



**NAPERVILLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2012**

**Call to Order**

**8:00 a.m.**

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Benson, Collins, DioGiovine-Gehrs, Floegel, McIntosh, Nye, Perillo, Polites, Preissig,  
Chairman Wencel  
Student Representative: Coen, O'Shaughnessy

Absent: Amberg

Staff Present: Transportation and Planning Team Leader Karyn Robles, Project Manager Caitlin  
Marcon, Project Engineer Peter Zibble, Officer Jason Stubler

**B. Minutes** Approve the minutes from the August 4, 2012 Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion by: Collins

Approved, 10-0

Second by: McIntosh

**C. Public Forum** N/A

**D. Old Business** N/A

**E. Public Hearings** N/A

**F. Reports and Recommendations**

**F1. City Council Report**

Amberg provided a written report of the July 17, 2012 Council meeting since he could not attend today's meeting. Benson provided a report of the August 21, 2012 meeting.

**F2. Police Department Report**

N/A

**F3. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way and Sidewalks  
2012 Update**

Project Engineer Peter Zibble provided an overview of the ADA Transition Plan.

**Public Testimony:** N/A

**Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion:**

Benson

- Asked if the Plan takes any position on no build sidewalk areas for the City given the impacts on people with disabilities. Zibble responded that the Plan is not intended to supersede any previous policy decisions but to ensure that any

sidewalk is built in full compliance with ADA standards.

Wencel

- Asked if the Advisory Commission on Disabilities is in support of the Plan?  
Zibble confirmed that the ACD did unanimously approve the Plan.

Approve the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way and Sidewalks 2012 Update.

Motion by: McIntosh  
Seconded by: Collins

Approved, 10-0

#### **F4. Cheshire Avenue Parking Restrictions**

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon provided an overview of the request and recommendation to establish No Parking on the north and south sides of Cheshire Avenue.

##### **Public Testimony:**

N/A

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

Floegel

- Stated that these restrictions are a great start but residents are still concerned with the double sided parking that occurs on Cheshire since it reduces street width and makes it hard to maneuver. Would like to see no parking restrictions on one side of the street. Asked what the minimum width is for emergency vehicles to get through a street. Marcon responded that 18' is the minimum width for a street and that staff will look into the additional parking restrictions.

Approve the recommendation to establish no parking on the north and south sides of Cheshire Avenue from the centerline of Olesen Drive to a point 80' west of the centerline of Olesen Drive.

Motion by: Floegel  
Seconded by: Perillo

Approved, 10-0

#### **F5. Naperville Heights Right-Turn Restrictions**

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon provided a brief presentation on the request, process and staff's recommendation to deny the request for right turn restrictions on Washington Street.

##### **Public Testimony:**

RoseAnn Landorf, 1117 N. Main Street

- Stated that she is against the right turn signs because they are public streets and there is no need undue restrictions on these public streets;
- Stated it would also make it inconvenient for her to get home.

Sue Jelinek, 1107 N. Eagle Street

- Aware of the traffic issues, but this solution just moves the problem from one area of the neighborhood to another area with cars just moving to Bauer to cut through.
- Jefferson Jr. High is at Bauer and any students in after school activities get

picked up results in high traffic on volumes already so it doesn't make sense to move more traffic to Bauer.

- High number of rental properties and duplexes in the neighborhood. Doesn't like that the survey allows properties with rentals to have more than one vote.
- Worried that restrictions will not solve the problem, they will just move the problem.
- Stop sign compliance is an issue on Eagle Street. Maybe a stop sign at 11<sup>th</sup> and Main would help.
- Acknowledges that the problem exists but doesn't like the proposed solution.

