

MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, December 1, 2015



PRESENT: Laura Klauer
Mike Waldron
Jim Versluis
Shawn Christ
Chris Pickens

OTHERS: None

STAFF: Andrea Peterson

Mike Waldron called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes of the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of November 3, 2015.** Motion to approve minutes by Versluis, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to prohibit parking on one side of 3rd Street, between 23rd Avenue and 2nd Street.** Christ informed staff that 3rd Street is 27 feet wide. Klauer stated that it is difficult to use 3rd Street when vehicles are parked on both sides. Committee agreed with Klauer. Pickens stated that parking should be prohibited on the west side of 3rd Street since more vehicles can park on the east side. Waldron agreed with Pickens and added that the houses located on the west side of 3rd Street have driveways. Motion to prohibit parking on the west side of 3rd Street, between 23rd Avenue and 2nd Street by Christ, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request to install “no left turn” signage at 32nd Avenue and 7th Street, westbound, between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** Committee agreed that this request would be difficult to enforce, but could help decrease the issues at this intersection. Gary Baker, Traffic Operations Specialist, reported to Peterson that said request would be a viable option. Motion to install “no left turn” signage at 32nd Avenue and 7th Street, westbound, between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. by Waldron, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Request to remove the 4-way stop at 12th Avenue and 34th Street and install traffic signals.** Committee discussed the difficulty drivers would have detecting vehicles stopped at a traffic signal in said location. Eastbound and westbound traffic travel over a hill to reach the intersection of 34th Street and 12th Avenue. If approved, Christ stated that a line-of-sight issue would occur for both eastbound and westbound traffic. Motion to deny by Pickens, seconded by Christ. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Pickens, Christ, Waldron, and Klauer. Nays: Versluis.
- 5. Request to prohibit parking on one side of 34th Street, between 12th Avenue and 23rd Avenue, to allow the striping of a bike lane from 4th Avenue to 23rd Avenue.** If approved, Klauer informed Committee that the City would be required to install two bike lanes or a one-way bike lane on 34th Street. Waldron made a comment that he didn’t feel the street was wide enough for bike lanes. Motion to table request until Committee can gather more information and create a design of said request by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Request to install additional signage on the traffic signals at 41st Street and 41st Avenue Drive to inform drivers that both the left and right lanes, eastbound, are left turn lanes.** Klauer informed Committee that said intersection is a temporary intersection. Klauer added that the intersection belongs to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Committee agreed that requester needed to contact IDOT if they wished to make changes to the intersection. Motion to deny request by Pickens, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Request to remove one on-street residential handicap parking stall at 810 17th Avenue, 1611 20th Avenue, 1846 10th Street, 1511 10th Avenue, and 2410 18th Avenue.** Motion to remove one on-street residential handicap parking stall at 810 17th Avenue, 1611 20th Avenue, 1846 10th Street, 1511 10th Avenue, and 2410 18th Avenue by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Motion to adjourn by Versluis, seconded by Pickens. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering