

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in the Council Boardroom at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Richard Kilmer
Cindy Nurak
Sunil Sivaraman
Abi Swaminathan
Cynthia Wilsher
Pete Ziegenfelder
Tyler Koralewski, Student Representative

Absent: Al Petrulis

Also present: Sgt. Brian Warzecha, Police Department
Ofc. Gail Parra, Police Department
Lt. Chuck Roberts, Fire Department
Hafsa Usman 2450 Avalon
Divya Jha 2952 Ashbury
Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – March 16, 2022

Resolution # 2022-04-06

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Wilsher

To approve the March 16, 2022 minutes as printed.

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Sivaraman, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Petrulis

MOTION CARRIED**PUBLIC HEARINGS****3. No Public Hearings****REGULAR BUSINESS****4. Request for Signage – Wattles Elementary School**

At the October 20, 2021, the Traffic Committee recommended and City Council ultimately approved that a NO PARKING ZONE be posted for the west side of Ellenboro Avenue, between Trombley and Colebrook Avenue, from 8AM – 9AM and 3PM – 4PM, school days

only.

Since that time, Troy Police have continued to patrol and look for ways to improve the situation around Wattles Elementary.

Troy Police Officer G. Parra was assigned to assess traffic issues around Wattles Elementary School. Officer Parra has identified two internal processes Troy Police Department can continue to provide to help mitigate the issue:

- Traffic Safety Unit to provide intermittent enforcement.
- SROs/ School employees occasionally sending out reminders to parents/ families of Crossing Guard etiquette. Mary does an excellent job and tries her hardest, although 10% of the drivers do not listen or aren't paying attention to her.

Officer Parra has also identified and documented three signage and lane marking suggestions to implement:

1. Crosswalks and stop bars need to be repainted for the safety of pedestrians and so drivers can clearly see where their vehicles should or shouldn't be stopping/ standing/ parking.
2. Place a "DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY" sign at 525 Colebrook and 554 Ellenboro. While at the school I was made aware of this consistent issue from these residents.
3. Add a sign stating "NO STOPPING/STANDING/PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER" on the existing NO PARKING sign post on the east side of Ellenboro, north of Colebrook. A major problem and concern of the Wattles Crossing Guard is that she has parents blocking this corner while they are waiting (standing) to pick their children up from school. It also poses a problem for buses trying to turn left (south to east) coming from the school.

Item #1 is a maintenance item and will be addressed by DPW as weather allows.

Item #2 and Item #3 require review by the Traffic Committee.

As noted by Officer Parra, the street was never designed for the amount of traffic now caused by the elementary school. This is not unlike similar traffic issues that we have seen popup around schools built within dense residential areas in our city and others around us. It is unlikely we will be able to completely solve these traffic issues through any amount of enforcement or signage but we can, and should, ensure we are doing our part to mitigate them as best as possible, which we will continue to do.

One (1) email was received in support of the recommended measures.

Officer Parra was in attendance at the meeting and spent a week in this area reviewing traffic operations. There is heavy traffic during arrival and dismissal times. Driveways are blocked during these times with parents waiting to get into the school parking lot area to drop off or pick up students. Parents will also block the cross walk while waiting to pick up their student(s). There is a crossing guard, but she also has difficulties dealing with the traffic. Arrival and dismissal last about 10 minutes and the majority of the day the area operates

well. She did talk with several residents in the area when she was on site and discussed concerns and options that may help mitigate issues in the area.

Mr. Kilmer agreed with the officer. He has been out to the site as well and observed many children and parents walking. There are no sidewalks in this area.

Mr. Sivaraman has talked to residents in this area to discuss their concerns about traffic.

Resolution # 2022-04-07

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that a “DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY” sign be placed at 525 Colebrook and 554 Ellenboro and a “NO STOPPING/STANDING/PARKING HERE TO CORNER” sign be placed on the existing NO PARKING sign post on the east side of Ellenboro, north of Colebrook.

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Sivaraman, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Petrulis

MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Traffic Control – Avalon Drive at Cedar Crest Drive

Hafsa Usman of 2450 Avalon requests that the intersection of Avalon Drive at Cedar Crest Drive be reviewed for purposes of traffic control at the intersection. He stated that the lack of traffic control signage creates a hazardous situation for drivers and pedestrians.

One (1) email was received in support of traffic control at the intersection.

Ms. Usman was in attendance at the meeting at discussed that this is a dangerous intersection. There is no signage at the intersection. There are a lot of kids in the neighborhood who walk on the streets. This area also has school bus stops. It is near the entrance to Beaver Trail subdivision. There is limited visibility at the intersection due to the houses and especially when cars are parked in the driveway at the houses on the corner.

Divya Jha of 2952 Ashbury was also in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Jha supported the statements made. She reiterated that there are a lot of children walking on the road in the Avalon area. There are two school bus stops in the immediate area. Cars do not yield the right-of-way at the intersection and signs would help.

Mr. Kilmer made a motion for All-Way Stop that did not receive support.

Mr. Ziegenfelder added that he supports traffic control signs at an intersection and his preference is Stop signs.

Ms. Nurak stated that All-Way Stop at this intersection could create ambiguity. She stated that

a Yield sign would be appropriate as there is good visibility at this intersection.

Ofc. Parra discussed Stop vs Yield signs.

Mr. Ziegenfelder lives in the immediate area and believes that there should be signage at all intersections to assign right-of-way.

Resolution # 2022-04-08

Moved by Sivaraman

Seconded by Swaminathan

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Avalon Drive at Cedar Crest Drive be **MODIFIED** from NO traffic control to a STOP sign on the Cedar Crest Drive approach to the intersection.

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Sivaraman, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Petrulis

MOTION CARRIED

6. Public Comment

There was no further public comment at the meeting.

7. Other Business

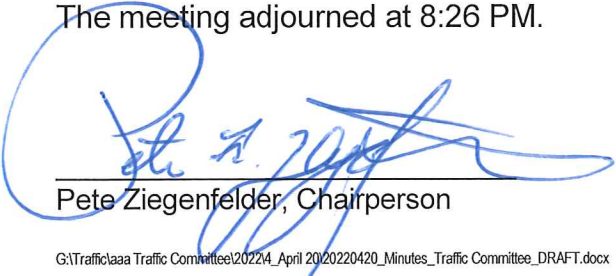
Mr. Kilmer discussed concerns about left turns from northbound Livernois to Town Center. Traffic Engineering will discuss with RCOC regarding future plans for traffic signal modernization.

Ms. Wilsher stated that the new Stop signs on Hickory have helped traffic in this area.

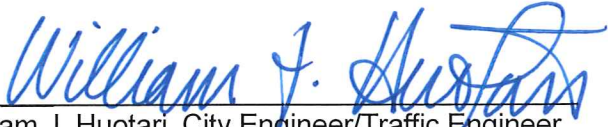
A general discussion regarding traffic and upcoming construction ensued.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



William J. Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer