



**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Stephen Frost at 8:00 am

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dan Bauer, Jay Chiglo Stephen Frost, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, Dennis Wencel, and Jim Wilson and Student Representative Elizabeth Lass.

Members Absent: Joe Gryczkowski, and Student Representative Ryan Cap

Staff Present: Steve Cope, Karen Robles, Jennifer Loudon, and Sean Marquez of TED and Lee Martin of PD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of November 7, 2009 were approved as written. **Motion by Jim Wilson, seconded by Deborah Stamm. Ayes: Bauer, Chiglo, Frost, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, Stamm, Wencel and Wilson. Motion approved 10 to 0.**

PUBLIC FORUM: No one from the public spoke.

OLD BUSINESS: There were no items of Old Business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 2010 Annual Sidewalk Program – Sean Marquez

Robert Hennessy – 829 West Douglas: No need for a sidewalk on north side of Douglas. Doesn't go anywhere. Put the sidewalk on Laird or finish Benton which is where the foot traffic goes.

Jim Cannon-857 W. Douglas: Been in neighborhood for 37 years. Are sidewalks on the south side. No specific need to put sidewalks on the north side. Are partial owners of two other properties on the block. Feel there is no need for sidewalks in this area at this time. A Developer has put a new sidewalk at Wilson and Douglas which goes to Jefferson and all the way to Washington.

Don Orchard-510 East Porter Street: TAB and the City two years ago granted a postponement of installing a sidewalk from Julian to Sleight Street on the south side of Porter. Little has changed in the last two years. New sidewalk would allow foot traffic only a few feet (8 feet) from their home which affects privacy and property usage. Another sidewalk will create an additional burden as Senior Citizens. Are a number of east and west sidewalks on the north and south side streets that provide ample foot traffic operations.

Installation of sidewalks would endanger the mature flowering trees in the parkway with a sidewalk curving around the trees the sidewalk would be closer to the front door. A curved sidewalk would not be aseptically pleasing. As tax payers this project doesn't really reached the level of need versus want, and the money could be best spent elsewhere or not at all. As citizens it would be better to save some ones job rather than a convenience of walking around the neighborhood. Again asking for a postponement for a few years.

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Staff-Sean Marquez: Sidewalks are an important goal for the city with the desire to put in sidewalks on school walk routes so pedestrians can walk on sidewalks and not on the street. In school walk route areas sidewalks are desired on both sides of the street. Project was funded at \$300,000 but has been reduced to \$150,000. Policy of city to build sidewalks hasn't changed, it remains a question of where and when and how quickly as/the budget constraints. North side of Douglas is a school walk route area, thus the reason for suggesting the completion of the walk as well as the completion of the network.

Delay on Porter was due to the proposed tear downs in the area. With tear downs not occurring, or taking a greater length of time, Staff decided to go ahead with sidewalks on Porter.

TAB asked about the status of removing snow from sidewalks so students can walk to the schools. If a report is provided of unshoveled snow on sidewalks, Code Enforcement will respond. TAB requested Staff reach out to the 3 people who spoke against sidewalk installation to assure the residents TAB and Staff heard what they said.

Public hearing was closed.

2010 Annual Sidewalk Program:

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Staff to approve the 2010 Annual Sidewalk Program for sidewalks on portions of 11th Avenue, Raymond Drive, Sunset Drive, Porter Avenue, Fremont Street and Douglas Avenue. **Motion by Bauer, seconded by Chiglo. Ayes: Bauer, Chiglo, Frost, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, Stamm, Wencel and Wilson. Motion approved 10 to 0.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Report of City Council Meeting of November 17-Dan Bauer: Reduction of speed limit was approved for Book Road from Wicklow Road to 111th from 45 mph to 40 mph; Wolf's Crossing Speed limit was reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph from 248th to the railroad tracks; left turn prohibition was established for eastbound 5th Avenue at Washington Street and no right turn on red for eastbound North Avenue at Washington Street.

City Council Meeting of December 1-Stephen Frost: Council approved the purchase of Parking Guidance Systems for Parking Decks. Several parking spaces in the Van Buren Parking Lot will be used for consolidated refuse compactors. Fifth Avenue Study was adopted with the desire for additional Park n' Ride sites to be acquired and strong support for the Bus Depot.

Report of Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting of October 19 and November 16 Mark Jaynes: Obtaining a higher level designation (Silver or Gold) in the Bicycle Friendly Community Program is related to how the city reaches out to the community to engage residents and how the city goes beyond planning to promote cycling.

BPAC met with PD to discuss accessibility challenges for visually impaired people in the downtown and crossing zones needing indicators near the parking garages.

Putting bike routes on all streets will be further discussed at the December BPAC meeting.

Police Department Report-Sgt. Martin: Results for the Red Light Program at North Aurora and Route 59 for the first 11 months of 2009 indicated a reduction in total crashes at that intersection of 14%; a reduction in angle turning crashes of 31% with injury crashes reduced by 20%. Rear end crashes have decreased by 9%. In February 32 to 33 tickets were issued daily. Now it is 21 to 23 tickets daily. People are learning. The program is considered a major success.

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Bicycle Friendly Community Designation-Jennifer Louden: Have received a significant list of feedback items from our application to the League of American Bicyclists and League of Illinois Bicyclists. Will have to reapply for designation with the expectation that the City will have acted on the feedback items provided to maintain our designation or move to the next level.