Lynn Morgan, 1035 N. Main Street

- Represent a group of neighbors in favor of proposed turning restrictions in order to improve safety in the neighborhood.
- Narrow streets, limited sidewalks, limited streetlights plus cut through traffic does result in a basic safety issue for the neighborhood.
- Understands the numbers don't show a safety problem but the neighborhood does have a safety problem.
- Main arterial roadway is not big enough to manage the traffic which causes the cut through traffic.
- Agrees they are public streets, but they were not intended to carry people who were not accessing their home.
- Study was conducted at a time of year when the traffic volumes are lower than other times of year.
- Was surprised that this was put to a vote because public safety isn't something that is normally voted on.
- ADT appears low, but compared to cut through volumes it is clear the neighborhood has a problem.
- Majority felt that it is appropriate to implement restrictions – it is only 2 hours a day (10 hours a week) and there are 10 other access points.
- Redirecting the problem from Main to Eagle may happen but the goal is to reduce the total number of cars cutting through the neighborhood. They are not the same people cutting through every day and they are aggressive drivers. Reducing the net number of cars will reduce the number of cars that cut through the neighborhood. Timing of light at Mill and Bauer may help resolve those issues. Don't actually know if they will move to Bauer but we know we have a problem now.
- Issue is not getting better it is getting worse. If not, no right turns, what is the plan to address the issue? They are willing to make the sacrifice of not turning right to address the safety issues.

Mike Wisniewski, 1012 N. Main Street

- 45 kids live in this part of the neighborhood.
- During peak times they try to position stuff in the street to try and slow traffic down.
- There are not sidewalks in this area.
- Neighborhood has 10 access points – only looking to limit 5 of these which means there are other options for residents.
- Landlords who are opposed to the restrictions have asked their tenants to also

vote not.

- Residents told people that they could not turn in the survey and that it would count as a yes vote. Feel that the 3-1 majority show that there is support for these restrictions.

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

Benson

- How high do the speeds go on these neighborhood streets? What is the configuration of the stop signs in the neighborhood? Marcon responded that for north/south streets 37 mph was the highest speed; for east/west streets 35-36 mph was highest speeds. Noted that these speeds were only reached by one or two cars during the week.

McIntosh

- Visited the area three times in 5 o'clock hour on two different streets – Main and Webster.
- Noted that it took drivers awhile to make the turn onto Ogden and they are not guaranteed any quick exit onto Ogden due to traffic volumes on Ogden.
- Witnessed people walking on sidewalk on Main Street and on the way back they walked on the street because the sidewalks are not straight due to trees. Chose to walk in the street which means that it must not be that dangerous if they are comfortable walking in the street.

Preissig

- Asked staff if the study data was valid given that school wasn't in session. Robles responded that the data was valid since the cut through study showed cut through volumes well above the 25% threshold.
- Asked about the reason for the resident survey. Robles provided background on the reason for survey and explained that the survey ensures that the neighborhood is in support of the potential solution before a lot of time is spent on the issue.

Diogivine

- Asked staff about the ability to install stop signs. Robles responded that there are strict stop sign warrants that must be met to ensure that stop signs are installed properly and that unwarranted stop signs are a safety issue.

Nye

- Asked about enforcement of restrictions and anticipated compliance of drivers. Robles responded that enforcement would occur when the signs were installed and then sporadically after that. Compliance would likely be dependent on enforcement.

Collins

- Disagrees with telling people that if they respond to the survey they will be a yes, but then stating that actual responses to the survey count more towards staff's recommendation.

Wencel

- OK with survey only being one part of recommendation, but it is an important part of the process.
- Data doesn't indicate that there is a speed issue but did go out and see the cut through problem and agrees that they are the most aggressive drivers.
- The challenge is that there were so many negative responses that he is concerned about limiting access.
- Don't want to prohibit the residents who do want access.

Benson

- Concerns regarding residents access to neighborhood.
- Suggested that staff consider other temporary ways to work through the issue. Put up signage to reduce speeds, radar guns, stop signs at every other street, other traffic calming options, etc.

McIntosh

- Asked Officer Stubler how often Police are in this neighborhood? Officer Stubler responded that there is a beat officer that is always assigned to the area as well as supplemental patrols from the traffic unit.

Deny the request to establish right-turn restrictions on Washington Street at 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Motion by: McIntosh  
Seconded by: Polites

Approved, 9-1  
Ayes: Benson, DioGiovine-Gehrs,  
Floegel, McIntosh, Nye, Perillo,  
Polites, Preissig, Wencel

Nays: Collins

## **G. Correspondence**

### **G1. Temporary Closure of Loomis Street at the BNSF Railroad Tracks**

### **G2. IL Route 59 Expansion Project Start of Construction Activities**

## **H. New Business**

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

- September 18 – Floegel
- October 2 – McIntosh
- October 16 – Nye

## **I. Adjournment**

Motion by: Perillo  
Seconded by: Benson

8:52 a.m.