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January 20, 2009

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 January 6, 2009

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Present:
Eric W. Larson
Mike Sapp
Barry Brock
Ben Krebs
Jarrod Stanley
Brian Shorkey
Ed Saker
Mark Showalter
Larry Prather
Greg Reeves
Bias Tilford
Barbara Tilford
Bernic L. Harris

- 1) Minutes of November 18 2008 approved. Greg Reeves - motion, Brian Shorkey - second – approved.
- 2) Barry Brock, chairman, welcomed guests. Brock announced Alan Gibson and Kelly McEwen, new city council members appointed to the committee.



New Business

- 3) S. Hamilton at Clinton-loading zone (Barry)
Barry Brock is a member of the church. This loading spot was originally for the daycare. It is west side of Hamilton, north side of E. Clinton. A car parked in this location can block sight distance. Barry suggests two spots be removed. Greg Reeves says the south side can be dangerous too. Eric mentioned we did remove one spot on the south side last year. Greg suggests a second spot be removed. Committee recommends removing 2 spots on the north side, and Eric check south side and report back to the committee. Notification to the church is not needed since Barry has already discussed it with them.
- 4) Old oxford speeding (Greg)
Greg says study underway. No action at this time.
- 5) City truck route (Jarrod)
Jarrod states Kitty Dougoud asked about establishing a specific truck route. Greg says the concern was about dump trucks coming from quarry and asphalt plant. He spoke with them and thought it settled the problem. Eric says Kitty was concerned about trucks during downtown events, wanting to get them on Washington or the By-pass. Jarrod states State Law has to be passed to take US/State routes off of the Truck Route system. Same issue for weight limit restrictions. A City ordinance would not make it official without a State Law. Committee suggests that Kitty Dougoud be the leader to try to get City Council to approve this.
- 6) Crosswalk - Military at E. Main St.(Eric)
St. Johns School/Church wants painted crosswalk and signs at the intersection. Committee agreeable. Eric asked Jarrod how to sign the crosswalk from the Main St. side. Ed Saker suggested no parking on corner to provide extra sight distance. Larry Prather says curb is yellow for about 3-4 parking spots, meaning no parking. Committee recommends Eric contact Church to discuss. If the Church / School is agreeable, then the committee recommends installation of the thermoplastic crosswalk and cross walk signs on Military Street.

After meeting follow up – Eric contacted Principal Kathy Booth. She is agreeable to the plan.
- 7) Tiger Way – No parking one side (Eric)
Eric states complaint of blocked sight distance in the 90 degree curve in Tiger Way near Ruby Tuesday. Cars parked on the south side of the road, near the gas station prevent through traffic from seeing approaching cars. Committee recommends No parking 50 feet from 90 degree curve, gas station side. Notification of the adjacent businesses was deemed not necessary by the committee.
- 8) Osborne way intersection at Wal-Mart and Ol'Charley's (Greg)
Greg is getting complaints about the layout and design of it, specifically the left turn only at each intersection. People ignore the arrows and cause conflicts. Committee doesn't think a problem and that four way stops would cause more problems. No action is needed.
- 9) 107 Irving Lane – Speeding (Eric)
Eric took complaint. Resident wants a speed hump. Greg says he will look for a previous study that was done and report to the committee. No action at this time.

- 10) Hemingway at US460 Bypass – Left turn median bail outs (Eric)
Resident complains people pass her while bailing out in the median. She wants median striped to only have one lane in median. Committee points out the movement is illegal. Eric suggests only solution is checking stop bar placement to make sure Hemingway is properly signed and marked. Barry points to an example in Lexington where an acceleration lane was made in the median. Jarrod thinks this would not be a good option. Committee recommends no action.

After meeting follow up – There are no stop bars present on Hemingway. Eric Larson will issue a work order to install them.

- 11) Penninsula Subdivision Three Way Stop requests (Eric)
Resident wants three way stops at Rough River / Dale Hollow and Barren River / Rough River. Greg and Eric agree intersections are too close together and stop signs should not be used for speed control. Committee recommends no action. Greg will have speed study done anyway.

- 12) Vandalism of recently installed No Parking signs in Penninsula (Eric, Greg)
Eric reminded committee last month recommendation was made to post no parking due to concerns about parking too close to the intersection, which was causing turning troubles for school buses. The two intersections are Rough River Run at Cave Run Ct. and Laurel Lane at Barren River Blvd. Signs were placed but a resident has removed the sign. Greg will step up patrol. Eric has issued a work order to replace.

