

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
September 25, 2018

APPROVED

The September meeting of the Traffic and Safety Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in the training room of the municipal building (room 104). Meeting was called to order at 703 PM

Present were:

Roger Flynn
Andrew Howe
Marty Adler-Jansy
Ilona Kaczocha
Alexis Harmmond
Jana Humphrey
Halfen Hoyt
Melissa McMahan
William Polfus
Jane Shelton

1. Minutes from the July 17, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Issues or concerns

Discussion regarding potholes on Robertsville road, near Willowbrook school. There is a large pothole at J&M's butcher shop but that is on private property. Also, at Hillside, before you get to Highland. Overall, there were at least 150 work orders outstanding; quite a few are for utility cuts, but the pothole list is extensive.

On Laboratory road, in front of the security office, there is a sign that says "bump". The section there has been dug out twice, but not certain as to why. They've been in that section at least twice and may end up taking it out and fixing it again given its current condition.

Tennessee is still closed at the hospital, as it's still a work in progress. There is a large cut out crossing the street light that is near the tennis courts. The eastern end of Tennessee should be open in November, the other end will more the likely be spring.

The lack of striping overall was discussed; there is no striping work in progress as there is no budget for it at this time.

3. Comments or questions on road work in the city

There are two grants that are in various design phases but not ready as of yet.

It was asked if there was any update regarding the roundabout at Pennsylvania and Tulane. Roger shared that the last conversation with TDOT was a few months ago and it looks like we are looking at about a 2021 time frame.

The current roundabout in the Main Street area (as you come in from Rutgers) is missing a sign. Since this is private property, it would have to be replaced by the owner. However, there is a possibility that the roundabout is going away depending on the development work that is taking place in that section.

If the roundabout is removed, the new entryway on Rutgers will go away which means the traffic signal considered for that location will no longer be necessary. The intersection at Rutgers and Wilson will become the entrance. The board may ask for a traffic impact study which may come back with that intersection needing a signal and a decision on that would come to the board.

There is a possibility that the developer desires to build 4 store fronts between Pet Smart and JC Penneys, hence the closing of that entrance. There are two 3-story mixed use buildings on that site plan and they aren't specified what they are; both are on Wilson street.

There was a new master plan submitted this month. There is a storage warehouse included in the plan; we are not aware of any restaurants currently slated. There are significant concerns from many regarding Main Street; it seems we are significantly deviating from the original approved concept.

For new retail, there is a Discount Tires coming next to Double Tree; at this time, not aware of anything coming into the current Hardees location. There is a Verizon store being built next to Hardees.

In that area, the frontage road was discussed. The road belongs to each store, as the stores are individually owned.

For the new Taco Bell, there was a question as to whether they were going to use the current turn lane that is in place for the Tunnell building. This will not enter into the Taco Bell property. For Taco Bell, you have to come in off the other two streets. The driveway between the Taco Bell and the Tunnell building has been closed in the front.

In the Freddy's parking lot, they currently have a construction POD that blocks a section of the parking lot. If the last parking space in the row near the POD is occupied, you cannot get out of that parking lot without backing up and selecting an alternate route. It was thought that the POD was temporary but if not, was asked if there was anything the city can do.

Discussion regarding as to when the two other sections on the turnpike would be finished. The completion date for the contract is February, which includes moving the traffic signal pole. However, there is a 24-week lead time on the mast arm; so it's thought that they'll clean up the concrete work and then await the pole arrival. This will make the Zaxby's intersection pedestrian accessible 4 ways

They are finishing a sidewalk section from the Donut Palace down to Division street. This puts pedestrian equipment on the Turnpike, hopefully keeping people from attempting to cross mid-block in front of the hospital as they are doing now.

The board could potentially see a request for review for a development on the corner of Lafayette and Illinois. At this time, the access is really bad; this is across from Y12 credit union, in Woodland. It's currently a wooded corner. If that request is made, the access would have to be right in and right out on Lafayette given the current traffic flows and configuration.

4. Additional Business

None at this time.

5. Request for new business items or future briefings

Potential for new light at Rutgers and Wilson.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 810 PM.

The next meeting will be October 16, 2018.

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