



**NAPERVILLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2012**

**Call to Order**

**8:00 a.m.**

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Amberg, Benson, Floegel, McIntosh, Polites, Chairman Wencel  
Student Representative: Coen, O'Shaughnessy

Absent: Collins, Perillo, Preissig

Staff Present: Project Manager Rory Fancler, Project Engineer Sean Marquez, Project Engineer Jonathan Stelle

**B. Minutes** Approve the minutes from the July 7, 2012 Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion by: Floegel

Second by: Benson

Approved, 5-0

*Amberg abstained, not present for July 7, 2012 meeting*

**C. Public Forum** N/A

**D. Old Business** N/A

**E. Public Hearings** N/A

**F. Reports and Recommendations**

**F1. City Council Report**

Amberg stated a report of the July 17, 2012 City Council meeting will be provided at the September TAB meeting.

**F2. Police Department Report**

N/A

**F3. 2013 Annual New Sidewalk Program**

Project Manager Rory Fancler highlighted revisions made to the 2013 Annual New Sidewalk Program since the Transportation Advisory Board's initial consideration on July 7, 2012.

**Public Testimony:**

Jason Gull, 836 Wilson Avenue (Laird Woods)

- Emphasized Wilson Avenue is a local street with limited vehicle traffic and pedestrian activity.
- Noted that installation of sidewalk on Wilson Avenue should be considered for the north side of the street for the following reasons:
  - Sidewalk on the north side of the street would impact two (2) residents rather than four (4) residents on the south side.

- Existing mature spruce tree on the north side of the street would require trimming to accommodate sidewalk installation; however, an existing mature spruce tree is present on the south side. The tree on the south side has been maintained and trimmed.
- Limited impact to pedestrian flow; opportunity for connectivity to existing sidewalk regardless of the sidewalk location on Wilson Avenue.
- Recognized sidewalk will be installed on both sides of Wilson Avenue at some point in the future, requested delay of installation on south side so child has an opportunity to play on grass for a few more years.
- Project Engineer Sean Marquez noted the existing spruce on the north side of the street is located back of curb and would require significant trimming in order to accommodate sidewalk installation, whereas less trimming is required for spruce on the south side of the street. Marquez further noted that sidewalk constructability is similar on both north and south side of the streets.

Lynn Morgan, 1035 N. Main Street (Naperville Heights)

- Expressed support for the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program and staff review of the sidewalk gap locations with the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- Recognized the 2013 Annual New Sidewalk Program as currently proposed, and expressed interest in continuing to work with the City to install sidewalk on both sides of the street throughout Naperville Heights as part of future Annual New Sidewalk Programs.

#### **Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion:**

Benson

- Requested clarification on sidewalk installation associated with the property currently under construction at the southwest corner of Wilson Avenue/Laird Street. Marquez confirmed sidewalk installation fronting the property under construction will be the developer's obligation and will be omitted from the 2013 Annual New Sidewalk Program.
- Acknowledged similar obstacles are present on the north and south side of Wilson Avenue. Requested clarification regarding the City's long-term goal regarding sidewalk on both sides of the street. Marquez confirmed the City's long-term goal is to provide sidewalk on the both sides of each street, including Wilson Avenue.
- Inquired about process implications associated with a modified recommendation from TAB, specifically as it relates to the City Council meeting schedule and notice to property owners. Fancler clarified that TAB has the opportunity to present an alternate recommendation, and noted that a modified recommendation will require City staff notify affected residents in advance of City Council's consideration of the 2013 Annual New Sidewalk Program.

Amberg

- Questioned the cost associated with trimming the tree on the south side of Wilson Avenue relative to the suggested cost savings associated with the sidewalk installation on the north side of the street. Marquez noted that the City's Department of Public Works will be responsible for any tree trimming required for sidewalk installation; therefore the cost is not included with the sidewalk contract. Marquez further stated that sidewalk installation is more costly than tree removal.
- Clarified the location of potential sidewalk on the north side of the street. Marquez noted that the sidewalk on the north side of the street would be located closer to the residential structures in order to avoid existing conflicts (e.g., trees).

