



**NAPERVILLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2015**

Call to Order

8:00 a.m.

A. Roll Call

Present: Amberg, Benson, DiGiovine-Gehrs, Fischer, Floegel, Gustin, McIntosh, Polites, Preissig, Smith

Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Transportation Team Leader Jennifer Louden
Deputy City Engineer Andy Hynes
Traffic Sergeant Derek Zook

B. Minutes

Approve the minutes from the January 10, 2015 Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion: N/A

Approve the minutes from the January 10, 2015
Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Approved
(10 to 0)

Motion by: Gustin
Second by: McIntosh

C. Public Forum N/A

D. Old Business N/A

E. Public Hearings N/A

F. Reports and Recommendations

Preissig

- Thanked NPD, DPU-E and TED Staff for participation in the STEM night at Meadow Glens Elementary School

F1. City Council Report

- January 20 – Polites noted that no transportation issues were discussed,
- February 3rd – Pressig reported that the City Council considered an ordinance for temporary traffic controls for the St. Patrick's Day parade; CMAQ funding application for improvements to North Aurora Road; an agreement for the Heatherfield subdivision and future adjacent improvements to the intersection of 75th Street and Naper Boulevard; and parking restrictions in the north downtown area.
- February 17th – Smith reported that the City Council approved a resolution

for an intergovernmental agreement with PACE for the Ride DuPage program; a resident spoke against the Centralized Traffic Management System project in public forum; and discussed the additional commuter spaces at the DuPage Children's Museum.

- March 3rd – Amberg noted that traffic signal operations were discussed under New Business.
- March 17th – Benson reported that construction costs for the Water Street and Central Parking Facility projects were discussed in Public Forum. Temporary traffic control for the Eikon 5K was approved. Awareness of motorcycles and bicycles was also discussed under New Business.
- April 8 – DiGiovine-Gehrs reported that no transportation issues were discussed.

F2. Police Department Report

Sgt. Zook reported that NPD, Bolingbrook, and the Will County Sherriff participated in a joint enforcement effort along the 95th Street extension on alternating days that resulted in issuance of over 100 citations. NPD also partnered with TED to temporarily place changeable message boards warning motorists of the potential fines for excessive speeding. The Community Rating Watch group also conducted speed studies and identified 19 vehicles traveling over 70 mph.

Amberg

- Asks Police to discuss the functions of Safety Town at the next TAB meeting.

Fischer

- Asked staff to come back with information on the criteria for establishing the speed limit on 95th Street.

F3. Children at Play Signs

Louden provided a summary of the agenda item recommending removal of "Children At Play" signs throughout the City. As discussed in the attached IDOT memorandum, studies have shown that these signs are not effective and may encourage children to play in the street. Staff is recommending that no new "Children at Play" signs be installed and that all existing signs be removed.

Gustin

- Asked why this item is being discussed if the City Council already approved their removal. Louden replied that the previous recommendation only applied to the Zone 11 study area. This recommendation is to remove the signs Citywide at one time.

Asked how these signs differ from Blind or Autistic Child signs. Louden replied that those signs are installed for specific individuals located immediately adjacent to their particular residence.

Pressig

- Noted that signs should be removed all at one time for liability and fairness. Replace with neighborhood speed limit signs.
- Asked if we track location and need for signs for disabled individuals. Louden replied that we do have inventory but need to review if signs are still applicable more often.

Digiovine-Gehrs

- Agrees with the recommendation. Stated that the Drive 25 mph signs provide an alternative for concerned residents. Asked if all neighborhoods have 25 mph speed limit signs. Louden replied that this provides an opportunity to install signs in better locations.

Benson

- Stated support for removal at one time. City should provide notification of the sign removal in advance. Louden replied that various methods, such as a Manager's Memorandum and coordination with subdivisions, would be used to communicate the sign removal.

Floegel

- Noted that he is in favor of the sign removal. Communication is key.

Polities

- Noted that she wondered what signs mean. Is there similar signage near parks? Louden replied that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices has signage specified intended for use near parks.

