

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1009
Minutes
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Thursday, August 13, 2015

Call to Order. Called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Traffic Board Members Present: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Terry Kellogg, DPW Commissioner; Gary Holmes, Engineering; Sgt. Dave Petryszyn, BPD Traffic; William Lescault, BPD Traffic; Dan Correll, Retired BPD

Traffic Board Members Absent: William Yeager, Assistant Chief BPD; Bill Berg, Councilman

Also Present: Cindy Paddick, BMTS; Katherine Davis, Principal Clerk

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes Traffic Board Meeting 1008, held on Thursday, July 9, 2015, as amended.

Moved by: T. Kellogg, G. Holmes

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, B. Berg

Items Considered

Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. Ms. Marcia Huntoon of 152 Mary Street is requesting a barrier or guide rail to protect her property at the corner of Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. She indicated that the request is based on numerous accidents and near accidents at that location. Traffic board requested additional follow-up with Ms. Huntoon. Mr. Correll reported that there were only two incidents at this location and it had nothing to do with the cars coming down the hill. The Traffic Division does not see a reason for a barricade at this location. Mr. Perkins asked why the stop signs are on Sherwood Avenue and not Mary Street when Mary Street is the more traveled route. He will take a drive to look at this location and Ms. Paddick will look into counts (in May) for this intersection as well. Mr. Perkins reported that he will have the data by the August Mtg. Mr. Holmes reported that he tried to explain to Ms. Huntoon that even a guiderail may not prevent a car from going onto her property. So he reluctant to keep adding pieces of guiderail which only creates a false sense of security. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Correll will look into this intersection again, together. **Hold until Thursday, September 10, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Handicap Ramp install-Corner of Prospect Street and Glenwood Avenue. Councilman Motsavage requested that Traffic Board to look into this installation per a resident in his district. Concern is that the location of the installation is too far from the intersection making it a potential safety issue. T. Kellogg will go out to this site to look into it further and report back at the August meeting. **Item complete.**

Beethoven Street and Leroy St. Resident Ms. Lisa Kost contacted the city and would like this intersection to be looked at because there have been several accidents here over the past year. Mr. Kraham noted that this is more of an enforcement issue rather than a traffic issue. Mr. Correll is waiting for a report on accidents at this location. Mr. Holmes reported that he believes as some of the studies have indicated, people simply don't want to wait for the light so they are speeding through the yellow light. **Item complete. Note: Leroy Street-double yellow line striping put on September agenda.**

Murray Street and Main Street. Mr. Robert Kilmer sent a letter to Corp Counsel indicating his concern about the signal light at this intersection. According to Mr. Kilmer the light does not function at all before 6:00 am. He would like the city to look into this further. **Mr. Kellogg will have his team verify that they light is in working order. Item complete.**

19 Chenango Street. Traffic recommends the following:

The Traffic Division responded to Chenango Street to review the impact of the on-street parking adjacent to the former Press Building (19 Chenango Street) for the south bound traffic passing through that area to the Court Street round-about. Concerns were raised that with the narrowing of the roadway width at that location that traffic that enters the round-about may conflict with the on-street parking. Temporarily, the parking was removed and limited due to a construction period at that location due to a building fire prior to the completion of the round-about. If the parking is re-inserted it appears that it may impact the through traffic.

The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

Delete the following:

Section 45 – Two Hour Parking Meter Zone:

Chenango Street – West Side – from 191 ft. south of Henry Street to 522 ft. south.

Section 22.3A(2) Handicapped Parking Zone:

Chenango Street – West Side – from 522 ft. south of Henry Street to 542 ft. south.

Section 2.2A(1) Loading Zones from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Weekdays and 8:00 AM to Noon

Saturdays: *Chenango Street - West Side- from 542 ft. south of Henry Street to 562 ft. south.*

Section 23 No Parking Anytime Zone:

Chenango Street – West Side – From 562 ft. south of Henry Street to Court Street.

Insert the following:

Section 45 – Two Hour Parking Meter Zone:

Chenango Street – West Side – from 191 ft. south of Henry Street to 502 ft. south.

Section 22.3A(2) Handicapped Parking Zone:

Chenango Street – West Side – from 502 ft. south of Henry Street to 522 ft. south.

Section 2.2A(1) Loading Zones from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Weekdays and 8:00 AM to Noon

Saturdays:

Chenango Street - West Side- from 522 ft. south of Henry Street to 544 ft. south.

Section 23 No Parking Anytime Zone:

Chenango Street – West Side – From 544 ft. south of Henry Street to Court Street.

The Traffic Division request the following parking regulations updates to the City Traffic Code to facilitate on street parking on the east side of Chenango Street, north of the Court Street, following the completion of the roundabout:

Delete:

Section 45 - Two Hour Parking Meter Zones

Chenango Street – East Side – from 130 feet north of Court Street to 190 feet north.

Section 22.3 – Parking for Handicapped Persons Zone Chenango Street _ East Side –from 108 feet north of Court Street to 130 feet north.

Insert:

Section 45 - Two Hour Parking Meter Zones Chenango Street – East Side – from 108 feet north of Court Street to 168 feet north.

Section 22.3 – Parking for Handicapped Persons Zone Chenango Street _ East Side –from 168 feet north of Court Street to 190 feet north.

This action will allow assure adequate access for on street parking of a handicapped occupied vehicle and provide sufficient access and egress for the handicapped person from said vehicle. Presently the rear of a full size handicapped vehicle may conflict with through traffic.

Motion to make changes.

Moved by: T. Kellogg, G. Holmes

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, B. Berg

Truesdell Street. Traffic division looking into making one side of the street “no parking.” Report back at September meeting. **Hold until Thursday, September 10, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Crossing Guard Locations. Ms. Paddick noted that a report was made which included the following scenarios at all the schools to determining whether or not crossing guards are needed at these locations.

Ms. Paddick reported the following suggestions:

CROSSING GUARD LOCATIONS

THOMAS JEFFERSON

West End Ave. / Highland Avenue - Eliminate guard (Install crosswalks and signs)

West End Ave. / Schubert – Keep because of offset intersection and wide curb cut

HORCE MANN

Leroy St. / Laurel Ave. – Eliminate, signalized with crosswalks and signs

Leroy St. Chestnut St. – Keep Guard

Main St. /Laurel Ave. – Keep Guard

WOODROW WILSON

Clinton St. / St Cyril - Eliminate

Winding Way / Front St. – Eliminate, bus monitor crosses students

MACARTHUR

Vestal Ave. / Livingston – Eliminate afternoon guard. Evaluate for AM elimination after Macarthur reopens in November

Hawley St. / Fayette – Eliminate, 4-way stop with signs

CALVIN COOLIGE

Robinson St. / Bigelow St. – Keep Guard

Robinson St. / Fairview - Eliminate, signalized intersection with pedestrian buttons and crosswalks

Officer Lescault and Sgt. Petryszyn both reported that keeping guards at all these locations is very difficult which ultimately means that 4-5 police officers end up having to watch the locations. In addition, many of these locations have been here for so long without any re-evaluation over the years. Mr. Kraham will look into this further to find out what needs to be done for this to pass. **Hold until Thursday, September 10, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Adjournment at 10:44am.

Moved by: T. Kellogg, G. Holmes

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, B. Berg