



**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 6, 2010**

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dan Bauer, Stephen Frost, Joe Gryczkowski, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Dennis Wencel and Student Representative Ryan Cap

Members Absent: Jay Chiglo, Deborah Stamm, Jim Wilson and Student Representative Elizabeth Lass

Staff Present: Steve Cope, Jen Ebel, Karyn Robles, Andy Hynes, and Sean Marquez of TED, and Lee Martin of PD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of February 6, 2010 were approved as written. **Motion by Joe Gryczkowski, seconded by Myron Sawyer. Ayes: Dan Bauer, Stephen Frost, Joe Gryczkowski, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Dennis Wencel.**

PUBLIC FORUM: No one from the public spoke.

OLD BUSINESS:

South Downtown Traffic Management Study Recommendations-Andy Hynes

- The “do not block driveway” signage was not supported by the majority of residents on Aurora Avenue and will be ineffective. A yield to driveway signage may be considered.
- TAB has an issue with the pedestrians crossing Webster not being seen by traffic turning eastbound. Right in/right out on Webster would remove the pedestrian traffic conflict and make it safer for pedestrian traffic.
- Staff suggested Naper Settlement would have significant right in/right out issues as Webster is a major access for school groups on buses going to the Settlement.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board recommends the approval of Alternative 3. (Motion by Dennis Wencel. There was no second.) The Transportation Advisory Board recommends the approval of Alternative 1 which is the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Aurora Avenue and Webster Street when traffic warrants are met. **Motion by Dan Bauer, seconded by Eva Polites. Ayes: Dan Bauer, Stephen Frost, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer. Nays: Joe Gryczkowski and Dennis Wencel. Motion approved 6 to 2.**

Jackson Avenue Parking Update-Steve Cope

Jackson between Washington and Main will be resurfaced with the goal of enhancing parking including more parking in the one block area of this one-way street. The three options are:

- 1) Leave it as it is with 37 parking spaces including 2 ADA accessible spaces with parallel parking on the north and angle parking on the south side. Truck loading zones exist but do not support semi-trailers so double-parking takes place daily.
- 2) Parallel parking on the south side of Jackson and angle parking on the north side for a total of 35 parking spaces including 1 ADA space. Truck loading zones would be designated in spaces at each end of the block for the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. or as determined by local business needs.
- 3) Angle parking on both sides of the street including 1 ADA space, 42 parking spaces and 3 truck unloading zones on the east end of Jackson by Jimmy's Grill and Beidelman's, and on the west end by Sullivans. The concern will be maintaining an adequate aisle width. Trucks will not be allowed to double park as they unload. The loading zones will become angle parking after a certain hour of the day. Staff will put temporary marking material on Jackson and see how Option 3 works. This would allow change back to parallel parking on the north side and not disturb the new street surface.

Jackson Avenue Businesses are in support of Option 3 with the management of truck delivery hours to be determined. Could be 8 to 3 or maybe 8 to 5. Fire Department has no issues unless truck double parking takes place. This increases the parking on Jackson Av. by 6 total spaces. Downtown Naperville Assoc. and the Naperville Development Partnership agree with Option 3. Staff plans to evaluate the parking plan in six months with a decision made by October including input from the Police Department as they actively monitor the area which will need to be clearly posted as to hours and locations.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Department of Transportation and Engineering to establish Option 3 for Jackson Avenue Parking from Washington Street to Main Street with the truck loading zone hours to be determined by Staff and a review of Option 3 to be shared with TAB in six months. **Motion by Gryczkowski, seconded by Wencel. Ayes: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Polites, Sawyer, Wencel. Nays: Jaynes and Perillo. Motion approved 6 to 2.**

Motion to Amend: Make deliveries between 6 am and 2 pm with a six month trial period and review to follow. **Motion by Jaynes, seconded by Perillo. Motion defeated. Ayes: Jaynes, Perillo, Wencel. Nays: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Polites, Wencel. Motion defeated 3 to 5.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: No one spoke at the public hearing.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Report of City Council Meeting of Feb. 16-Eva Polites: Pedicab Regulations for Downtown Naperville: Council requested the answers from Staff to more questions and tabled the topic to March 2 City Council Meeting.