Fischer

- Noted that he supports the recommendation to remove signs all at once.

Amberg

- Asked about the Neighborhood Watch signs. Suggested that staff reach out to the realtor associated to learn if individuals with special needs have moved in and out of an area.

Gustin

- Asked if this recommendation was binding or advisory. Noted that he has concerns about removing these signs but understands rational. Louden replied that the City tries to stay in conformance with the MUTCD as much as possible.
- Asked about the cost of replacing the "Children at Play" signs with Neighborhood Speed Limit signs. Louden replied that we already have

Neighborhood Speed Limit signs in most locations and should not need many new signs.

- Asked if signs are at all parks. Louden replied that we will need to check inventory.

Approve the recommendation to remove the “Children at Play” sign minutes
Approved
(10-0)

Motion by: McIntosh
Second by: Fischer

G1. First Quarter Commuter Permit Issuance and Space Utilization Report

Louden provided a summary of the first quarter commuter parking permit issuance and space utilization report.

Smith

- Asked about the number of people on the waiting list. Louden replied that the waiting list for the Kroehler and Burlington parking lots is approximately 6.5 years. Staff will provide a follow up report with the actual number of people on the waiting list.

Benson

- Noted that staff was helpful in a recent change to her information related to the parking hang tag. However, the (commuter parking permit) form is not clear. It would be helpful if the form could be returned by email. Louden replied that staff appreciates the feedback.

Gustin

- Stated that he parks in the Burlington Lot. Enforcement Officer was very helpful when he had difficulty locating a parking space.

G2. Fourth Quarter Commuter Permit Issuance and Space Utilization Report

Louden provided a summary of the fourth quarter commuter parking permit issuance and space utilization report.

G3. DuPage Children’s Museum Temporary Daily Fee Parking

Floegel

- Asked if revenue was being provided to the DuPage Children’s Museum. Louden confirmed that the Museum will receive the revenue.

Benson

- Asked if that information was communicated. Louden replied that the information was posted in the Commuter Connection newsletter and on the daily fee machines.

G4. Walmart/Fort Hill Drive Traffic Study

Hynes provided an overview of the Walmart before and after traffic study.

Polities

- Asked if the study was conducted over six consecutive days. Hynes replied that data was collected over a week long period that included the weekend.

Amberg

- Asked if the study was done in conjunction with Dupage County. Hynes replied that a separate study of the impact on 75th Street was provided to the County.
- Asked if the improvements at 75th Street and Washington were causing issues at other intersections along 75th Street. Hynes replied that there are capacity issues at some intersections. County is preparing to make some improvements at 75th Street and Rickert Drive.

G5. Traffic Signal Malfunction Notification

Hynes provided an overview of the Manager's Memorandum regarding notification process during signal malfunctions.

Amberg

- Asked if police officers would contact our signal maintainer if a malfunction was discovered. Sgt Zook replied that police officers would provide notification of signal issues.

G6. Transportation Advisory Board Resource Materials

Louden provide a summary of the TAB resource materials provided.

Amberg

- Encouraged TAB members to review the various documents.

H. New Business

Mcintosh

- Asked why Naper-Plainfield Road has different speed limits south of 75th Street. Hynes replied that speed limits are established based on traffic studies for the particular corridor. In this case, the varying speed

limits may be related to the number of driveways along the different sections.

Benson

- Is a traffic signal planned at the Nike Park entrance? Hynes replied that installation of a traffic signal will be considered when signal warrants (traffic volumes) are met.

Benson

- Stated that she has concerns with valet parking in the fire lane at Edward's hospital. Staff noted the concern.

Polities

- Noted that TAB merged with the BPAC (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) Bicycle related issues. Asked if TAB still reviews bicycle recommendations. Louden confirmed that TAB does still review bicycle related issues.

I. Adjournment

8:52 a.m.

Motion by: Polites
Second by: Gustin

Approved
(10 to 0)