



**NAPERVILLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF November 2, 2013**

Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Present: Amberg, Benson, DiGiovine-Gehrs, Floegel, McIntosh, Nye, Polites, Preissig, Smith,
Chairman Wencel

Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Project Manager Caitlin Marcon, Transportation and Planning Team Leader Karyn Robles

B. Minutes Approve the minutes from the October 5, 2013 Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion by:

McIntosh

Second by:

Amberg

Approved, 10-0

C. Public Forum N/A

D. Old Business N/A

E. Public Hearings N/A

F. Reports and Recommendations

F1. City Council Report

Polites stated that at the October 15 City Council meeting the City Council approved the Hometown Holidays Traffic Control Plan.

F2. Police Department Report

No report.

F3. Request for Removal of Parking Spaces Fronting 25 S Washington St.

Transportation Team Leader Karyn Robles provided an overview of the history with the two parking stalls in question. This item was brought to TAB and City Council previously and the request to remove the spots has been denied. Since the renovation of the bank/ Post Office property the driveway just north of the stalls is now used regularly by customers adding to the congestion at this location. Staff recommends the removal of the parking stalls to allow for better movement for southbound traffic on Washington St. Robles stated she presented this information for the Downtown Naperville Alliance. The group was not able to come to consensus with a support or opposition vote on the topic.

Public Testimony:

Mike Hempel, 2370 Keim Rd., Naperville

- Expressed his concerns as the owner of the property adjacent to these parking stalls. His business tenants have elderly and disabled customers that require parking in close proximity to the businesses they patronize.
- Stated that speeds are already too fast on Washington and allowing for these spaces slows traffic down.
- Stated that the spots are not only used as parking stalls, but also as loading and unloading locations for customers.

Seong Hong, 801 Lewisburg Ln, Aurora

- As a business owner at 25 S Washington he knows of the importance of these parking stalls for the elderly, disabled and expectant mothers. Removing these spaces would be removing access for these customers to his business.
- Stated when the construction on Main St is complete parking will be in even higher demand and removing parking will hinder business in the area.

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion:

Nye

- Asked for clarification on Bank parking lot and time limits of the stalls in question. Robles noted that the bank parking lot is private parking for bank and Post Office customers and the time limit on the two parking stalls is 2 hours.

Preissig

- Noted that of 618 vehicles in the right lane 52% turn right, meaning they need to merge left to turn right to get around the parked vehicles in the stalls in question. The right lane is a defacto turn lane and the spots are working to calm traffic at the intersection.

Floegel

- Knowing that the two major complaints of residents are traffic and lack of parking this issue seems to touch on both. Though losing parking seems wrong, for safety purposes he supports the removal of the spots.

McIntosh

- Suggested the elderly and disabled customers should be dropped off in the bank parking lot.
- Asked if an agreement could be made with bank to allow for loading and unloading of passengers to occur in their lot.
- Supports the temporary removal of the parking stalls during construction.

Polites

- Expressed concern over vehicles making right turns with the current parking situation. The set up is dangerous and causes accidents.
- Agrees with the suggestion of allowing 25 S Washington customers to park in the bank owned lot.

Benson

- Asked how this intersection compares to right turns on Jefferson further south. Robles responded that staff would need to collect the data.
- Asked if there are sight distance issues when pulling out of the bank parking lot. Robles responded that there are not.
- Asked in DNA had any other concerns besides business access. Robles

responded that they are concerned this might lead to a constant removal of parking on Washington. They like the traffic calming and the fact that it slows vehicles down on Washington for better business visibility.

Amberg

- Stated he has concerns about speeding on Washington. Asked if the alley can be used to load and unload customers, what the average speed is during rush hour, what the distance from Chicago to first parking stall on Washington is. Robles stated she would follow up with the answers to these questions.

Digiovine-Gehrs

- Likes the idea of sharing bank parking. Does not believe that parking should be used as a deterrent for speeding, there should be other methods.

Smith

- Noted he drives this section twice a day and these parking stalls are an issue.

