

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: September 7, 2022

Members Present: Ms. Cole, Mr. Glock, Mr. Sloan, Ms. Green and Ms. Gates

Staff Present: Lt. Green, Mr. Haberman

Mr. Sloan opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call, Mr. Waine and Ms. Krieger were absent.

Agenda Item 2: Opening Remarks from the Chair

Agenda Item 3: Meeting Notes from June 1, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Agenda Item 4: Request for Vibrotactile APS Pedestrian Systems Along Washington Road.

Mr. Adam Drake, 664 Florida Avenue, stated that he is hearing and sight impaired. He moved to Mt. Lebanon 6 months ago and he frequently walks on Washington Road and finds it difficult to cross the street. Mr. Drake requested that Vibrotactile APS Systems be installed at the intersections along Washington Road. He requested that Washington Road at Cochran Road and Washington Road at Cedar Blvd. be a priority.

Mr. Haberman explained that the Vibrotactile System is a push button system that gives an audible signal and has tactile arrows that vibrate during the walk interval. He stated that the 7 signals along Washington Road are not currently equipped with this type of equipment. Mr. Haberman advised the board that there are grants available, one is open in September and the "Green Light Go" grant in December.

Mr. Drake also stated there is Federal ADA money available.

Ms. Green made a motion to recommend the approval of the installation of the Vibrotactile APS Systems along Washington Road, with Washington at Cochran and Washington at Cedar Blvd being prioritized and also apply for any grants that may be available to help cover the cost of the devices. Ms. Cole seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Request for Crosswalk Advisory Signs on Castle Shannon Blvd. at Shady East and Additional Speed Limit Signs on Castle Shannon Blvd Between Scott Road and Shady East.

Mr. Haberman reported that Gateway Engineers reviewed the conditions along Castle Shannon Blvd and at the intersection of Shady Drive East. Based on their findings Gateway recommended the installation of 3 additional 25mph speed limit signs on Castle Shannon Blvd. One west bound approximately 100 feet west of Scott Road, one east bound approximately 100 feet east of Barth Avenue and one east bound approximately 100 feet east of Hilf Street. At the intersection of Shady Drive East, Mr. Haberman recommended the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing sign with a diagonal arrow on the northeast corner of the intersection facing westbound traffic and a Pedestrian Crossing sign and diagonal arrow on the northwest corner of the intersection facing westbound traffic to identify the crossings.

Ms. Cole made a motion to recommend approval of the additional signage as presented by Gateway Engineers. Ms. Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Request to Remove Parking Spot by Driveway of 778 Washington Road Due to Sight Distance.

Mr. Sloan stated that it is not Traffic Board policy to review requests related to access and sight distance concerns regarding private driveways. Any request to eliminate parking on Washington Road should be directed to the Parking Facilities Board or the Mt. Lebanon Commissioners. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 7: Request for Illuminated Crosswalk at Beverly Road and Parker Drive.

Mr. Haberman stated that Gateway Engineers conducted a field review at this intersection. Currently, crosswalks exist at this intersection across all four approaches and were recently repainted. There are also a Pedestrian Crossing and Yield to Pedestrian signs on the Northbound approach to the intersection. Mr. Haberman stated that the illuminated signs that were requested required a signal permit from PennDot because they are considered a traffic signal. Installation is justified based on crash data, volume and pedestrian volumes and after a review he did not feel any of those issues would warrant this type of device. Mr. Haberman did recommend replacing the parallel line style crosswalk with a piano key style and install a Pedestrian Crossing sign with diagonal arrow on the northwest corner facing the southbound approach.

Ms. Green made a motion to recommend approval of painting new crosswalks and installing signage at the intersection of Beverly Road and Parker Drive. Motion was seconded by Ms. Cole and was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8: Request for 4-Way Stop at Crystal Drive and Broadmoor Avenue.

Mr. Haberman stated that Gateway Engineers performed field measurements at this intersection to determine if sight lines were deficient for both approaches on Crystal Drive. Results indicated that the available sight distance is adequate looking both left and right. Mr. Haberman stated that volume data was not collected due to school not being in session but based on previous studies in the area he did not believe the traffic volume would warrant an all way stop due to the volume counts needing to be met over an 8-hour period. He advised that if the Board recommended collection of volume data, Gateway would do so. No further action was taken.

New Business:

Agenda Item 9: Request to Review Parking Signage on Pennsylvania Blvd.

No one was in attendance to discuss this item. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 10: Request for Improvements to Crosswalk on Salem Drive at Cedar Blvd.

Mr. Rich Zahern, 515 Salem Drive, spoke regarding accidents and near misses with pedestrians. He stated that this is a major crosswalk for the schools and the parks and is very dangerous. He requested more visibility and safety measures at the intersection.

Mr. Paul Nowatzki, 469 Willow Drive stated his son was struck by a vehicle while crossing at the intersection on his bike. He feels that speed is an issue and would like to hear of options to slow traffic down.

Ms. Terry Kenkel, 807 Academy Avenue stated she frequently uses this crosswalk to access the tennis courts and drivers do not slow down for pedestrians. She stated she has had many close calls with vehicles when crossing the road. She requested making the crossing more visible to drivers.

A resident from Beadling Road spoke regarding the speed of vehicles and the safety of pedestrians when crossing.

Mr. James Kendle, 807 Academy Avenue stated he has witnessed 25-30 accidents at the intersection since he has lived on Academy and most were during the summer months. He requested additional safety measures at the intersection.

Ms. Becky Zahren, 515 Salem Drive requested that flashing crosswalk lights be considered at the crosswalk.

Board members requested that Mr. Haberman conduct a field review at the intersection. Mr. Haberman stated they will collect data using video. His findings will be reported to the board at the October meeting.

Agenda Item 11: Request for Stop Sign on Salem Drive at Academy Place.

No one was in attendance to discuss this item. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 12: Request for Pavement Markings on Lindendale Drive between Gladds Drive and Kurt Drive.

Commissioner Silverman stated that he received this request from a resident. This item was tabled until the person making the request can attend a meeting to present their request.

Agenda Item 13: Request for Traffic Safety Measures on Connor Road at Marshall Drive.

Ms Charlton, Marshall Drive spoke regarding sight distance at the intersection of Connor Road at Marshall Drive.

Mr. Haberman stated that PennDot conducted a study in 2020 at the intersection, and it did not meet the criteria for a traffic signal.

Mr. Charlton, Marshal Drive spoke regarding the vegetation at the intersection. He requested that it be cut back.

Mr. Haberman will review the intersection and advise Code Enforcement if the vegetation is causing sight distance issues.

Agenda Item 14: - Items from the Floor.

Mr. Adam Drake requested that the potholes at the intersection of Cedar Blvd and Florida Avenue be repaired. Commissioner Silverman stated that request should be directed to Public Works.

No additional items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

c. All Attendees
K. McGill
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