

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, May 13, 2015 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Tim Brandstetter
David Easterbrook
Richard Kilmer
Al Petrulis
Pete Ziegenfelder
Katie Regan (Student Representative)

Absent: Cynthia Wilsher

Also present: Matt Jansen, Principal, Wass Elementary
Ofc. Gail Jasak, Police Department
Lee Watkins, 2653 London
Nancy Gierak-Taggart, 4586 Butler
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – April 15, 2015

Resolution # 2015-05-21
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Brandstetter

To approve the April 15, 2015 minutes as printed.

Yes: Brandstetter, Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Wilsher

MOTION CARRIED**REGULAR BUSINESS****3. Request for No Parking Zone – Wass Elementary – Willard and English**

Gail Jasak, Troy Police School Resource Officer and Principal Matt Jansen requested that No Parking zones be established on Willard and English near Wass Elementary to provide better visibility for safeties to safely cross students and parents at the intersection. It is an extremely high traffic intersection with very close proximity to the school. A temporary traffic control order (TCO) was issued on March 30, 2015 and signs were installed on April 1, 2015. The temporary TCO is valid for 90 days or until replaced by a permanent TCO.

Traffic Engineering received three (3) emails prior to the meeting supporting the No Parking zone.

Principal Matt Jansen attended the meeting and discussed the situation at the intersection. The No Parking zone that has been created provides much better visibility at the intersection for K-5 students that attend the school as well as bikers in the area and for the school safeties. The intersection was waiting for a potential disaster. The signage has created a clear view at the intersection. There was one close call this year between a student and a vehicle before the signs were installed. There have been other close calls in the past. Troy Schools sent out email notices to all of their parents notifying them of the change and, for the most part, parents have been obeying the new signs. Mr. Jansen reiterated that the revised No Parking zone provides students and the community a safer intersection.

Officer Gail Jasak has observed the intersection many times. She stated that the intersection is very congested with parked cars and poor visibility for drivers, students and safeties. She agrees that the signs have done a good job of creating a safer environment for the students.

Mr. Kilmer asked about extending the No Parking zone to 5426 English to the south and to 2669 Willard to the east.

Mr. Brandstetter asked if the current signage was working. Principal Jansen and Officer Jasak both agreed that the current No Parking zone is sufficient and is working as intended.

Resolution # 2015-05-22

Moved by Brandstetter

Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that a No Stopping, Standing, Parking zone be created from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, school days only, near Wass Elementary at:

- a. Willard, south side, English to the west property line of #5443
- b. English, east side, Willard to the south property line of #5442

Yes: Brandstetter, Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Wilsher

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Traffic Control – London at Butler

Kim Ethridge of 2460 Terova states that the existing traffic control at the intersection of London at Butler is not adequate to assign right-of-way. Ms. Ethridge reports that the traffic control at the intersection creates a potentially hazardous condition.

Lee Watkins of 2653 London was in attendance at the meeting and supports Stop signs at the intersection. She stated that this has been an issue for some time and especially a problem during school dismissal time due to the parents that park near the intersection to pick up children. The existing Yield sign does not provide adequate right-of-way control at the intersection. Traffic is primarily going east on London to north on Butler and south on Butler to west on London.

Nancy Gierak-Taggart of 4586 Butler was also in attendance at the meeting and supports Stop signs at the intersection. Ms. Taggart stated that drivers going southbound on Butler to westbound on London do not yield at the intersection and it is a huge problem. She continued that many drivers just roll through the intersection without yielding or stopping. She agreed that parking in the area contributes to the issue but believes that Stop signs will address the larger issue of assigning right-of-way at the intersection.

Mr. Ziegenfelder supports Stop signs over Yield signs in all instances.

Mr. Brandstetter discussed the unique geometric character of the intersection as London ends to the east in a cul-de-sac and Butler ends to the south as a dead end. It is not apparent which is the continuing street and which should yield the right-of-way contributing to driver confusion at the intersection. Mr. Brandstetter continued that a 4-Way Stop controlled intersection would provide the necessary information to drivers in this instance. He noted that the southbound Butler to westbound London and eastbound London to northbound Butler movements are especially heavy.

Mr. Petrulis agreed that a 4-Way Stop controlled intersection would clarify right-of-way at this intersection.

Mr. Kilmer asked about the curve on southbound Butler just north of the intersection and visibility of a Stop sign at the intersection.

Mr. Brandstetter responded that a Stop sign would be easily visible to drivers moving at the posted speed limit.

Resolution # 2015-05-23

Moved by Brandstetter

Seconded by Easterbrook

RESOLVED, that the intersection of London at Butler be modified from an existing YIELD sign on Butler to ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of London at Butler.

Yes: Brandstetter, Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Wilsher

MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment provided at the meeting.

6. Other Business

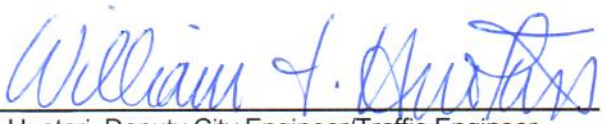
There was no other business addressed at the meeting.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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