Will be completing the DuPage River Trail and Bike Ped underpasses at 75th and Washington. Will continue to expand the on-road system following the bicycle implementation plan that was approved in 2006. Will be completing a Bike to Metra Brochure for the Naperville Station. Staff is request TAB concur with BPAC's recommendations.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group's recommended priorities for implementation of Bicycle Friendly Community feedback items. **Motion by Jaynes, seconded by Stamm. Ayes: Bauer, Chiglo, Frost, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, Stamm, Wencel and Wilson. Motion approved 10 to 0.**

Overnight Parking-Downtown Naperville-Steve Cope: Recommendation to establish overnight weekend parking in downtown Naperville which involves the inside levels of the Parking Decks including the Van Buren Deck, Central Parking Facility and Municipal Center. Recommending a six month pilot program to measure the usage and impacts of overnight parking. City Council has expressed interest. Downtown Management Parking Study recommended this program. The Chamber of Commerce and the DNA are studying this program. Staff has no alternatives to suggest to people who have weekend guests and want a place to park their cars overnight.

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group's recommendation to establish weekend overnight parking in Downtown Naperville at designated locations, revising the current ordinance prohibiting parking from 2 am to 5 am and 2 am to 9 am to Monday through Friday only instead of all days of the week. **Motion by Perillo, seconded by Wencel. Ayes: Bauer, Chiglo, Frost, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, Stamm, Wencel and Wilson. Motion approved 10 to 0.**

Request for All-Way Stop Controls at West Street and Benton Avenue – Steve Cope: This intersection does not meet warrants for an all-way stop control. TAB acknowledged the report.

Pilgrim's Addition Traffic Concerns Update-Steve Cope: All tasks within the work list have been completed or addressed to the extent appropriate at this time which is a result of Staff's efforts to address the concerns. TAB noted the amount of work completed in a short amount of time and expressed appreciation for the Staff's efforts.

Pedicab Regulations for Downtown Naperville-Steve Cope: Recommendation to establish a permanent pedicab ordinance to regulate pedicabs in downtown Naperville. Current ordinance is temporary to allow one year of service by Green Street Pedicabs. Input received from Downtown Businesses and Naperville Alliance was positive. Police Department has no reports of any incidents in the trial period. Ordinance would be for six licenses with one Business having 5 licenses and 1 available for another company. Using six licenses for the number of streets in downtown Naperville. Licenses will be for one year. Ordinance will allow removal of the licenses if there were accidents or public safety issues with the pedicabs.

MOTION: : The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group's recommendation to establish Pedicab Regulations for

Downtown Naperville. **Motion by Wencel, seconded by Stamm. Ayes: Bauer, Chiglo, Frost, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, Stamm, Wencel and Wilson. Motion approved 10 to 0.**

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Guaranteed Ride Home Program Update and Survey-Karyn Robles: Have renewed the program after a successful first year. Have extended the time people have to submit their vouchers from 10 to 21 days following the time people have taken the cab home. Have also extended the program eligible hours from 7-11 pm to 7 – 12 am to allow commuters on the late train from Chicago to use the program. Registration began in December 2009. Staff will initiate an extensive marketing campaign targeted at current program users, all transit users and other commuters. Have increased the reimbursement rate to be closer to the amount being charged by the taxi cabs.

Potential Park-n-Ride Location Update-Karyn Robles: Hoping in early 2010 to have an additional Park-n-Ride site before TAB for approval. Park-n-Rides are successful because they are express routes to the station. Staff has not heard from anyone wishing to board the bus along the Park-n-Ride express route to the Route 59 Station.

Pace Service Cuts Decision and Metra Budget Update-Karyn Robles: Originally 5 routes and 1 additional route that impacted Naperville were proposed for elimination. The Pace eliminations include Route 781, the reverse commuter route which will be eliminated on Feb. 7. The route has had a decrease in ridership due to the businesses in the area having private shuttles. Working with the businesses to provide information on Van Pools and Car Pools that might work for their impacted employees. Route 535 runs all day on an hourly basis along Route 59 with service to the Route 59 Train Station will also be eliminated. All other routes will remain intact. Reduction in service for Route 685 has been put on hold pending additional park-n-ride discussions.

Motorcycle Parking Update-Karyn Robles: Staff has opted to leave the program as it is. The program was expanded to Commuters who hold a parking permit in one of the lots can park their motorcycle in a commuter parking vehicular space. The six month trial program had 10 people sign up with no issues resulting from the motorcycle parking in the Commuter Lots. The program will be continued on a permanent basis. Outsourcing of the Commuter Parking Program is being considered so no further changes in the Motorcycle Parking Program is considered for the year 2010. A TAB opinion was expressed against Outsourcing the Commuter Parking Program.

FY 08-09 Ride DuPage Annual report and FY 09-10 Budget Update-Karyn Robles: Had another successful year with Ride DuPage as well as the Ride DuPage to Work Program which receives a 50% Federal Grant which helps to reduce costs. Came in under Budget for 2009.

Motion to adjourn by Stamm, seconded by Wencel with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 am. Next TAB meeting will be February 6, 2010 at 8 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie McIntosh, Secretary