

MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, October 6, 2015



PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Mike Waldron
Todd Allen
Shawn Christ
Michelle Mangelsdorf

OTHERS: Nick Hoogheem

STAFF: Andrea Peterson

Scott Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes of the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of September 3, 2015.**
Motion to approve minutes by Christ, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to install a crosswalk/flashing warning light at the intersection of River Drive and 41st Street.** Pickens provided a traffic study that was conducted to illustrate the average speed vehicles travel in said location. According to the traffic study, vehicles tend to speed on River Drive near 41st Street. Waldron did not believe a crosswalk was necessary. Motion to deny by Waldron. Motion failed with lack of a second. Motion to install a crosswalk (without flashing lights) and an ADA compliant sidewalk that connects the new crosswalk to the north side of River Drive by Hinton, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried with the following votes: Aye: Mangelsdorf, Hinton, Christ, and Allen. Nay: Waldron.
- 3. Request to install “cross traffic does not stop” signage at 38th Street and 35th Avenue.**
Mangelsdorf stated that adding a sign may help remind drivers that cross traffic does not stop at 38th Street and 35th Avenue. Motion to approve by Waldron, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion carried with the following votes: Aye: Mangelsdorf, Waldron, Christ, and Allen. Nay: Hinton.
- 4. Request to install a yield sign or a stop sign on the corner of 10th Avenue Place and 38th Street.**
Motion to install a yield sign on 10th Avenue Place giving preference to 38th Street by Mangelsdorf, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Request to install a “no exit” sign at 11th Avenue and 31st Street.** Motion to install a “no outlet” sign at 11th Avenue and 31st Street by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Request to install a crosswalk/flashing warning light on 54th Street, south of Avenue of the Cities.**
Hoogheem, an employee of Valspar, spoke on behalf of agenda item. Hoogheem stated that roughly 130 employees cross 54th Street to enter and exit Valspar West. Hoogheem stated that Valspar would like to make it safer for employees to cross 54th Street by installing a crosswalk. Committee agreed that residential traffic is nonexistent in said location. Hinton stated that delivery trucks would be the only vehicles traveling on 54th Street, south of Avenue of the Cities. Christ added that the Committee does not prefer the use of mid-block crosswalks. Motion to install a mid-block crosswalk (without flashing lights) as well as ADA accessible curbs if Valspar pays for, and maintains, the crosswalk by Hinton, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion carried with the following votes: Aye: Mangelsdorf, Waldron, Hinton, and Allen. Nay: Christ.

- 7. Request to implement a school zone speed limit on 19th Avenue, between 9th Street and 13th Street.** Christ and Waldron agreed that Lincoln-Irving Elementary school is too far away from said location to be a reason to implement a school zone. Mangelsdorf stated that this area has Middle School student traffic. Hinton stated that school zones are not typically implemented for Middle School students. Motion to install school zone signage by Christ, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion failed with the following votes: Aye: Mangelsdorf, and Christ. Nay: Hinton, Waldron, and Allen.
- 8. Request to prohibit parking on the east side of 53rd Street, north of 11th Avenue C.** Committee members agreed that a parking issue was present on the east side of 53rd Street, north of 11th Avenue C. Motion to prohibit parking on the east side of 53rd Street, between 11 Avenue C and 11th Avenue B by Waldron, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Request to prohibit parking on the north side of 7th Avenue at each entrance/exit point of Parking Lot B (1533 7th Avenue).** Christ stated that vehicles are not parked in said location often. Hinton stated that this parking situation is seen all over the city. Christ added that people tend to speed on 7th Avenue and it seems that speeding is decreased when vehicles park in said location. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Request to prohibit parking on the west side of 16th Street, between the alley and the private drive located at 523 16th Street.** Committee discussed possible line-of-sight concerns. Majority did not see the need for signage. Motion to deny by Christ, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried with the following votes: Aye: Christ, Hinton, and Waldron. Nay: Allen, and Mangelsdorf.
- 11. Request to prohibit parking on the east side of 16th Street, between the Midtown exit ramp (1601 6th Avenue and the alley).** Motion to prohibit parking on the east side of 16th Street, from 6th Avenue north to the alley by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimous.

Other:

While reviewing agenda item three, Committee noticed that a stop sign was missing at 35th Avenue and 38th Street. Motion to install a stop sign at 35th Avenue and 38th Street by Christ, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Waldron, seconded by Hinton. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering