

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: October 2, 2019
Members Present: Mr. Waine, Ms. Krieger, Ms. Green and Mr. Whitehead
Staff Present: Lt. Rayburg, Ms. Kostelich, Mr. Haberman

Mr. Waine opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call, Mr. Sloan and Mr. Glock were absent.

Agenda Item 2: Opening Remarks from Chair

Agenda Item 3: Meeting Notes from September 4, 2019.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Agenda Item 4: Request for Traffic Study on Arden Road.

Mr. Haberman, Gateway Engineers, stated a Road Safety Audit was conducted between Beverly Road and Cochran Road to assess conditions with respect to parking, signage, sight distance and traffic control. Mr. Haberman presented improvements to help with traffic conditions along this corridor. The improvements recommended are, the installation of a stop sign on Marlin Drive West at Arden Road and the installation of a stop sign, along with a "Traffic From Left Does Not Stop" plaque on Marlin Drive East at Arden Road, and a stop sign, "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" on the westbound Arden Road approach to Marlin Drive East. Also recommended are the installation of a Speed Limit sign (25mph) on southern side of Arden Road 75 feet from Cochran Road and on the northern side of Arden Road, 100 feet from Beverly Road to identify the legal speed limit on Arden Road.

Mr. Haberman reported that volume and speed data were collected at two locations, recommended by residents, using the Automatic Traffic Recorders. Crash data was also collected. Based on the data collected, Arden Road meets the NTMP criteria for traffic calming on the section of Arden Road between Cochran Road and Overlook Drive.

Mr. Joe Harris, 421 Arden Road, stated he did not agree with the results regarding speed. He stated the stop sign on Marlin Drive West will not help with volume or speed on Arden Road.

Ms. Christie Keeling, 214 Arden Road, asked if there would be further discussion regarding the area of Beverly to Overlook and requested that the entire length of Arden Road be considered.

Mr. Robert Kerlik, 461 Arden Road, agreed that the entire length of Arden should be addressed and he did not agree with results of the study, he feels that the speeds are much higher.

Ms. Holly Smith, 148 Marlin Drive East, suggested stop signs at the intersections on Arden Road to help slow down traffic.

Mr. Tom Pasternak, 287 Arden Road, did not agree with the results of the speed study. He stated that the problem is volume, he suggested right turn restrictions off of Arden Road.

Ms. Elizabeth Hurley, 210 Arden Road, stated she has seen multiple accidents and had a vehicle crash into her house. She spoke regarding the speed of vehicles coming off of Beverly Road onto Arden Road.

Mr. Mark MacWhinney, 134 Marlin Drive West, stated this is a quality of life issue, especially for families with young children. He spoke regarding volume and speed and requested anything to reduce the speed and volume.

Mr. Aaron Steinfeld, 250 Arden Road, spoke regarding the cut through traffic being the main concern. He suggested possibly eliminating the left turn off of Arden Road onto Beverly Road. He agreed the entire length of Arden should be addressed

Mr. Dan Alwine, 386 Arden Road, agreed the entire length of Arden should be addressed. He suggested pavement markings, move stop bars at the stop signs on Arden Road and increased police enforcement. He felt the speed study was too close to McCann Place.

Ms. Jacqueline Smith, 133 Marlin Drive West, stated that vehicles make wide turns from Arden onto Marlin Drive West. Vehicles roll through the stop sign on McCann at Arden. She stated she spoke with the crossing guard at Overlook and was told it is the worst intersection he has covered.

Mr. Haberman stated that the installation of stop signs is limited by the vehicle code and they can not be installed for traffic control. Regarding speed and volume data, he stated data has been collected in different areas and using different methods and the results were still the same. Mr. Haberman agrees there is a volume problem but the vehicle speeds do not meet the criteria. After hearing from residents, he agreed there may be some merit in looking at Arden Road from Beverly to Cochran.

A motion was made to recommend the installation of signage as recommended by Gateway Engineers. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to move forward with Traffic Calming measures on Arden Road from Beverly Road to Cochran Road. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A neighborhood meeting will be schedule in the future with residents of Arden Road.

Agenda Item 5: Request for Traffic Study on Edward Avenue.

Mr. Haberman, Gateway Engineers, stated a Road Safety Audit was conducted on Edward Avenue to assess conditions with respect to on street parking, signage, and intersection traffic control. Based on the results of the study, Gateway Engineers does not recommend additional signage or restrictions.

Mr. Carmine Bellini, 400 Edward Avenue, stated there is too much traffic on Edward, Kenmont and N. Meadowcroft. He suggested allowing parking on both sides of N. Meadowcroft and Kenmont and turn restrictions. He also spoke regarding the number of commercial vehicles and school buses using these streets.

Mr. Philip Mutunga, 205 Edward Avenue, agreed with Mr. Bellini and requested any safety improvements in the area.

Ms Susan Hausman, 200 Buchanan Place suggested increased enforcement and use of an empty police vehicle with a mannequin.

No further action was taken.

Mr. Haberman stated that all of the suggestions are Traffic Calming measures and the data collected does not meet the criteria to move forward.

Lt. Rayburg stated that turn restrictions would only push vehicles onto other streets.

Agenda Item 6: Request for Traffic Calming on Seneca Drive Near James Place.

Mr. Haberman stated the MLPD Traffic Unit collected speed and volume data in this area and it did not meet the criteria to move further with traffic calming. No one was present to speak on this issue. No further action was taken.

New Business:

Agenda Item 7: Request for Lane Markings on Segar Road at Approach to Bower Hill Road.

Mr. Haberman stated there was recently construction and utility work in this area and once the roadway is repaved the markings will be replaced. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 8: Request to Evaluate Signal Timings and Lane Configuration at the Intersection of Cedar Boulevard and Morgan Drive / Greenhurst Drive.

Mr. Haberman stated that during peak school hours, traffic on Morgan Drive, approaching Cedar Blvd. backs up considerably. Gateway conducted a field visit and found that due to the left lane being a left / through signal it could be changed to left turn only and the right lane be changed to a right / through. Gateway will conduct traffic counts to analyze peak conditions to determine if changes are warranted. Mr. Haberman will report his findings at the November meeting. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 9: Request for Parking Restrictions on Castle Shannon Blvd. At Cornell Place.

Ms. Joy Wisner, spoke regarding the sight distance at the intersection of Cornell Place and Castle Shannon Blvd. She stated that during school days cars are parked too close to the intersection making it difficult to see when exiting Cornell Place. She requested parking restrictions near the intersection.

Lt. Rayburg agreed that there was an issue at the intersection.

A motion was made to recommend Gateway Engineers conduct a field study of the intersection. Mr. Haberman will present his findings at the November meeting. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 9: Items from the Floor

Mr. Carmine Bellini, 400 Edward Avenue requested to be placed on the November agenda to request parking on both sides of N. Meadowcroft Avenue and Kenmont Avenue.

No additional items. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

c. All Attendees
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