



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

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dan Bauer, Jay Chiglo Stephen Frost, Joe Gryczkowski, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, and Student Representatives Ryan Cap and Elizabeth Lass

Members Absent: Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Dennis Wencel and Jim Wilson

Staff Present: Steve Cope, Jen Ebel, Andy Hynes, and Ahmad Muntasir of TED, Consultant Mike Rechterik of V3, and Lee Martin of PD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of January 9, 2010 were approved as written. **Motion by Dan Bauer, seconded by Deborah Stamm. Ayes: Bauer, Chiglo, Frost, Gryczkowski, Polites, Sawyer, and Stamm. Motion approved 7 to 0.**

PUBLIC FORUM: No one from the public spoke.

OLD BUSINESS: There were no items of Old Business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: There were no public hearings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council Meeting of February 3-Jay Chiglo: Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT for the Route 59 improvements engineering study; Approved the 2010 Annual Sidewalk Program including the deletion of Douglas Avenue and Porter Avenue and the addition of portions of Columbia and Bauer; Temporary over-night parking was established at designated downtown locations in the parking decks for a six months trial period.

Report of Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting of December 14 – Jen Ebel:

BPAC discussed accessibility coordination with the Mayors Disabilities Commission to insure that all projects include accessible features that are required; Motion was made to modify the Route 59 project to include bicycle signal actuation at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Liberty Street and Brookdale Road and Bruce Lane with motion not being approved; Are in favor of the Jefferson Avenue Bridge Project which includes a barrier separating the sidewalk and the bike lane.

Police Department Report-Sgt. Martin: City Council approved the reduction of the late fee for the Red Light Running Program to fifty dollars from one hundred dollars, effective February 2. The study conducted to determine where the violators live indicated 23% of the violators lived in Naperville zip codes with the remaining offenders living outside the boundaries of the city.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointment-Jen Ebel: Due to a resignation, BPAC is recommending the appointment of Todd Stocke for a term through June 30, 2012.

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board approves the appointment of Todd Stocke to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. **Motion by Stamm, seconded by Polites. Ayes: Bauer, Chiglo, Frost, Gryczkowski, Polites, Sawyer, and Stamm. Motion approved 7 to 0.**

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South Downtown Traffic Management Study Recommendations–Andy Hynes – Mike Rechterik

Andy Hynes: Purpose of the study was to evaluate the transportation network around the southern perimeter of the downtown which was needed because of the redevelopment projects in the area anticipated over the next several years including the Water Street District Development, Naperville Central High School Renovation, Naper Settlement Expansion and Riverfront Development. With the small width of the public right-of-way in the study area and the close proximity of adjacent building structures, there are limited opportunities for any major expansion of roadways or intersections. The study then focused on identifying short term and long term traffic management and operational strategies that do not require major capacity improvements or land acquisition. The strategies include the addition of a traffic signal at Webster and Aurora, removal of existing traffic signals, turn restrictions, turn lanes, pavement markings and signage.

Mike Rechterik: Traffic signals with unacceptable operating conditions are at the intersections of Aurora and West and Aurora and Washington. A traffic signal at Aurora and Webster would help pedestrian safety and provide connectivity between Naper Settlement and the neighborhood to Downtown Naperville. Converting Aurora Avenue and Hillside Road to one-way pair streets was another alternative along with a four-way stop at Porter and Webster.

Resident Toby Hayer-124 Aurora Avenue: Opposes the traffic light at Aurora and Webster as Webster only goes 3 blocks, 2 to the south and 1 to the north. Other things can be done to assist pedestrians. Perhaps stripping crosswalks on both sides would help. The traffic signal should not be implemented until traffic warrants on Webster are met.

Questions and Answers: Right Turn Only restrictions would lead to more circuitous traffic in the area. The High Priority items add up to approximately \$32,000 but would probably be spread over several years in various maintenance programs including the pedestrian countdown signals which are now a Federal requirement. The LED signals are to be replaced in several years due to their age. Some priorities are tied to the Water Street Development.

Pedestrian crossing at Water and Main maybe eliminated in favor of a pedestrian crossing at the 4-way stop at Main and Chicago. Will depend on pedestrian traffic generated by Water Street. Recommendation was Alternate 1 including the new traffic signal at Aurora and Webster, leaving the access as it exists today. Traffic light at Webster is not warranted at this time and will not be installed until the Water Street Development warrants it.

A pedestrian overpass would require significant amounts of land acquisition. A pedestrian tunnel would have issues of rock due to the closeness to the river and also security issues making it very costly as well as having engineering challenges. Changing the signage on Aurora suggesting cars exiting driveways on the south side of Aurora have the right-of-way instead of the sign “do not block driveways”.

Alternate 2 would allow people to cross to the settlement while making Main Street a right-in and right-out. Put a 4-way stop sign at Porter and Webster to slow down traffic. Bus drop off for Naperville Center remains on Porter Avenue with the long term access to be off Hillside when Naper Settlement reclaims the land they own on Porter Avenue which will be after they complete their build out in the future.

The on-street parking on Hillside would be eliminated after the new proposed driveways are in place. Site distance requirements would cause some Hillside on-street parking to be removed.

A revised recommendation will be brought to TAB in March.

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Jackson Avenue Parking – Steve Cope-Ahmad Muntasir: Jackson Avenue from Washington to Main will be resurfaced in May which will provide an opportunity to redesign the parking. This one block one-way street has many truck deliveries with cars being blocked occasionally by the deliveries. Most deliveries are on the south side of the street so put several loading zones from 7 to 11am, one on the east end, one on the west end of Main Street.

TAB favored Option 3, (total spaces of 44) with angle parking on both sides and truck loading zones on the north side for Beidelman's and one on each end of Jackson for the restaurants. TAB also suggested one all day loading zone from 8 to 5 on the south side instead of 2 loading zones. Another TAB suggestion was 2 loading zones with staggered times of 7 to 11 and noon to 5.

Staff likes Option 3 but wants to hear from the property owners/managers. Double parking is an issue which needs to be corrected. Jackson Avenue because it is one-way has lower volume, lower speed. Staff plans to have a recommendation for this item on the March TAB Agenda. The Stake Holders will be notified.

CORRESPONDENCE

Proposed Traffic Signalization of West Street at Osler Drive: TAB acknowledged the document.

Recommendation for FY 2009-2010, Fourth Quarter Commuter Permit Issuance and Space Utilization Report: TAB acknowledged the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Attendance at forthcoming meetings was noted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bauer, seconded by Stamm with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 am. Next TAB Meeting will be March 6th at 8 am in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie McIntosh, Secretary