Benson

- Asked what the implications are if the spots are removed. Asked if the issue just gets pushed further south. Robles responded that the merging issue will move further south, but that 8% of traffic will not need to merge at that time. The City is looking at more advanced signage for the area, but does not believe we will see fallout from the removal. Benson asked if the City would look to make it a right turn only lane. Robles responded no, in order to keep traffic moving during peak times it will stay as is.

DiGiovine-Gehrs

- Asked Mr. Hempel if he has asked the bank about shared parking. Hempel responded that he has never had a concern with the current 2 parking spaces, so there has not been the need to approach the bank.

Chairman Wencel

- Stated removing parking is detrimental to small business. Asked if the downtown has 30 minute parking. Robles responded that yes, there are 30 minute loading zones in the downtown. Wencel suggested that the removal scenario is tested during construction on Main St. Stated he likes the traffic calming created by the parking stalls. Benson and McIntosh verbally agreed with temporary removal.

Recommend temporary removal of the two stalls in front of 25 S Washington during construction on Main St. to be reevaluated when the project is complete.

Motion by:

McIntosh

Second by:

Amberg

Approved, 10-0

F4. Ellsworth Parking Restriction Amendment

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon provided an overview of the recommendation.

Public Testimony: N/A

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion:

Amberg

- Supports the removal and asked that all district 203 schools that move to having all day kindergarten have their restrictions modified as well.

Recommend approval to:

Remove the 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. parking restriction at Ellsworth School

Motion by:

Amberg

Second by:

Polites

Approved, 10-0

F5. Elmwood Parking Restriction Amendment

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon provided an overview of the recommendation.

Public Testimony: N/A

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion: N/A

Recommend approval to:

Amend parking restriction on Magnolia between Spruce Drive and Sycamore Drive for bus parking.

Motion by: McIntosh

Second by: Amberg

Approved 10-0

F6. Proposed 2014 Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

Project Manger Caitlin Marcon provided and overview of the recommendation.

Public Testimony: N/A

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion:

Wencel

- Asked if a meeting could be called during a skip month if need be. Marcon responded that yes we can call unscheduled meetings.

Benson

- Asked if other boards have a practice of skipping months. Robles responded that not every board meets monthly and that it is common to skip meetings due to holidays.

Amberg

- Stated that the selected April date be switch from the 5th to the 12th in order to avoid conflict with the school district spring break.

Recommend approval to:
Except the recommended schedule with the exception of moving the April 5th
meeting to April 12th.
Motion: Amberg
Second: McIntosh

Approved 10-0

G. Correspondence

G1. Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze Level Designation Renewal

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon provided an overview of the correspondence item.

Public Testimony: N/A

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion:

Nye

- Asked is as part of this process the City will receive feedback from the committee on how to move up in their designation standings and recommended having someone from the committee come in and address the board. Marcon responded that we expect to receive that information later in the fall and will share it with the committee at that time.

Wencel

- Concurs with requesting the committee to come in with advice for the City.
- Amberg
- Asked if we could bring in the comments from the Zone 11 study as to how the bicycle changes made to that neighborhood have worked out. Marcon responded that that will be part of the follow-up from the study.

G2. Electric Vehicle Charging Station MM

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon provided an overview of the correspondence item.

Public Testimony: N/A

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion: N/A

H. New Business

H1. Forthcoming City Council Meeting Responsibilities

November 19 – Smith; December 3 – Wencel; December 17 – Amberg

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion:

Benson

- Stated there is a Naperville Homeowners Confederation Meeting on Saturday November 16th at 8:30a.m. at which Transportation issues will be discussed.
- Asked why the Continuous Improvement Model results were not presented in front of TAB. Robles responded that historically that study has gone before the Downtown Advisory Commission for approval since they deal directly with the downtown. Recommendations that come out of the study would then go before TAB.

Amberg

- Asked about driver feedback signs east of North Central College he thought were to be rotated and he would like to see them on Bailey where there is a blind corner near Washington. Marcon stated the signs he is referencing are permanent, but the City does have temporary signs they can put on Bailey.

I. Adjournment

Motion by:
McIntosh
Second by:
Benson

Approved 10-0 9:05 a.m.