

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, November 16, 2022 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: Shama Kenkre
Cindy Nurak
Al Petrusis
Cynthia Wilsher
Pete Ziegenfelder

Absent: Richard Kilmer
Tyler Koralewski, Student Representative
Abi Swaminathan

Also present: G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer
Lt. Chuck Roberts, Fire Department
Sgt. Brian Warzecha, Police Department
Merissa Clark, Administrative Assistant
Sean Force, 3419 Paddington
Stephanie Force, 3419 Paddington
Eve Marston, 3416 Wendover

2. Minutes – September 21, 2022

Resolution # 2022-11-21
Moved by Wilsher
Seconded by Petrusis

To approve the September 21, 2022 minutes as printed.

Yes: Kenkre, Nurak, Petrusis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Kilmer, Swaminathan

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. No Public Hearings

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Request for Traffic Control – Paddington at Wendover

Eve Marston of 3416 Wendover requests that the intersection of Paddington Drive at Wendover Street be reviewed for purposes of replacing the existing YIELD sign with a STOP sign on the Wendover Street approach to the intersection. She stated that the existing Yield sign does not stop traffic or slow vehicles at the intersection. This creates a hazardous situation for drivers and pedestrians. She has indicated that there are three new families on the other corners of the intersection with young children.

Traffic Engineering received four (4) emails in support of changing the Traffic Control, as follows:

Hello,

I'm writing from 3393 Paddington Dr. The actual corner house on Paddington and Wendover. We have two young boys that love to play in the street and would highly benefit from the yield sign being switched to a full stop. Cars drive very fast up Wendover Rd and a stop sign would definitely be one way to prevent any accidents from happening. I am not sure if a full 4 way stop would be considered...but that would be another step towards preventing any tragedies.

Thank you so much for your consideration, we, as a neighborhood, all are very much looking forward to this stop sign,

Danielle Rothery

Hello,

I am writing in favor of the stop sign request at Paddington Dr at Wendover Street.

Please let me know if there is any other information you need.

Holly Patrick

3376 Paddington Dr

address-3463 paddington, 48084

thank you for the notification regarding changing the sign to a 2 way stop.

Although a stop sign will be annoying when traveling east on Wendover, traffic heading west does not consistently yield to Paddington traffic, so probably safest to replace 2 yields with 2 stops.

please also additionally consider a "cross traffic does not stop" yellow rectangle on the westbound wendover side. this is the traffic most likely to ignore the yield, endangering kids playing and biking.

thx, michelle lakocy

My daughter and my four and five-year-old grandsons live at this intersection. A stop sign is very much needed to slow down the traffic. There are many children that live in this area

and by placing a new stop sign could prevent an accident. Please consider that this is a necessary request. Thank you, Joan Duhaime

Stephanie Force of 3419 Paddington is in support of the stop sign(s) being installed to help slow down the heavy traffic flow. Just at this corner there are 6 children under the age of 7. The yield sign is ignored and there have been lots of close calls/near misses from cars coming down Wendover and not slowing down. She is worried for the children's safety.

Eve Marston of 3416 Wendover stated that Wendover is used as a drive-thru to Caswell, and people use it to miss the light at Big Beaver and Adams. They are constantly speeding and do not slow down. She started paying closer attention to the thru traffic after witnessing a few kids almost getting hit by a car at Wendover and Paddington, and she kept watching more after that. While paying closer attention she states that none of the traffic slows down when heading down Wendover until they hit Newgate.

Al Petrusis asked for clarification on what signs would be modified he lives in this neighborhood and uses these roads and sees that it is very well traveled. Al's concern is that past data shows that a Stop sign will not slow traffic down, and it doesn't mean people will stop. It could potentially be more dangerous because it's a wide intersection and they can see it's clear as they approach the intersection so speeding won't slow down.

Pete Ziegenfelder states often stop signs do not fix speeding but that he is also in favor of stop signs over yield signs, stop signs remove the ambiguity.

Sgt. Brian Warzecha stated he is in favor, but wants to the residents to know it could cause more frustration because speeding/not stopping may continue, and the police won't always be there. In the past, after a new stop sign has been added we will go out and work it but majority of the people pulled over are residents, who ironically supported the sign being put in.

Eve Marston asked what the downside is to having the stop sign installed.

Pete Ziegenfelder states that people may ignore it, and speeds may increase between stop signs.

Eve Marston asked if the amount of cars would change.

Sgt. Brian Warzecha stated it won't change because it's a habit people have cutting thru that area.

Stephanie Force stated she think's it'll help because people will at least slow down.

Al Petrusis added that Paddington traffic doesn't see traffic from Wendover.

Pete Ziegenfelder added that there have not been any crashes within 5 years.

Cynthia Wilsher asked if a 4-way Stop Sign would be better.

Sgt. Brian Warzecha stated that it would just frustrate people.

Al Petrusis states that the yield sign is adequate but with the amount of support it has gotten, he will move it forward to be motioned.

Resolution # 2022-11-22

Moved by Petrusis

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Paddington Drive at Wendover Street be **MODIFIED** from YIELD control on the Paddington Drive approach to STOP control on the Wendover Street approach to intersection.

Yes: Kenkre, Nurak, Petrusis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Kilmer, Swaminathan

MOTION CARRIED

5. 2023 Traffic Committee Meeting Schedule

According to the City of Troy Traffic Committee By-Laws, Article IV – Meetings:

“Regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan.”

There are no other by-laws or procedures that establish the actual dates of the meetings, but an annual calendar of meetings is published by the City so meeting dates need to be set for this purpose.

Resolution # 2021-11-23

Moved by Ziegenfelder

Seconded by Nurak

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee SHALL HOLD Regular Meetings in 2023 according to the following schedule at 7:30 PM:

- Wednesday, January 18
- Wednesday, February 15
- Wednesday, March 15
- Wednesday, April 19
- Wednesday, May 17
- Wednesday, June 21
- Wednesday, July 19
- August – NO MEETING
- Wednesday, September 20
- Wednesday, October 18

- Wednesday, November 15
- December – NO MEETING

Yes: Kenkre, Nurak, Petrusis, Wilsher, Zigenfelder
No: None
Absent: Kilmer, Swaminathan

MOTION CARRIED

6. Establish Fire Lanes at 177 Wilshire Drive

The Michigan Vehicle Code and Section 503 of the International Fire Code (2015), provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police and medical). The property owner has already complied with this requirement and has posted the appropriate signs delineating the required fire lane.

Lt. Chuck Roberts shows us on a GIS map the purposed fire lane, and he explained that a fire truck would not have the clearance to safely use the bucket ladder, let alone let anymore emergency vehicles past the truck because of the cars being parked in this area. The Police Department has been writing tickets, and the property management company is going to hire a tow company to post signs.

Sgt. Brian Warzecha stated they have written countless tickets, but that the court does not have recourse so the tenants are not paying the parking tickets. The Police Department is unable to request the vehicles to be towed since it is on private property but the property management company is working on getting the signs posted so they can have cars towed away in the future.

Cynthia Wilsher agreed that towing will help.

Cindy Nurak agreed as well.

Pete Ziegenfelder asked for a motion and moved to pass.

Resolution # 2022-11-24
Moved by Ziegenfelder
Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the fire lanes be **APPROVED** at 177 Wilshire.

Yes: Kenkre, Nurak, Petrusis, Wilsher, Zigenfelder
No: None
Absent: Kilmer, Swaminathan

7. Public Comment

There was no further public comment at the meeting.

8. Other Business

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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