

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: January 8, 2014

Members Present: Mr. Gerhardt, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Frenie

Staff Present: Lt. Fisher, Mr. Magalotti, Ms. Kostelich

Mr. Byrne opened the meeting. Roll call was taken Ms. Brown was absent. Commissioner Linfante and Commissioner Silverman were present.

Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Discussion

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of December 4, 2013 Traffic Board Meeting.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Opening Remarks from the Chair

No additional comments.

Agenda Item 4: Follow up Items:

Request for Removal of Parking Spaces on Sunset Drive near intersection of Castle Shannon Blvd.

Mr. Magalotti of Trans Associates reported that the roadway is wide enough to support the parking and that current crash data does not indicate a safety problem. Lt. Fisher stated that the parking spaces are wide enough to move the yellow line over two feet. Commissioner Linfante advised the board that they would need to present a strong argument to Commissioners regarding safety, to have parking spaces removed. Board members agreed that the crash data presented did not indicate a safety issue at this intersection. Mr. Byrne asked if the line could be removed all together. Mr. Magalotti will look into who is responsible for determining if the line can be removed and advise at the February meeting.

New Items:

Agenda Item 5: Report from Trans Associates on Past Recommendations at Intersection of Terrace Drive and Woodland Drives

Mr. Magalotti of Trans Associates presented several options for mitigating traffic flow conflicts and confusion at this location, from signage changes to complete reconstruction of the intersection. Board members agreed that this is a difficult intersection as it is currently configured, but were concerned that the signage currently in place was to help alleviate the cut through traffic on Terrace between Connor Road and Washington Road. Commissioner Linfante related that residents are concerned because the traffic is pushed onto Woodland Drive which is part of the safe walking route and there are no sidewalks. The board did not recommend any changes at this time. They requested guidance from the Commission on the intended use of the intersection as it is (traffic calming, regular traffic flow, etc.). Commissioner Linfante will discuss this with Commission and report to Mr. Magalotti their decision. This item will be placed on the February agenda as a follow up item.

Agenda Item 6: Request for Pedestrian Crossing Signal at Intersection of Castle Shannon Blvd and Anawanda Avenue

Mr. Magalotti of Trans Associates informed the board that this is one of the oldest traffic control signals within the municipality. Currently, there are no pedestrian crossing signals at this intersection. Mr. Magalotti stated that a recent grant request for replacement of the signal at this intersection was denied, but the search for funding continues. Mr. Magalotti stated that the cost of retrofitting the aged signal with pedestrian signals would likely be costly enough that redoing the entire signal would be more logical given its age and condition. The board requested that DPW repaint crosswalks and the stop bars at the intersection while other options for new

traffic signals are explored. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 7: Board Discussion on RSA which was developed as a part of the Municipalities Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Magalotti presented Trans Associates recommendations on the Road Safety Audit which was developed as a part of the Municipalities Comprehensive Plan. The recommendations included improved signage and improvements to crosswalk areas. One recommendation was to install No Turn on Red signs on Longuevue & Woodhaven Drives. Commissioner Silverman and Commissioner Linfante stated they have had numerous complaints from residents in their wards because these signs were installed and there was not a public meeting held regarding the recommendation to install the signs. Mr. Magalotti stated that this recommendation was made to PennDot due to poor sight distance at these intersections. Due to the recommendation due to a safety issue PennDot would not remove the signs but did increase the green light timing on Longuevue and Woodhaven. Commissioner Linfante stated another study may be conducted. Board members agreed with the recommendations due to the safety issue. A motion was made to recommend approval of all of Trans Associates recommendations with the addition of a request for DPW to repaint the crosswalk on Scrubgrass Road at the intersection with Cochran Road.

1. Neighborhood Traffic Management

- Newburn Road Updates

Mr. Magalotti presented his report on recommendations for Newburn Drive. Board members requested that letters be sent to residents on Newburn Drive and Morrison Drive to advise them that the Traffic Board will be voting on the recommendations at the February meeting and to plan to attend if they would like to discuss their concerns. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 10 – Items from the Floor

Mr. Ray Olmo, Ordale Drive, requested an update on the possibility of computerizing all the flashing school zone signs so that they can be controlled from one location in order to allow for them to be adjusted to operate for hours during a delayed start, early dismissal, or shut off completely for a cancellation and during holidays. He stated that he has spoken to the school principals and PTA members regarding this and requested that the Traffic Board support these changes if they are approached by the schools. Juvenile Protection Chair (Heather Charron) was present and spoke to this. She stated that this issue was brought up this week at their meeting and that letters and memos are circulating amongst the school principals, administration, etc. supporting such action. Board members requested that Mr. Magalotti gather more information on this and report at the February meeting. This item will be placed on the February agenda.

Ms. Heather Charron, Beverly Road requested that the sequencing of the traffic signal at the intersection of Beverly Road and Cochran Road be changed. Ms. Charron stated that the intersection continues to be blocked most of the time and residents cannot exit from the dead end of Beverly Road (600 block). Mr. Magalotti stated that a potential solution is to sequence the light so the dead end of Beverly exits before the opposite side (Route 19 / Business District side). This would reduce or eliminate turning southbound traffic from getting caught in the intersection and blocking egress or entrance to the 600 block. The board requested that Mr. Magalotti contact DPW / PennDOT and review possibilities. This item will be placed on the February agenda.

There were no additional items. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2013

cc: All attendees
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