

CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 7:00 PM
Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third Street, Newberg

“Mission Statement: To give the citizens of Newberg a forum to voice traffic safety concerns, evaluate related issues, provide a liaison with the City and promote traffic safety within the community.”

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Neal Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Neal Klein, Chairman	Karl Birky, Vice Chair	David Hostetler
	David Venable	Tony Roos	Kari Lawson
	Chris Kelley	Ron Johns	Jeff Grider
Staff Present:	Brian Casey, Police Chief	Mary Newell, Support Services Manager	
	Jason Wuertz, Civil Engineer		

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was deferred.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stanley Halle, chairman of the Bypass Impact Committee, addressed the Traffic Safety Commission regarding safety issues on Wilsonville Road. He indicated the committee had been in an ongoing dialog with ODOT, City of Newberg, City of Wilsonville, Yamhill County, Clackamas County and the West Linn-Wilsonville School District. He is concerned with the recent amendment to the TSP, passed by the City Council on December 13, 2014.

Mr. Halle indicated his major concern was that Wilsonville Road is already an unsafe road, with over 200 driveways, several schools, farms, and which has been the site of several speeding accidents and a large traffic volume. He said Wilsonville Road cannot accommodate the increasing traffic which would be caused by the bypass. Additionally, he indicated ODOT had never done a modeling or survey to establish the impact which would be generated by the bypass.

Mr. Halle submitted copies of correspondence on this topic as part of the record.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Review and approve minutes of April 13, 2015

Motion: Hostetler/Venable to approve the minutes as corrected.

MOTION: Hostetler/Venable to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No/ 0 Abstain)
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VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

Jason Wuertz presented the staff report,

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. TSC-15-0004 / 5TH & Meridian Stop Sign Request

Jason Wuertz, Civil Engineer, presented the staff report, a copy of which is part of the record.

Mr. Wuertz explained that the cost of removal of the trees was significantly more than anticipated, and the neighbor is requesting a 4-way stop. Staff recommended the Traffic Safety Commission rescind the original motion and, instead, approve a four-way stop at 5th and Meridian as it would be significantly less expensive.

Discussion followed, with Wuertz explaining the delay in returning this matter to the Commission. Birky noted that the original engineering solution was not possible, that the 4-way stop does not meet warrants but there is sufficient reason to accept Staff's recommendation.

MOTION: **Birky/Johns** to accept the engineering departments' recommendations to rescind the original motion approved on October 13, 2014, item TSC-14-004 to remove trees and put a stop control east and west on 5th Street at S. Meridian Street. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No/ 0 Abstain)

MOTION: **Birky/Hostetler** to accept the engineering departments' recommendations to install an all-way stop at the intersection of E 5th Street and S Meridian Street. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No/ 0 Abstain)

There will be a 14-day appeal notice sent to residents within 300 feet of the affected intersection.

B. Traffic concerns on South Blaine Street

Chief Brian Casey advised that he has been in contact with both the residents at S Blaine Street, and CPRD who run the skate park.

Jim McMaster, CPRD, provided some history of the area of S Blaine Street, noting there are still ownership questions regarding the street. CPRD has been trying to work with the neighbors. They've installed lights in the park, they paved when neighbors complained about the dust, and installed speed bumps. City put in signage.

Chief Casey indicated that a speed survey indicated that speed was not a problem, but that there are behavioral issues in the park. Improvements could include a caretaker at the park and closing the gate at dusk. He indicated police are often in the area due to activities going on in the parking lot.

Jason Wuertz, indicated the 15-mph speed signs were missed when all other 15-mph signs were removed as they cannot be enforcement, and these will be removed and 25-mph signs will be reinstalled.

Discussion followed regarding the 15-mph signs vs. 25-mph signs, traffic enforcement, and property ownership.

Jason Wuertz confirmed houses are in the city limits, but ownership of the right-of-way is in question and will likely require a decision by a legal authority to sort out, and there is no funding at this time.

Chief Casey reiterated that the City, police and CPRD must work to minimize or solve the problems, and recommended no further action by the Traffic Safety Commission.

ACTION: Chairman Klein said without taking a vote, consensus is to maintain the 15-mph signage. However, there is not much the Traffic Safety Commission can do to assist further.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Engineering – Jason Wuertz provided an update on a couple projects:

- Villa Road Design is underway, with a resolution going to City Council at the next meeting to award the contract. Construction anticipated summer 2016. Villa is a major collector and they hope for sidewalks on both sides.
- Pavement maintenance is going to City Council at the next meeting, with work on the city-owned parking lot slated for late summer and into the fall.

B. Police – Brian Casey reported on recent events:

- Oregon Special Olympics last weekend were very successful, with no major incidents.
- City of Dundee hosted a run which saw 1200 participants.
- Uneventful Tunes on Tuesday and Artwalk last week.
- City still anticipates that ODOT will pull the photo red light in coordination with the bypass reconfiguration.

C. Commissioners.

- Regarding Wilsonville Road, Mayor Andrews indicated that some alternatives will put vehicles onto city streets, but this is an ongoing discussion and will probably end in compromise.
- Mayor Andrews announced the commitment of \$900,000 in funding to finish the Crestview Crossing which fits with the Villa Road configuration.
- Commissioner Ron Johns said his wife, Sergeant Gwen Johns, was awarded the Ken Davis Law Enforcement award in honor of her work with Special Olympics.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Johns/Birky to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this 12th day of October 2015.



Minutes Recorder



Neal S. Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair