



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
3635 4th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Shawn Christ
Laura Klauer
Sergeant Chris Pickens
Jim Versluis

OTHERS: Alderman Waldron
Alderman Parker
Alderman Turner
Jennifer Reagan

STAFF: JD Schulte
Heather Hurley
Matt Moore

Scott Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of August 1, 2017.** Motion to approve minutes by Klauer, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to install pedestrian crosswalk signals at the intersections of 41st Street, 48th Street and 53rd Street on Avenue of the Cities.** Hinton explained that when the signals at these intersection were initially installed they were intentionally installed without pedestrian crosswalks and push buttons. The understanding at that time was to not encourage pedestrians to cross multiple lanes of traffic. Sense than we have installed painted crosswalks at many of the intersections but nothing further. Sergeant Pickens questioned if we would be installing pedestrian push buttons at 7th Street and John Deere Road as these intersections will also require pedestrians to cross multiple lanes of traffic? Hinton explained IDOT does plan on installing pedestrian crosswalks and push buttons at certain intersection of John Deere Road. Committee discussed the interconnection of traffic lights on Avenue of the Cities and the need for further evaluation to be done of the traffic signal timing before installing pedestrian push buttons. Alderman Waldron inquired about the cost for this type of work. Hinton explained that traffic lights will need additional work done when installing push buttons but most importantly a traffic study would have to take place before any work could begin. Construction would be an estimated cost of twenty five thousand dollars per intersection and one hundred thousand dollars for a traffic study of intersections on Avenue of the Cities from 53rd Street to I-74. Committee

discussed that many students do cross at the 41st Street intersection of Avenue of the Cities as well as 53rd Street and Avenue of the Cities. Picken's stated that pedestrians are seen frequently crossing Avenue of the Cities but there hasn't been many reported accidents involving pedestrians. Also, keep in mind the result of installing pedestrian push buttons would result in slower moving traffic on Avenue of the Cities. Alderman Parker stated that the one of the many goals as City Council is to make Moline more pedestrian friendly. Hinton advised that if a motion to approve is made we will need a funding source. Alderman Waldron asked if there's a possibility to install pedestrian push buttons at one intersection per year for the next four years. Hinton explained that first there would need to be a traffic study and then we could decide on how to install at each intersection. Hinton stated that this could be made as a recommendation to Council as limited funding is an issue. Versluis motioned to approve the installation of pedestrian crosswalk signals at the intersections of 41st Street, 48th Street and 53rd Street on Avenue of the Cities, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to install pedestrian push buttons at all school crossings and flashing pedestrian signs at all crosswalks that are not located within an intersection.

Versluis questioned the use of crossing guards at the schools crosswalks. Pickens stated that crossing guards are in place however only for elementary schools. Alderman Parker questioned if this would have any effect on 19th Avenue and 11th Street? Pickens stated that the past incident reported at this intersection does not have a direct issue with crosswalks as the child was not using a crosswalk when the incident occurred. Christ stated that further studies are needed as well as input from the school district. Sergeant Pickens motioned to table request until further study and evidence can be collected from this year's school season and input from school districts if needed, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to install a crosswalk in front of Milltown Coffee located at 3800 River Drive.

Jen Reagan spoke on behalf of Milltown Coffee stating that this business is in a unique location across from the river and Milltown feels that their customers are being put at risk when having to cross River Drive in order to access their business. When requesting this crosswalk Milltown Coffee was not anticipating the crosswalk that has been proposed but understands if this is what's necessary in order to have residents cross River Drive safely. Hinton explained that the proposed crosswalk is due to the fact that this location is unsafe as it is not located at an intersection. Committee discussed that there isn't a sidewalk on the south side of River Drive in order to access Milltown Coffee from any other intersection. Hinton explained that in the past we have tried to make River Drive more pedestrian friendly and limit the amount of larger vehicles that use River Drive. This crosswalk will have to be compliant with regulations and requirements and the estimated cost would be twenty five to thirty thousand dollars. Within this expense the largest is from the flashing pedestrian light. Reagan questioned if we have to have the light and if so would it be possible to install the light at a later date. Hinton stated that the light is recommended as the area is unsafe and would also recommend that the light be installed at the same time as the crosswalk. Versluis motioned to approve the installation of the proposed crosswalk at Milltown Coffee, 3800 River Drive, seconded by Christ. Hinton asked if the item should be taken to Council as an informational item for funding purposes. Alderman Parker stated that it would be best to move forward with Traffic Committee

approval and then take the next step by presenting to Council for funding. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Request to install a two-way stop at the intersection of 36th Avenue and 75th Street.** Hinton stated that our Streets department has been to 55th Avenue and 75th Street and did cut tree limbs back for better visibility. Alderman Waldron stated that we do not install stop signs for speed control and this is an enforcement issue. Versluis motioned to deny the request to install a two-way stop sign at the intersection of 36th Avenue and 75th Street, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Versluis, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hurley
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering