

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Monday, February 25, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Room 101 – Village Hall

1. Call to Order

Interim Chair Kyle Eichenberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Interim Chair Kyle Eichenberger, Garth Katner, James Thompson, Robert Taylor, Meghann Moses, Aaron Stigger

Absent: Roya Basirrad

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak, Jill Juliano, Recording Secretary Kevin Cassidy, Parking Restrictions Coordinator Jennifer Jones

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

3. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Stigger. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Katner made a motion to approve the draft January 28, 2018 Transportation Commission meeting minutes with the following modifications:

- Add Garth Katner as a non-voting member
- Correct the spelling of Aaron Stigger's name

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. EVALUATE THREE KEY INTERSECTIONS TO IMPROVE A PEDESTRIAN'S SAFETY AND EXPERIENCE

Engineer Mike Koperniak presented information based on crash reports regarding Village street intersections, recommending that the Commission review it toward selecting six for which staff would compile full, detailed information on April 22. The final three key intersections will be chosen at that time.

It was recommended that resources are best applied to intersections that are 100% under Village of Oak Park jurisdiction. Mr. Koperniak noted that Madison Street and Lake Street Streetscape projects include intersection improvements and further evaluation in those areas would be redundant and is not recommended.

It was noted that the boundary streets exist in shared jurisdictions and would be less efficient areas of study.

- Harlem, Roosevelt, and North Avenue are under IDOT-
- Austin is under the City of Chicago (CDOT)
- Washington Boulevard is an unmarked State of Illinois highway, as is Ridgeland Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Augusta Street.

A tabular report of Village of Oak Park pedestrian and bicyclist crashes involving automobiles between July 2015 and June 2018 was presented. The document is recommended as a resource in determining key intersections for evaluation. Mr. Koperniak inquired as to the degree that the Committee wished to be involved.

The Commission discussed the following

- Request for a description of the Lake Street Streetscape project
- How to go about evaluating the intersections
- The Commission's goals and accomplishments
- The need for comparisons with other municipalities
- Crash report to be shared with Lake Street consultants
- Bicycle lanes and or bicycle street markings on Lake Street
- The Scoville and Lake intersection near Oak Park River Forest High School as an area to be evaluated.
- The key intersection evaluation might be affected by ADA requirements and the effects of the Eisenhower plan
- The process for cooperation with IDOT, CDOT, other town governments and agencies.
- Engineer Koperniak explained that interagency projects require additional time and money.
- Intersections for further review. Recommends seeking a variety of factors.
- Accidents occurring at Lake and Harvey due to the presence of Pete's Market.
- A "no left turn" ordinance from Pete's parking lot onto Lake Street.
- The request for an interface with the existing bicycle plan.
- A pattern of accidents along Lombard, presence and absence of stop signs, and a need for more detail regarding accidents listed in the report.
- Commission recommends reporting details for the following locations for the next review (April 2019 Traffic Commission meeting)
 - Scoville and Lake
 - Kenilworth at North and South Blvd.

- Oak Park Ave and Adams
- Oak Park Ave and Augusta
- Oak Park Ave and Garfield
- Pleasant and Lombard
- The Traffic Commission requested the following information for the next review (April 2019 Traffic Commission meeting)
 - More detail from the crash reports
 - Pictures of the approach to each intersection
 - Report any intersection improvements before and following any crash
 - Traffic volumes and average speeds at intersections wherever that information is available
 - Identification of the intersections included in existing resurfacing and/or reconstruction plans
- A clarification of the Commission's mission regarding the key intersection evaluation
- Engineer Koperniak expects to report on intersections on April 22.

6. DEVELOP A NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN (NTMP)

Engineer Mike Koperniak described the Village of Oak Park intention of developing an over-all Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) to be completed by the end of 2019.

The Commission discussed:

- The history and application of existing traffic calming toolbox
- What is the commission trying to accomplish? Engineer asked the Commission to describe the involvement they wished to have in the development of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP)
 - The Commission desires to be involved early on
 - The Commissioners will provide comments to be incorporated into the RFP
- How will the commission go about the evaluation of intersections toward increasing pedestrian safety
- How far must a pedestrian go out of the way in order to reach a safe crossing
- Review NTMP from El Cerrito California as a model plan
- Flexibility that exists in the month by month milestones and timeline but the deadline is set for November 2019
- A transparent process through adapting and streamlining computer technologies for public access and input.
- A review of websites at comparable municipalities to review other NTMPs. Looked to on-line FAQs
- Inclusion in the NTMP of a set of standard policies (best practices) and the need to publish goals and standards

- A draft RFP to review the NTMP. The Commission would like a draft of the RFP at the March meeting.

7. REVIEW REPORT ON STATUS OF WORKING AND NON-WORKING DETECTOR LOOPS AND HOW THEY ARE MAINTAINED AND MONITORED

Engineer Mike Koperniak presented a description of vehicle detector loops, explaining what they are and how they work to adjust duration in actuated traffic signals. The report also included information regarding “faults” in the system.

The Commission discussed:

- A 40% failure rate of Centracs reporting. Concluded that the system is not working.
- Engineer Koperniak explained a number of extenuating circumstances.
 - Some repairs require warm weather
 - Some errors occur within the Centracs system but there is no fault at the intersection itself.
 - Some faults have been observed within the system but have not been reported by the Centracs system
 - Engineer Juliano reports “freeze and thaw” damage loop detectors
- A problem of “no response” in reporting faulty traffic signals.
- The inspection schedule is not accurate. Centracs is not functionally sufficient.
 - All faults need to be investigated and repaired.
 - The need for a repair schedule
- Jill Juliano reports that Centracs system is undergoing an upgrade
- Engineer Koperniak requested that commissioners send him suggestions by e-mail.

The Commission requested a follow up review of the Centracs system. They requested a detailed description of the issues along with a repair schedule. The review is tentatively scheduled for the May 2019 Traffic Commission meeting.

8. OTHER

Jennifer Jones reported on new parking rules and the installation of new meters on Madison Street.

- Phase one, parking enforcement issues warning for two weeks followed by citations beginning 2/15.
- Metered parking extended to 8pm.
- Y2,Y3,Y4 overnight parking permits begin on Madison on 2/18.
- Will Gillespie will offer report at the March meeting

9. COMMISSIONER MOSES MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Motion seconded by Chairman Eichenberger
- Adjourn at 9:10 pm

Kevin Cassidy
Administrative Secretary
Public Works