

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, September 18, 2019 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: Don Johnson
Richard Kilmer
Cindy Nurak
Al Petrulis
Sunil Sivaraman
Cynthia Wilsher
Pete Ziegenfelder
Alankar Shende, Student Representative

Also present: Dan Mistura, 924 Banmoor
Rosetta Mistura, 924 Banmoor
Jim Heidt, 321 Hickory
Justin Kellow, 416 E. Lovell
Mohammed Malik, 268 Hickory
Sgt. Justin Novak, Police Department
Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – July 17, 2019

Resolution # 2019-09-16
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Sivaraman

To approve the minutes as printed.

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. No Public Hearings

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Request for Traffic Control – Banmoor Drive at Emerson Drive

Dan Mistura of 924 Banmoor states that the lack of traffic control at the intersection of Banmoor Drive at Emerson Drive creates a hazardous condition.

Mr. Mistura was in attendance at the meeting and stated that many times cars pull out without stopping for oncoming traffic. It is only about 70 yards from Crooks to Emerson and a bush obstructs visibility at the intersection. There is a truck that is frequently parked (legally) between 994 and 980 Banmoor which forces vehicles out and around.

Mr. Sivaraman asked about bus stops in this area. The intersection is the bus stop for Bemis Elementary.

Mr. Ziegenfelder stated that he supports traffic control signs at all intersections.

Mr. Petrulis stated that OHM recommended that a Stop sign be placed on the Emerson Drive approach to the intersection. He further agreed that Emerson is very close to Crooks and for eastbound Banmoor traffic, Emerson comes up on you very quickly.

Resolution # 2019-09-17

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Sivaraman

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Banmoor Drive at Emerson Drive be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to a STOP sign on the Emerson Drive approach to the intersection.

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Traffic Control – Jamaica Drive at Key West Drive

Rick Swanquist of 1301 Key West submitted an email on September 5, 2019 (after the agenda had already been posted) requesting that the item be removed from the agenda as he was satisfied with the findings of the study and did not want to pursue the request.

The item was withdrawn from the agenda and no action was taken.

6. Request for Traffic Control – Lovell Drive at Montclair Drive

Leah Kellow of 416 E. Lovell states that the existing YIELD signs on Lovell Drive do not cause traffic to yield the right-of-way or stop at the intersection with Montclair Drive, creating a hazardous condition.

Justin Kellow of 416 E. Lovell was in attendance at the meeting and stated that there are no sidewalks in the area and many residents use the roads to walk on, ride bikes, roller blade, etc. Lovell is a cut-through route between Livernois and Rochester and traffic has increased along with the speed of traffic. His mailbox has been hit and he has reminded drivers to slow down when he or his family are in or near the road. There is a big bush on the corner and Montclair curves as it approaches the intersection which reduce visibility at the intersection. He supports ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection.

Traffic Engineering received emails from Elizabeth Williams at 561 E. Lovell and Dave Meinhard of 550 E. Lovell along with one phone call from Orazio Vettraino of 6748 Montclair in support of ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection.

Mr. Sivaraman asked if there are any bus stops in this area. Bus stop locations were not known.

Mr. Petrulis discussed replacing the existing Yield signs with Stop signs.

Mr. Johnson stated that all of the neighbors who attended the meeting and/or contacted Traffic Engineering support ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection.

Resolution # 2019-09-18

Moved by Sivaraman

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Lovell Drive at Montclair Drive be **MODIFIED** from YIELD signs on the Lovell Drive approaches to ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection of Lovell Drive at Montclair Drive.

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. Request for Traffic Control – Plum Drive at Hickory Drive

Traffic Committee member Richard Kilmer of 62 Hickory requested at the July 17, 2019 Traffic Committee meeting that the intersection of Plum Drive at Hickory Drive be reviewed for purposes of an ALL-WAY STOP. Mr. Kilmer states that STOP signs on the Plum Drive approaches only do not provide adequate traffic control at the intersection.

Jim Heidt of 321 Hickory was in attendance at the meeting and has lived in this area for 44 years. He stated that traffic has increased exponentially over that time and Hickory is used as a cut-through. Troy Police have sat in his driveway over the years. Livernois traffic has increased and will only become heavier with the apartment complexes being built north and south of Maple Road. Starr at Plum and Cherry at Hartshorn were recently revised to have Stop signs and traffic has been using Plum and Hickory to avoid those stop signs.

Mr. Heidt continued that Morris Elementary is now an international school so morning arrival and evening dismissal has created more traffic as more students are dropped off and picked up by their parents. There are no stop signs on Hickory. Many new families have moved in so there are many new children in the area. Traffic is very heavy in the AM and PM peak hours. Mr. Heidt supports ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection.

Mohammed Malik of 268 supported the statements made by Mr. Heidt and also supports ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection. Mr. Malik reiterated that traffic has increased significantly and especially during the AM and PM peak hours. There are no stop signs on Hickory.

Mr. Kilmer has lived in this area since 1969 and agrees that traffic has increased significantly and vehicles drive fast to avoid backups on Livernois and Maple. There are a lot of pedestrians that use the roads as there are no sidewalks in the area. He supports ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection.

Mr. Petrulis stated that this is one of the most chaotic areas of the city he has observed during the PM peak hour. With all the construction and extra traffic it is difficult to drive through this area.

Ms. Wilsher is very familiar with this area as she drives it daily to and from her home on Maple Road. She agrees that ALL-WAY STOP is needed at this intersection.

Resolution # 2019-09-19

Moved by Sivaraman

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Plum Drive at Hickory Drive be **MODIFIED** from STOP signs on the Plum Drive approaches to ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Plum Drive at Hickory Drive

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment at the meeting.

9. Other Business

Ms. Wilsher provided information to Sgt. Novak regarding a parking concern in the Redwood/Wacon/Jamaica/Kenyon area. Sgt. Novak will review the concern and report back.

Mr. Kilmer reported that the arrow board on northbound Livernois for the lane closure, south of I75, does not work during the early morning hours, between 5:00 AM and 5:30 AM. Traffic Engineering will contact MDOT for their review.

Sgt. Justin Novak was introduced as the police liaison to the Traffic Committee.

Alankar Shende was introduced as the student representative to the Traffic Committee.

Discussion of a previous recommendation at Alfred Drive at Edith Street was brought forth as information as the resident originally wanted the Traffic Committee to reconsider their recommendation but ultimately withdrew the request.

Traffic Engineering reported that I75 would be closed this weekend from I696 to Square Lake

for bridge demolition and repair work on the existing pavement.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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