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November 19, 2008

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Karen Tingle-Sames

**FROM:** Barry Brock, Chairman – Traffic Committee  
Eric W. Larson, City Engineer

**RE:** Minutes and Recommendations – Traffic Committee Meeting November 18, 2008

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**Present:**

Eric W. Larson  
Mike Sapp  
Barry Brock  
Scott Jarvis  
Ben Krebs  
Jarrod Stanley  
Brian Shorkey  
Bernie Harris  
Helen Mitchell  
Lee M. Harris  
Ed Saker  
David Lusby

- 1) Minutes of October 1 2008 approved. Mike Sapp - motion, Scott Jarvis - second – approved.
- 2) Barry Brock, chairman, welcomed guests. Barry welcomed Jarrod Stanley, KyTC D7 traffic engineer.
- 3) Traffic signal phasing US 25 @ Showalter  
Resident requested protected left turn phase. Eric has referred this to the State. Jarrod states counts pending. To be done by a consultant. Last counts, 2002, did not justify left turn phasing, however new counts will revisit need. Will take about two months to get counts, about 4 months after to implement change. No action at this time.



- 4) US 62-Bypass to I-64 speed limit  
Chief Reeves had asked why it is posted 45 mph. Jarrod Stanley, KYTC, states the 45 mph zone was temporary during construction and is now posted at 55 mph. He also mentioned a traffic signal and street lights being installed at the Ironworks intersection. No action needed.
- 5) US 460 @ Wendy's and Swifty – Conflicting left turns  
David McNutt, a citizen, reported to the committee at a previous meeting that there is no protected storage area for left turns into Wendy's. There is one at the road next to Advanced Auto Parts. Traffic backs up going east. Also, people turning left out of Swifty have no place to go to merge into traffic. Ben had stated that the NE TIS is recommending median barrier. David McNutt suggests painting it or using fence posts until the barrier is done. Eric stated that this was referred to KyTC and asked them to address. Jarrod Stanley states several options. He states left turn onto bypass needs have increased. Channelization, striping, etc. to restrict left turns into the site is an option but may not be favorable to the businesses. Could also build right in / right out at Wendy's and Swifty's. He has not looked at accident history there yet. Eric suggested to give KyTC a draft copy of the NE TIS study and see if KyTC can explore options, including the one outlined in the study. Barry stated that the study is due to be approved by P&Z in Dec. and referred to other bodies and likely in January 2009. No action at this time.
- 6) US 460 @ Wendy's/Swifty – Need for Sidewalks  
Eric received complaints that there are no pedestrian facilities crossings the parking areas and entrances. Jarrod mentioned KyTC can move pedestrian signals, add concrete sidewalks for landing but not build full length sidewalk. The "landing" is the 10 ft shoulder. KyTC could do ramp landing and move ped. button at the Wendy corner. Eric to work with Jarrod for a solution. No action at this time.
- 7) E. Main St. Traffic problem during rush hour  
No action at this time.
- 8) E. Penn / US 25 stop sign  
Eric states a resident of E. Penn Ave. wants KyTC to install a 3 way stop on Broadway. He says it is too hard to turn off of E. Penn Ave. during rush hour. Eric contacted Jarrod Stanley at KyTC and he said a three way stop or traffic signal would not be warranted there; traffic volumes were not equal. Eric and Jarrod agree that sight distance is limited and might be a factor. KyTC was investigating possible warning devices. No warrant for flashing beacon. Eric and Jarrod recommends no further action. Committee agrees.
- 9) E. main loading zone removed  
No action at this time.
- 10) Harmony Ridge speeding study  
Greg Reeves has submitted the results of the study. Eric summarized the study by stating that the apparent speeding problem is not as big as of a problem as first thought. The police are suggesting a three way stop at Affinity Dr. Eric states that three way stops should not be used for speeding control. However, if the committee felt like a three way stop would provide for higher safety due to turning conflicts, then he suggested placing the three way stop at Placid Dr. Currently, the amount of traffic from Placid and the end of Harmony Ridge is approximately equal and over half the subdivision passes through this intersection. Three options would be to wait until city takes over, make developer do it, or PW do it now. Ben points out Pleasant Valley

has a four way stop now; this may be too close. Ben suggests following PD recommendation and table it until Affinity finished and revisit. Committee agrees. No action at this time.

- 11) **Pennisula S/D intersection parking**  
Eric states Councilmen Jim Barnes concerned about parking too close to the intersection is causing turning troubles for school buses. The two intersections are Rough River Run at Cave Run Ct. and Laurel Lane at Barren River Blvd. Eric agrees that the intersection of Rough River and Cave Run is limited in sight distance due to the horizontal and vertical curvature and recommends no parking for 20 ft to the left and 100 ft to the right. The increased distance on the right is due to sight distance. At the other intersection, Eric recommends 20 ft either side to allow for larger turning radii. David wants notice provided to the neighbors affected. Eric will do flyers. Committee recommends posting No Parking at the intersection of Rough River Run at Cave Run Ct. 20 ft to the south, 100 ft to the north. Committee recommends posting No Parking at the intersection of Laurel Lane at Barren River Blvd 20 ft either side.
- 12) **E. Clinton one-way - revisited**  
David Lusby states he has not had a chance to discuss this with the neighborhood. He will follow up. No action at this time.
- 13) **113 Winners Circle - parking – revisited**  
In September, the committee did not recommend “no parking” but enforcement instead. Greg Reeves requested the Fire Dept. check width for any no parking needs. Scott says 22 ft curb to curb. Fire Hydrants are on both sides. Eric recommend no parking on south side and then do 20 ft each side of hydrant down by the CDS bulb (north side). David wants letter to neighbors to notify. Mention safety in letter. Send out before work done. Committee recommends.
- 14) **Parking on Cul-De-Sac Bulbs**  
No further action has been taken at this time. The Planning Commission has started a committee to begin looking at the subdivision regulations. This topic will eventually be discussed.
- 15) **135 Irving – Speeding**  
Pending speed study. No action at this time.
- 16) **Traffic Signal request - S. Broadway / College St.**  
Request was forwarded to KyTC. Jarrod states short answer; doesn’t meet warrants for signal. Too close to other signals. 4 accidents in 3 years; angled collisions. There is a sight distance problem. Perhaps right in / right out would work. David wants to discuss with both churches and report back to us. No action at this time.
- 17) **Sturbridge/Colony-Stop sign for speeding**  
Eric received this complaint. Eric does not recommend stop signs for speed control and notes that the intersection is already a four way stop. If the complaint was suppose to be for the other end of Sturbridge, at the intersection with Williamsburg, which is a T intersection, Eric would not recommend a three way stop for speed control, rather use speed enforcement. Eric recommends no action. No SSD problem. Committee agrees.
- 18) **Traffic Signal timing - US25/US460**  
A citizen requested the addition of permitted left turns during the green phase at the intersection of US 25 and US 460 from Lexington Road. Jarrod states the request has merit. Jarrod states the left turn lane does have a red light on the left turn lane after the protected left turn phase. He

says history is that there was a perceived crash problem or sight distance problem. Recently, maintenance department made some intersection improvements and improved situation. Jarrod will continue to investigate. No action at this time.

- 19) Louie B. Nunn - Handicap spots  
Eric received this request from Renie Cooney. Eric states this is a dead end street into the school and park and has only one residence on the street. He is not sure what the need is. If she means at this residence, then Eric points out the access to the street from the house is not ADA compliant. If she means in the park's parking lot at the end of the street, then this is an issue for Parks and Rec., not the committee. Eric recommends no action. Committee agrees.
- 20) 225 E. College St. - reserved parking spot  
Mark Adams wants a reserved spot at his address. He states that 227 and 229 have them. Eric notes that 227 and 229 are handicap spots. Eric states this is probably due to the amount of college parking in the area. Eric recommends no action; he has called and left message; wait until Adams calls back. Committee agrees.
- 21) Delaplain Rd. weight limit signs  
Eric states the developer of a subdivision on Delaplain Road has complained about the amount of heavy trucks on this road. It is narrow and in poor condition. Many trucks use this road as a cut through for the industrial park and TMMK. Eric suggests posting weight limit restrictions to discourage use but not sure of the legal use of such signage. DVM would enforce, maybe. Jarrod suggested contacting Bridge division of KyTC because they may have ratings on any bridges and a weight limit. Eric to investigate further. No action at this time.
- 22) 194 Berkshire – speed sign  
Police requested a speed limit sign in this vicinity. The subdivision has not been accepted by the city for maintenance therefore the request was given to the developer via the Planning Commission. Ben says developer will install.
- 23) Chairman of committee – Barry Brock's appointment on the Planning Commission ends in December. The Mayor has renewed Mr. Brock's appointment and will allow him to continue to serve on traffic committee and remain chairman.
- 24) E. Main Ext. at Richfield Dr. – Heavy truck traffic conflicts  
Eric reports there are concerns about the speed of trucks going to and from the quarry and that the weight combined with speed makes these trucks dangerous when conflicting with passenger cars. Eric states that the sight distance is good and the road is posted 25 mph. Only suggestion would be to add a truck entrance sign on Richfield as a caution of trucks in the intersection. Committee recommends.
- 25) Cherry Blossom / I-75 NB Exit 126 signal  
Eric received complaint about the short time between the phases and cars not clearing the intersection. Eric referred to KyTC. Jarrod stated some changes could be made to the timing and length of the all red and yellow phase. Current setting are 4 seconds of yellow and 1 second all red. Need 5 seconds. Could do 3 second yellow, 2 seconds red. Eric recommended KyTC make this final decision. Committee agrees.