- 13) Old Oxford Road cut through at TSC – vandalism (Eric)
Eric comments that there has been repeated cut throughs from the TSC parking lot and the signs Public Works installed to be obstacles have been knocked down. Eric and Ben mentioned TSC had considered fence. Jarrod mentioned cutting a ditch to prevent access. Eric suggested guardrail but notes that may not be the best solution. Committee recommends cutting a ditch. Committee states this needs to be done for safety and getting TSC approval is not required.

After meeting follow up – TSC has placed guardrail along their parking lot pavement in the area of the cut-throughs. However, cut through are still occurring around the guardrail. Therefore, need for the ditch still remains.

- 14) Change wording on No Parking Signs (Eric)
Greg states residents are parking between signs and complaining when ticketed because no sign at that spot. Wants “No Parking this side of Street”. Eric says he can do a work order to repair as found. P&Z will make sure developers install the right sign during initial construction. Committee recommends a work order to repair No parking signs as needed.

- 15) MUTCD 2012 Mandate / Plan of Action (Eric)
Eric explained the mandate and cost to create an inventory and replace them. Initial cost are about \$30,000 to do a complete inventory and condition assessment and approximately \$75,000 per year for a 7 year replacement schedule. Barry suggests Brad Frazier with LFUCG may be able to offer advice since LFUCG is currently dealing with the same issues. Jarrod states KyTC is also looking into this and suggested contacting UK, who has developed a Windows based program that uses laptops and GPS plug ins. Eric stresses this needs to be considered as a proactive plan for the near future.

- 16) Crosswalk / Left Turn conflict at Main St. and Court St.
Greg pointed out delivery trucks park in middle of Main St. and over the crosswalk in front of Galvins. This makes a dangerous situation for pedestrians. He suggests perhaps a striped median with yellow hatching. Jarrod says he will look into the situation and try to find a solution. No action at this time.
- 17) No new business was brought before the committee.

Old Business

- 18) Traffic signal phasing US 25 @ Showalter
Resident requested protected left turn phase. Jarrod says study still pending.
No action at this time.
- 19) US460 @Wendy's/Swifty's - Left turn conflicts (Jarrod)
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. Traffic backs up going east. Also, people turning left out of Swifty have no place to go to merge into traffic. Jarrod states KyTC is looking into the problem. Significant left turn staking volumes existing traveling westbound on US460. They are considering dual left turn lanes from westbound onto the By-Pass and installing a median barrier up to Elkhorn Meadows. The use of break-away bollards being considered. Jarrod recommends tabling until next month. Jarrod suggest meeting with the City Council and the commercial tenants to discuss options. No action at this time.
- 20) US460 @ Wendy's / Swifty's - sidewalks (Eric, Jarrod)
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. Jarrod states 10 ft shoulder is suppose to be the sidewalk. Eric pointed out the cost of creating sidewalks on both sides of the street but needs to be coordinated with the State. No action at this time.
- 21) E. Main St. rush Hour (David, Greg)
Greg stated the concern that during rush hour, westbound traffic backs up on Main St. from Broadway all the way back to Hamilton St. Left turns wanting to go south on US 25 are entering the two way left turn lane way back before the crosswalk and speeding. Greg says some enforcement has been done. Needs to be revisited after the State looks into the crosswalk at Galvins. No action at this time.
- 22) E. main loading zone removed (Greg)
Renie Cooney stated at a previous meeting that the loading zone at E. Main St. was originally put in for the furniture business. This business is no longer there and therefore the loading zone should be too. Greg wanted to talk with other business owners. He wanted to determine what type of business is going in; we may want to leave it alone. Greg says wait until new tenant has moved in. Table until next month. No action at this time.

