

Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee
November 13, 2009
Flynn Building, 8:30 am
Minutes

Present: Jody Kablack (Dir. Of Planning and Community Development), Bill Place (DPW Director), Fire Chief Ken MacLean, Police Lieutenant Scott Nix

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

1. Proposed light at Route 20 Fire Station – The Engineering Dept. has completed an existing conditions plan. The State DOT has agreed to complete the design of the light, which will likely consist of 2 pole mounted lights, activated by the Fire Department as trucks are exiting the station. The Town will fund the construction of the lights up to \$25,000 from a capital article in 2009.
2. Playground signs – a request from Nancy McShea, Recreation Director, has been made to erect new signs on Fairbank Road indicating playground/children in the area. DPW has ordered the signs and will install them once they are received.
3. Signs on Concord Road – an email request was received from Emil Peterson, Marlborough MA, requesting signage be installed in various locations reminding drivers to signal when making a turn. Intersection specifically noted were Hudson Road at Maynard Road, Concord Road at Pantry Road, Concord Road at Lincoln Road and Concord Road at Union Ave. It was the consensus of the group that, while desirable and good for efficient traffic flow, the first 2 intersections do not legally require drivers to signal. The Hudson/Maynard Rd intersection is also in a Historic District, and aesthetic considerations would be voiced by the Historic Districts Commission. Other intersections mentioned by Mr. Peterson do require signalization, and vehicles not in compliance could face ticketing by the Sudbury Police. Final discussion ended with the recommendation that we not create more visual clutter with signs, however we agreed with his suggestions.
4. Follow-up on Dakin Road/Route 117 Traffic Light congestion – email message received from Johnathan Kelly, Acton, MA requesting the Town review the settings for the light, as traffic backs up the east bound commuters in the pm hours. The DPW Dept. has adjusted the lights to accommodate more cars eastbound in the am, and westbound in the pm. The Sudbury Police will continue to monitor the area during peak hours to ascertain that this new setting is working properly.
5. Pedestrian Crosswalk on Route 20 at Carriage Lane - Bill Place reported that the Town has completed the design of the crosswalk at Carriage Lane, and will soon be sending it to Mass Highway for review and approval. Completion of this plan was delayed by the retirement of Bruce Kankanpaa, Asst. Town Engineering, in September.
6. Pedestrian Crosswalk on Nobscot Road at Springhouse Pond – a crosswalk has been installed at this location due to the construction of the new walkway across the street from the development. Another crosswalk is proposed for Nobscot Road at the entrance to the Boy Scout Reservation. This will hopefully be painted before winter, or in the spring of 2010.

7. LSRHS Traffic Circulation – the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee is still concerned about the morning traffic back up on Concord Road caused by the High School drop off. Some changes were made to the circulation at the beginning of the school year, but they only impacted the front of the building and the accessible van area. Jody Kablack will communicate with Scott Carpenter about a trial period using the bus loop as the drop off line to see if this alleviates the back up.

8. Update on Town Center project – our consultant, Traffic Solutions, has been working on data collection, analysis, and survey and design. Data collection has been completed. The consultant is now analyzing the data in preparation for reviewing potential designs. Bill Place noted that the age of the signals at the town center are beginning to cause more occasional malfunctions, as occurred last week. It is anticipated that new signals will be a part of any improvements to the center. A request for capital funds has been submitted in the amount of \$1.5 million.

9. Update on Route 20 Corridor Study/Landham Road signalization – work is progressing on the corridor study and the design of the Landham Road intersection. Traffic counts were submitted for all 4 studied intersections. Bill Place and Jody Kablack are working with VHB on this project.

10. Wayside Inn Road intersection – Bob Hurstak, Trustee for the Wayside Inn, discussed his request with the committee. They are eager to reconstruct the intersection at Route 20 before May 2010, as they will be hosting a large antique show at the Inn. They have had previous concerns about guests exiting eastbound onto Route 20 from the Wayside Inn Road, and with additional activity from this show, as well as more weddings and a possible construction of a convention hall and expansion of lodging, they want to get this on the Town's radar for funding consideration. The DPW Dept. has done a preliminary design plan of the intersection and a cost estimate, and provided them to Mr. Hurstak. The committee stated that although they agree that changes would be beneficial to this intersection, it is not a high priority for either state or local funding. Landham Road will be the next proposal submitted to the state for funding, and the Town would not want this intersection to compete with Landham Road. In terms of local funding, the Town Center project is a high priority. There is very little funding for anything else. Other suggestions were made – is the project eligible for CPC funding (J. Kablack did not think so). Rep. Tom Conroy's office has been approached to see if they can find any earmarked funds. Private funding should be explored by the Inn. It was also suggested that the Wayside Inn Road could be made 1 way in, and guests would exit via either Dutton Road or the western exit via the traffic light in Marlborough.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.