Wencel

- Clarified that the sidewalk installation on Wilson Avenue is proposed for the public right-of way. Marquez confirmed adequate right-of-way is available on Wilson Avenue; no easements are required.

Approve the 2013 Annual New Sidewalk Program, including the contingency locations, as presented in the agenda item dated August 4, 2012.

Motion by: Benson

Not Approved, 2-4

Seconded by: Floegel

*Nays: Amberg, McIntosh, Polites, Wencel*

Approve the 2013 Annual New Sidewalk Program, including the contingency locations, with a substitution for sidewalk installation on the north side of Wilson Avenue rather than the south side of the street.

Motion by: McIntosh

Approved, 6-0

Seconded by: Amberg

#### **F4. Left-Turn Restriction on Hillside Road at Brainard Street**

Project Manager Rory Fancier provided an overview of the recommendation to establish Left-Turns Prohibited on Hillside Road at the Intersection with Brainard Street from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. and 2:15 to 2:45 p.m., on school days.

**Public Testimony:** N/A

#### **Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion:**

Polites

- Commented eastbound “No Stopping, Standing, Parking” sign needs to be replaced as it is weathered and not visible.
- Noted that driver behavior is contributing to this issue and suggested Police enforcement at the start of the school year. Fancier responded that this issue will be brought to the Police Department’s attention and noted the City will communicate this information to the School in effort to promote the Rules of the Road to parents, faculty and staff at the start of the academic year.

McIntosh

- Questioned the potential to implement a pick-up/drop-off procedure similar to Beebe Elementary School. Fancier noted that the Beebe Elementary School site is different than Highlands Elementary School.
- Requested clarification regarding pick-up/drop-off activity in the School parking lot. Fancier confirmed student pick-up/drop-off activity occurs in the parking lot, and noted that with the proposed turn restriction vehicles would be required to queue westbound on Hillside Road prior to making a right-turn at Brainard Street to enter the School parking lot.

Floegel

- Noted that with support from the Highlands Elementary School Principal and crossing guard, recommends approval of the proposed turn restriction.

Amberg

- Requested clarification regarding the vehicle access to the School, citing access via Brainard Street, and asked about the student population boundary. Fancier clarified that Brainard Street is closed for bus access only during peak student pick-up/drop-off periods, and noted the School boundary is to the north, with the student population predominantly from the area south of Hillside Road.

Benson

- Reinforced the need for traffic enforcement at Highlands Elementary School.

Wencel

- Suggested it is imperative to communicate the school traffic control plans and Rules of the Road in advance of the school year.

Approve the recommendation to establish Left-Turns Prohibited on Hillside Road at the intersection with Brainard Street, from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. and 2:15 to 2:45 p.m., on school days.

Motion by: Amberg

Seconded by: Polites

Approved, 6-0

#### **F5. Audrey Avenue Parking Restrictions**

Project Manager Rory Fancler provided an overview of the recommendation to establish No Parking on Audrey Avenue as outlined in the draft ordinance provided as Attachment 1 to the agenda item.

**Public Testimony:** N/A

#### **Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion:**

Benson

- Referenced the correspondence received from a business owner regarding the need to maintain parking on Audrey Avenue for Springbrook Prairie Pavilion employees. Fancler noted that Springbrook Prairie Pavilion was constructed with Code-required parking, which includes parking for both customers and employees; no parking variances were granted.

Approve the recommendation to establish No Parking on Audrey Avenue as outlined in the ordinance provided as Attachment 1 to the agenda item.

Motion by: Benson

Seconded by: Amberg

Approved, 6-0

#### **G. Correspondence**

##### **G1. Public Rights of Way Transition Plan Update**

- Fancler provided an overview of the correspondence item; no TAB discussion.

#### **H. New Business**

- Benson requested information regarding traffic volumes and neighborhood impacts associated with the conversion of North Avenue to two-way traffic, which was recently approved as part of the *Naperville Metra Station Bus Depot and Commuter Access Feasibility Study*.

##### **H1. Forthcoming City Council Meeting Summaries**

- August 21 – Benson
- September 4 – Collins
- September 18 – Floegel

#### **I. Adjournment**

Motion by: McIntosh

Seconded by: Benson

8:48 a.m.