



**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**

TO: Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Members

FROM: Dastan Khaleel, Traffic Engineer

DATE: December 10, 2018

RE: Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Summary for October 10, 2018

The Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission met on **October 10, 2018 at 8:30AM in Room 011 of City Hall, 409 S Main St.**

Commission members:

Advisory members:

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. Portland East Neighborhood Traffic Calming plan

The Traffic Calming Plan that has been developed for the neighborhood by Public Works staff in working closely with neighborhood residences presented to the commission members along with comments received from the open house meeting. The commissioners discussed the measures proposed in the plan and implementation phasing, and approved the plan to be presented to City council to adopt.

2. South Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Crashes

It is being observed multiple bike and pedestrian crashes and near crashes on South Avenue particularly the segment between South Main Street and South High Street. Cpl. Westfall said there is a high demand pedestrian crossing between University Place, Grand Duke and Mill apartments, but the designated crosswalks are far from the area therefore people will cross the street where there is no crosswalk. He suggested that PW study the area to put mid-block crosswalk if warranted, and also he pointed out the need of communication and education as the community living there are diverse and mostly immigrants that may not be very familiar

with traffic rules in United States. The commission agreed on community outreach asked HPD visit the community in coordination with complex owner to facilitate the outreach and encourage people use the crosswalks to cross the street as immediate solution in the meantime advised the PW to conduct a study to find out if crosswalk warranted.

3. Update on Traffic Calming Program

a. Sunset Heights

PW staff informed the commission about neighborhood meeting held on September 27th, 2018 and the traffic study done to confirm the issue that been studied in 2015. The study found that the cut through traffic and speeding still exist but didn't get worse. Now PW is working on developing a Traffic Calming Plan to address the issue. The plan will be developed in working closely with the residences and will be presented to the commission after completion to advise.

b. Bluestone Hills;

PW has been contacted by residences at Bluestone Hills neighborhood about the speeding and cut through traffic issues, and they wanted to enroll in the Traffic Calming Program. PW staff will work with the neighborhood to evaluate the request and enroll them in the program based on guidelines laid out in City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Guide.

4. Bird Scooters and Urban Land Institute Study

It has been two months since the electrical scooter started to operate in City of Harrisonburg, since then there is been a positive and negative experiences reported to the City. The commission members shared their ideas about what they observed and heard from the public, they were all agreed on need of ordinance to regulate their operation as new mode of transportation need better community outreach and education along with uniform policies between agencies.

Regarding Urban Land Institute Study, PW staff explained the purpose of the study and City involvement, and briefly discussed the proposed changes in the Downtown transportation network. The commission members and City staff agreed that the proposed changes need to be studied more and should take all aspects into consideration.

Other Business/ Announcements

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