- 26) Old Business v. New Business  
Eric brought up the fact that many of the agenda items seem to linger month after month with no action. Some are due to lack of feedback from the neighborhood when requested from them. For example, the E. Clinton to one way request was suppose to move forward after the neighbors got a petition together to support it. Nothing has occurred in over a year (it was first brought to the committee in October 2007) Eric suggests the agenda be broken into old and new business next month and if no action occurs on old business, it be dropped from the agenda for future meetings. This will shorten the meetings and allow more time for discussion of current issues. Committee agrees.
- 27) Bourbon St. Church Parking  
Bernie Harris – request no parking north side of street, opposite of church, 600 block of Bourbon St. due to church on street parking. He is at 607 bourbon. Church is parking on street. He was told the church would park at the factory. They are parking on both sides. Only one lane for traffic. Trouble getting out of driveway. Parking on sidewalk. Parking at Fire Hydrants. Also trouble at parking at intersections. Showed pictures of the problem. Happens every weekend. Eric says GIS showing only about 19 ft wide. Barry says needs to be reviewed by the Police. Helen Mitchell – Same issue. Parking on Sidewalk on Martin Luther King and Bourbon. Cars block sight distance at the corner. She points out the conditional use and development conditions about no parking on Bourbon St. was a condition of the BOA. Barry says this can be referred to the BOA. They complained to Ellen Kessler about two weeks ago. Lee Harris – Payne St. – wants action before next committee meeting. This is a safety issue. Eric made a motion to have Police and Fire to confirm too narrow of width, less than 20 ft, and confirm need for no parking at intersections and 600 block. If found to be justified, then recommend to mayor and take action before next meeting. Second by Brian Shorkey. Committee agrees. Barry stated this will also be forwarded to the BOA to enforce the conditions.
- Additional information: After the meeting, Eric went to the site and confirmed the width. Eric recommends to the committee and Mayor to post No Parking on the north side of Bourbon St. from Payne St. to Davis Ct., post No Parking on the south side of Bourbon St. from Davis Ct. to the curve at the railroad tracks, post No Parking both sides 20 ft from the intersection with Bourbon St. at Payne St., Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., and Davis Ct. Eric will put together a flyer and distribute prior to posting the signs.
- 28) Sidewalk needs at Cherry Blossom and Darby / Tiger Way  
David Lusby wants pedestrian ways at this intersection over to Speedway entrance. Eric to work with Jarrod for a solution. No action at this time.
- 29) No new business was brought before the committee.
- 30) Next Meeting Date: Tuesday January 6, 2009 5:00 p.m. City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned.

Recommendations to the Mayor for Approval:

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- 13) Post no parking on south side of Winners Circle. Post no parking 20 ft each side of hydrant down by the CDS bulb (north side).

- 24) Post a truck entrance sign on Richfield Ave. approaching E. Main Ext. as a caution of trucks in the intersection.
- 27) Post No Parking on the north side of Bourbon St. from Payne St. to Davis Ct., post No Parking on the south side of Bourbon St. from Davis Ct. to the curve at the railroad tracks, post No Parking both sides 20 ft from the intersection with Bourbon St. at Payne St., Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., and Davis Ct.

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