

Transportation Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2009

Attendance: Pat Cawley, Martine Perreault, Brad Mellor, Judy Solowczuk

Brad Mellor called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Approval of June 2, 2009 Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed by the committee.

Change: Tappan ~~Intersection at Washtenaw and Tappan~~ Speed Zone on Washtenaw from Stadium to Brockman.

Motion to Approve: Pat Cawley

Seconded: Martine Perreault

Approved: Committee.

Agenda Items:

Carpenter Safe Routes to School Celebration on October 7, 2009:

- Completion of the redesigned pedestrian crossing at Packard Rd. & Dalton Dr.
- Push button crossing controls were added
- Crosswalk was moved to a safer location

Skyline High School – Roundabouts on North Maple Rd.

- Letter from Brian Mielewski, Skyline PTSO President was sent to the Washtenaw County Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation, regarding:
 - Streetlights toppled by car accidents or turned off due to exposed wiring, result in inadequate lighting
 - Elevated center island and overgrown vegetation creates safety risks - poor sightlines
 - Neglected snow plowing on roundabout sidewalks
- The committee reviewed the letter and felt no action from TSC was needed at this time since the letter was not addressed to the committee.
- Will continue to monitor these issues and the snow plowing in the winter months

Dicken School – Crosswalk on Waltham St.

- Email from Bonnie Kerber (parent), regarding crosswalk on Waltham St., above Warwick Court. Corner is not very visible by drivers. Provide training for student crossing guards who are currently ineffective.
 - The City is working on pavement markings/striping to make the crosswalk more visible but does not warrant curb markings. Painting to be completed by Nov. 1, 2009.
 - Brad to email Instructional Council/Principals-- reminder of the importance of Crossing Guard procedure training and proper safety attire. (Email cc to Bonnie Kerber, Pat Cawley, Mike Madison, Judy Solowczuk)

Other:

Slauson Special Ed Buses

Special Ed buses parking in front of Slauson on Washington block the crosswalk. A site visit was made by Brad and Pat and no recommendation was made. There is no solution better than the current practice. WISD may relocate the Spec Ed Programs in another building which will resolve the problem.

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TSC Committee Meeting Dates:

- January 12, 2010, April 13, 2010, and June 8, 2010 at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Balas.

Martine questioned why public trash pick-up on the streets near the schools can't be done at other times than the 20 minutes when students are arriving and dismissing. Pat Cawley said he would check with the City on the issue.

Review of Safety Issues Tracking Log:

Tappan Speed Zone on Washtenaw from Stadium to Brockman:

- Speed of 45 mph too high for school crossing.
- Suggestion to write letter to MDOT from AAPS Superintendent requesting the designation of "school crossing" (school speed zone) with speed reduction. Note in letter beginning and ending time of school hours. Brad and Pat to draft letter.

Motion to Approve: Martine Perreault

Seconded: Ritchie Coleman

Approved: Committee (4/12/09)

- 6/2/09 – Letter has been written to Wendy Ramirez requesting the area be posted as a school zone, lowering the speed. The letter is currently in the Superintendent's office for signature.
- 10/6/09 – Letter was sent but we have had no response to date.

Carpenter – Arbor Woods Traffic Calming:

- School would like bus stop changed to Blossom Trail
- Brad will discuss with routing this summer to possibly change for the 2009/10 school year
- 10/6/09 – Brad will check with routing for the outcome

King – Crosswalk in Front of School:

- Moving crosswalk will require assessing homeowners for cost which is a concern.
- Best vehicle to accomplish relocating crosswalk is to address it through King initiating the Safe Routes to School process.
- Brad will email Kevin Karr (Principal) regarding the Safe Walk to School process to address the issue
- 6/2/09 – Kathy Griswold has contacted City Council Members for a resolution. Pending.
- 10/6/09 – City can build ramps if funds are obtained (outside of City funding) for the construction. There is 180 ft. of sidewalks to be laid. Brad to check on schools doing the sidewalk maintenance.

Community- Traffic Flow Direction & Curb Improvements:

- Recommendation made to change traffic flow to one-way.
- Brad will pursue a one-way route – entering the North drive and Exiting at the South drive.
- Lot to be posted with signs as one-way.
- Site visit to be made with bus during summer 2009 (June or July). Invite Jennifer Hein, new principal for 2009/10.
- 10/6/09 – Preliminary discussion but no meeting was scheduled. Brad will schedule.

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Tappan Stair Crosswalk (Tappan & Washtenaw):

- Rail-tie stairs built into slope are rotting
- Brad to inspect with grounds department and report back with recommendation to be repaired or replaced. Should be a seasonal stairway and closed in the winter months.
- 6/2/09 - Martine Perreault will contract Gary Court (Principal) to be included in the site visit.
- The Tappan PTO has been raising money for landscaping improvements and may have some funds available to repair/replace the stairs.
- 10/6/09 – Brad met with grounds at Tappan regarding the replacement of the stairs but funds are a problem. Brad recommended that if not replaced by spring 2010, they be closed. Martine to talk w/Principal regarding possible fundraiser to cover costs.

Glencoe Hills Bus Stop (PreSchool Bus)

- Bus stop unsafe for child to walk to Clubhouse, per parent
- Brad & Ritchie Coleman to make site visit summer 2009
- No resolution needed, previous county studies found it safe for a child to walk, closed 6/09

Eberwhite Safe Routes to School:

- Parents want to change the crosswalk on Soule to another area.
- This crosswalk was a recommendation by the City/Schools completed two years ago and changing the crosswalk to another area will not be ADA compliant. Pat Cawley stated this is not feasible to change again.
- Brad to contact Principal and ask that the parent committee contact the City.
- 10/6/09 – Pat Cawley reviewed constructing a crosswalk near the entrance of the school but it was not compatible with district work, therefore was not done. Closed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Next meeting – January 12, 2010 at 1:30 pm, Balas Bldg., Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Solowczuk