- 23) Harmony Ridge Speeding (Ben, Eric)
Greg presented the results of a recent speed study. The study recommends a three way stop at Harmony Ridge Blvd. and Affinity, but only after the subdivision is built out. Committee recommendation was to table it until Affinity was finished and revisit. No action at this time.
- 24) E. Clinton one-way - revisited (David)
Greg Reeves reported at a previous meeting that E. Clinton one way would be o.k. from Broadway to South Hamilton and if the other way, it needs to be a right turn only. Eric agrees that it is too narrow for two-way traffic with on-street parking and recommended one-way from Broadway to S. Hamilton, or remove parking on both sides. Barry says Georgetown Baptist is OK with the plan. David Lusby has not had a chance to discuss this with the neighborhood. No action at this time.
- 25) Parking on Cul-De-Sac Bulbs (Eric, Ben, Scott)
No discussion was held.
- 26) 135 Irving - Speeding (Greg)
Greg says he will look for a previous study that was done and report to the committee. No action at this time.
- 27) Traffic Signal request - S. Broadway / College St. (Jarrod)
Barry says Georgetown Baptist OK with the plan for right in / right out on E. College St. David wanted to discuss with both churches and report back to us. No action at this time.
- 28) Traffic Signal timing - US25/US460 (Jarrod)
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 in 1997 the rest of the By-Pass from US 25 going west to US 460 opened to traffic. November 1997 KyTC installed a protected/permitted left turn phase and signal head. 11 accidents from then to Sept. 1999. Then the permitted only phase was installed due to the high accident rate. Does not think Frankfort would allow the change back to protected/permitted. Committee recommends no action.
- 29) 225 E. College St.- Reserved parking spot (Eric)
Mark Adams wants a reserved spot at his address. Eric states Adams is not Handicap. Greg to have patrol check with residents at 227 and 229 to see if their handicap spots are still needed too. May remove the reserved parking for those addresses. He recommends waiting on any action until he reports back to the committee. Committee agrees. No action at this time.
- 30) Delaplain Rd. weight limit signs (Eric)
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 has not had a chance to investigate further. No action at this time.
- 31) US 25 / Penn Ave. - Traffic Signal (Eric, Jarrod)
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. Jarrod said a three way stop or traffic

signal would not be warranted there. Eric and Jarrod recommend no further action. Committee agrees.

- 32) Sidewalk needs at Cherry Blossom and Darby / Tiger Way
David Lusby wants pedestrian ways at this intersection over to Speedway entrance due to vehicles rutting the edge of the shoulder behind the curb. Eric reported on cost to build sidewalks and ramps at Darby and along Tiger Way up to Ruby Tuesday. Jarrod says KyTC could help with relocating pedestrian button to the sidewalk. Barry suggests the City Council should create the project through budgeting and the committee can make recommendations on solutions to fit within the budget. No action at this time.
- 33) Bourbon St. No Parking signs - 600 block
Bais Tilford says church was never contacted about the change in parking approved and installed in December. One of the corner residents (Mr. Hamilton) is upset about the fact it is no parking 24 hours a day. He is concerned they had no communication with residents. Wants us to reconsider this. He suggests doing limited times. Barry mentioned concern was overflow parking by the church. He states the church's development plan prohibited on street parking. Eric states 24/7 restriction was due to emergency access and width, as recommended by the Fire Marshall. Bernic Harris agrees with no parking 24/7. Thanks the committee for the action taken. Barbara Tilford states she was disrespected by not getting a letter beforehand. She never sees emergency services coming down these streets; never was an issue before the church was built. She pointed out several examples where emergency access was not a factor in other fire losses. She can not have her family park and visit because no on-street parking is allowed. Eric pointed out a flyer was distributed and notes parking is allowed on one side and only restricts parking at corners for 25 feet. Eric points out that the meetings are advertised, agendas are put on the city website, and flyers are distributed to educate the residents.
- Barry Brock suggests the committee consider having public meetings prior to making decisions and gather their input in the process. Eric points out the city needs to develop a traffic calming policy. Barry thinks we need an ordinance requiring community input. Eric points out how the committee used to get petitions and went away from that in favor of safety rules only.
- 34) No further Old Business was discussed.
- 35) Next meeting date is February 10, 2009, 5pm City Hall. Committee agrees to establish the second Tuesday of the month as the regularly scheduled meeting time.

Meeting Adjourned.

Recommendations to the Mayor for Approval:

- 3) Remove two parking spots on S. Hamilton St., west side just north of E. Clinton St.
- 5) Refer action on the Truck Route request to Kitty Dougoud and City Council.
- 6) Install a crosswalk with signs on Military St. at E. Main St.
- 7) Post No parking for 50 feet on Tiger Way, south side going east from 90 degree curve at Ruby Tuesday.
- 13) Cut ditch along Old Oxford Road at the back corner of the Traffic Supply Company parking lot to prevent use of an illegal entrance.

- 14) Issue a blanket work order to require modification of No Parking signs that say “ No Parking”, “No Parking this Side”, “No Parking in Cul De Sac”, or similar statements to “No Parking this side of street” for uniformity.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (502) 867-2000 or eric.larson@georgetownky.gov.