March 2 – Myron Sawyer: Council approved 6 to 3 temporary weekend (Friday & Saturday Night) overnight parking in the parking decks. Approved the Pedicab Ordinance 8 to 1.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee-Jan. 18-Mark Jaynes: Working with the Riverwalk Committee to discuss bicycle parking. June is Bike Month in Naperville. Working on the Bicycle Rack Fund Raising Program and reviewing the first draft of the Bike to Metra brochure.

Police Department Report Update-Red Light Running – Sgt. Lee Martin: Latest analysis of all 3 red light intersections have indicated a decrease in accidents at all three intersections. Route 59 and North Aurora has a 13% decrease in a 12 month period. Route 59 and Diehl has a 35% decrease in accidents and Aurora and Ogden has had a 23% decrease in accidents in the last four month period as compared to the previous three years of accident data.

FY 10-11 Transportation Work Program-Karen Robles: Outlines 19 major components which Staff will focus on in the next fiscal year including the Downtown Management Parking Study, the Fifth Avenue Study, and the South Downtown Traffic Study. In addition Staff will be working with Pace to determine if Routes can be made more efficient. Also looking at updating the Comprehensive Transportation Plan in the next two years which will include public involvement in the process. In the Route 59 Project, Staff will be assisting IDOT as this project moves forward.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Department of Transportation, Engineering and Development in approving the FY 10-11 Transportation Work Program. **Motion by Mark Jaynes, seconded by Dennis Wencel. Ayes: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, and Wencel. Motion approved 8 to 0.**

2010 New Sidewalk Program Locations – Sean Marquez: Have switched the Douglas Avenue location for Columbia Street because of opposition by Douglas Avenue residents so approval is needed for this location change.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Department of Transportation, Engineering and Development in approving the change from Douglas Avenue to Columbia Street in the 2010 New Sidewalk Locations Program. **Motion by Ava Polites, seconded by Dennis Wencel. Ayes: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, and Wencel. Motion approved 8 to 0.**

FY 10-11 Bicycle Implementation Work Program – Jen Ebel: Included in this year's work program are 3 Capital Projects: the DuPage River Trail Segment 2 and 4 and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations on the Jefferson Street Bridge along with 5 special projects that include items such as a Bike Path Maintenance Plan to identify when capital dollars are needed for maintenance in the MIP each year and the Bicycle Fund Raising Program.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Department of Transportation, Engineering and Development in approving the FY 10-11 Bicycle Implementation Work Program. **Motion by Mark Jaynes, seconded by Dennis Wencel. Ayes: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, and Wencel. Motion approved 8 to 0.**

Transit Benchmarking – Performance Measure Recommendation-Jen Ebel: Current initiatives include the:

- Guaranteed Ride Home Program which provided reimbursement for Commuters who are not able to use Pace Service but need to use a Taxi Cab when Pace Buses are not in service.
- Are working to identify Park n' Ride sites including church properties as well as commercial property

Current Transit Routes Include:

- 2 all day service routes, 3 park n' ride routes, 13 neighborhood feeder routes and 1 reverse commuter route which is Route 781 which was discontinued at the beginning of March due to Pace Service Eliminations.

The Purpose of the Transit Benchmarking Project is to evaluate the success of the existing transit services and the guideline for determining the amount of investment that is put into proposed transit projects and to make transit related decisions. What kind of expansion, maintenance, or reduction is needed will be a result of Benchmarking and assist in making objective decisions and include the value of the services and return on investment. It is a tool for tracking data and to help understand trends and seasonal fluctuations.

Cost per passenger trip is the cost of transit services per person and is calculated by dividing the total average daily cost by the total average daily ridership. Recovery ratio is the percentage of the total costs that are recovered from the fares paid by the passengers. The higher percentage, the more effective the route is.

