues with the sign being struck or stolen, except once over the weekend of May 5th.

b. Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

- i. Old Town – The last traffic study was completed in 2015 after the half-closure on Bruce St, however the neighborhood has not officially graduated from the program. Graduation formally states that the goals of the program were

accomplished. Public Works staff believe that the appropriate steps were taken to accomplish the original goals to reduce speeds and cut-through traffic through the neighborhood. The neighborhood believes there is still more to do to address these issues. The group suggested performing another study to see how traffic has changed through the neighborhood after everything that was installed. Public Works staff said that it would be worth discussing further.

- ii. Sunset Heights – they have submitted another complete petition. Public Works is working to verify their accuracy. The next step will be to meet with the neighborhood again.
- iii. Northeast Neighborhood – they are still working on collecting signatures for the petition phase.
- iv. Portland East – the traffic study has been completed and Public Works is working on reviewing all the data.

2. VDOT STARS on US 33/E Market St

Public Works staff shared the preliminary alternatives being studied as part of a STARS study on E Market St from Vine St to Chestnut Ridge Dr. These include alternative intersection designs, a new bus transfer station and park-n-ride at MLK Jr Way, and various access management options.

3. Spectator Seating at JMU Memorial Fields on S High St

JMU shared a complaint with Public Works that they had received about spectators along the hillside of Rt 42/S High St at the Memorial baseball and softball fields. The concern is that there is no barrier between traveling vehicles and the spectators that chose to sit along the hillside. The group discussed how people have been sitting on that hillside to watch baseball and softball games since those fields were built. There is also no historical crash data to support this concern. HPD will take this information and step up enforcement of blocking the travel way if there are any spectators sitting on the sidewalk

4. Parking on E Kaylor Park Dr and Baxter Dr

Public Works recently installed No Parking signs in the culs-de-sac of Baxter Dr and W Kaylor Park Dr. There have been concerns about tractor-trailers parking on the segments between S Main St and the culs-de-sac, leaving the trailers parked overnight and leaving trash on the side of the road. The group recommended placing No Parking signs along those segments.

Other Business/ Announcements

Median loitering ordinance – Cpl Westfall has spoken with the city attorney to work out the language and is waiting on city council for approval of the signs.

Garbers Church Rd SUP – Public Works staff is still working through the options presented to City Council.

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