

Traffic Safety Advisory Board Meeting
November 19, 2013 6:00pm Council Chambers

In Attendance: Tokai, Bandkau, Bohn, Wightman, Markstrom, Blackmar

Audience: Two

1. Call to Order: 6:02 pm.
2. Call to Public: Patrick Armistead stated that he and his wife Kelly were present because they were interested in Item #3 regarding parking on Peppergrove.
3. Discussion of parking issues that have developed on Peppergrove north of Lee Road due to increased use of the athletic fields at Scranton school on the south side of Lee Road. Photos of cars parked in the area during the event were distributed, which had been provided by resident Kelly Armistead. The Board recognized that the increased volume of parking creates a safety concern, especially in the area of the entrance island immediately north of Lee Road. The consensus was to recommend a Traffic Control Order prohibiting parking on the west side of Peppergrove from Heather Ridge to Lee Road and on the east side of Peppergrove from Baywood Circle to Lee Road. The recommendation is contingent upon obtaining input from the two homeowners on the east side of Peppergrove between Baywood Circle and Lee Road. The Police Chief will make contact with them and if they have significant objections the recommendation will be modified to scale back the prohibited zone on the east side of the street to the area adjacent to the entrance island.
4. Discussion of a request from a non-resident citizen to add a permissive left turn arrow on Grand River at Cross. City Engineer Gary Markstrom pointed out that the current configuration provides more safety than a permissive left. Gary Markstrom and Dave Blackmar estimated that the cost of the modification would be in the range of \$9,000. No action recommended by the Board.
5. Discussion of a request from a resident to add a traffic signal at Grand River and Liberty because of traffic conflicts occurring from vehicles turning left from Hungry Howie's at the same time as cars turning left from Liberty. The Board recognized that such conflicts occur but also noted that similar conflicts occur all along Grand River. Gary Markstrom and Dave Blackmar estimated that cost of adding a traffic signal would be in the range of \$200,000. No action recommended by the Board.
6. Discussion of a request from a resident to add a left turn signal at northbound Church and Grand River. The resident reports increased numbers of cars turning left at the intersection results in drivers waiting through multiple signal cycles and some cars diverting to Rickett and Grand River making a left turn where no traffic signal is present. The Board recognized that during peak usage times, cars often have to wait through more than one cycle. Gary Markstrom pointed out that adding a left turn signal for Church would significantly reduce the through traffic time on the Grand River segment of the cycle, which would also impact the traffic flow timing for other signals along Grand River. Gary Markstrom and Dave

Blackmar estimated the modification would cost upwards of \$25,000. No action was recommended by the Board.

7. Discussion of a request from a Brighton police officer to add a No Left Turn sign for northbound traffic on Grand River at the Meijer gasoline service entrance. The entrance is physically designed to accommodate only southbound traffic turning right, but some driver's attempt a left turn from northbound traffic. The Board was in consensus that a sign facing the northbound traffic would enhance traffic safety. Dave Blackmar will arrange to place a sign at that location.
8. Other issues or business.
 - A. The Police Chief reported that recent speed measurements being conducted along Grand River by the PD indicate an 80 percentile speed of 35mph, which is consistent with the current posted speed limit (TCO-006). Gary Markstrom indicated that it was his belief that it would not be necessary to obtain a new TCO to be in conformity with the statute, that the data should just be retained to support the existing TCO.
 - B. The Police Chief reported that the TSAB does not currently have any formal bylaws approved by Council and offered to prepare a draft to be circulated to the Board members for review with the intent of eventually sending them to Council for approval. The Board supported the plan.

Meeting was concluded at 7:20 pm.