Routes being evaluated as to their effectiveness includes Route 689 which goes to Hobson Village and is on the borderline of inefficiency, 676 which goes to Cress Creek and currently serves a part of the area that serves the Community Christian Park n' Ride, and 682 which serves the Brookdale neighborhood and has a Park n' Ride potential in the area.

Requesting TAB concurrence with the thresholds which will then go to City Council for their consideration with intent to provide an annual report as well as provide interim memos to TAB and City Council on proposed actions and going forward Staff will be better able to evaluate and work to insure that the service is maintained for commuters.

Staff has a separate marketing plan to help commuters find and navigate the routes.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Department of Transportation, Engineering and Development in approving the proposed transit performance measures and thresholds. **Motion by Myron Sawyer, seconded by Pam Perillo. Ayes: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, and Wencel. Motion approved 8 to 0.**

Bicycle Rack Fundraising Program-Jen Ebel: The concept is that it would allow local clubs to raise funds to purchase bicycle racks and cover the installation costs. Staff has been working with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Riverwalk Committee to identify locations near the Riverwalk entrance points but not on the Riverwalk. Those locations would encourage bicyclists to turn into pedestrians and enjoy the Riverwalk. Also locations are being determined to place bicycle racks on the public right-of-way in Downtown Naperville.

The cost for a standard “U” shape bike rack is \$600 which includes the rack, the concrete pad, the installation and logo plaque. Staff and the appropriate commissions and the City Council will approve all requests for bike racks and their locations. Looking for TAB’s approval of the program.

TAB suggested businesses be approached as the theme these days is “Go Green” and businesses would receive publicity with the name of the business on the Bike Rack. Great program to get the community involved in bicycling to the downtown as the locations of the proposed bike racks are conducive for bicycling and parking their bikes.

Staff: Have not discussed approaching local businesses but the program would be available to them in the same format.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Department of Transportation, Engineering and Development in approving the proposed Bicycle Rack Fundraising Program for Bicycle Rack placement in the downtown area and near the Riverwalk in designated locations. **Motion by Mark Jaynes, seconded by Dan Bauer. Ayes: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, and Wencel. Motion approved 8 to 0.**

Parking Restrictions on Auburn Avenue at Ranchview School-Steve Cope: Need to establish no parking, standing or stopping from 7:45 am to 8:15 am and 2:15 pm to 2:45 pm on the north side of Auburn Avenue from 150 feet west of Ranchview Drive to 200 feet east of Iona Avenue at the request of the Principal of Ranchview School. Parents are now parking between two “U” drives and the students are walking across the driveway which is not a safe situation.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the Department of Transportation, Engineering and Development in approving the establishment of no parking, stopping or standing on the north side of Auburn Avenue east of Iona Avenue. **Motion by Dennis Wencel, seconded by Joe Gryczkowski. Ayes: Bauer, Frost, Gryczkowski, Jaynes, Perillo, Polites, Sawyer, and Wencel. Motion approved 8 to 0.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

95TH Street Park n’Ride Usage Request-Jen Ebel; TAB acknowledged the request.

Plank Road Study – Plan Commission Review in March-Jen Ebel: The date of the Plank Road Study Review is March 17 at 7 pm to be held in the Council Chambers.

Jefferson Avenue Bridge Replacement: TAB acknowledged the request.

Illinois Route 59 Expansion – Diverging Diamond Design-Karyn Robles: As part of the Route 59 project, IDOT is considering this Diverging Diamond Interchange at Route 59 and I-88. It is a relatively new concept in the United States with only one now in existence in Springfield, Missouri. Several more are under construction in this country with this plan having success in Europe. This plan reduces conflicts for left turns. A Public Hearing will be held with information on this subject coming to TAB. Staff attended a webinar to learn more about the design but a formal position has not been taken by the City.

TAB requested if it appears it is going to occur, that the concept be placed on the TAB Agenda and an explanation of how it will work as this will be an opportunity to educate the public.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Bauer, seconded by Dennis Wencel with unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. Next TAB Meeting will be April 10 at 8 a.m in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie McIntosh, Secretary