

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting ID # 823-4252-8108
Adopted January 13, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Seth Bauer, Vice-Chair; Donna Mullin, Rhain Hoyland, Superintendent of Highways, Anthony DelGaizo, Town Engineer; Suzanne Stein, Lt. John McGrath, Rebecca Tarantino.

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Wilson, Traffic Liaison Engineer; Daphne M. Collins, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jonathan Sussman, Arlene Bryer, Mark Haser, Vasu Talluri

Mr. Bauer, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Roll Call was taken.

1. MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Vote: Lt. McGrath moved to accept the Minutes of November 18, 2020. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. STATUS REPORT UPDATE

Mr. Wilson reported the following project updates:

- Chestnut and Oak Street Intersection –the *No Turn on Red* sign was removed and stop bar was relocated. The signal time delay timing is before the Select Board for approval on December 8, 2020.
- A Street *Crosswalk Ahead* sign on Second Street is before the Select Board for approval on December 8, 2020.
- Speed studies are delayed until weather conditions allow.

3. RIVARD STREET– Signage

PETITIONER: Jonathan Sussman, 65 Rivard Road

Mr. Sussman provided a petition with 12 signatures of support for the installation for a *Slow Children Playing* sign. It includes support from the resident at 10 Rivard Road where the sign will be located. The sign is to be located on a freestanding pole in front of the telephone pole across the street from 10 Rivard Road.

Ms. Tarantino moved that a *Slow Children Playing* (Town Engineering to select language) be placed across the street from 10 Rivard Road on a freestanding pole located in front of the telephone pole. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hoyland reported that the sign will be installed before frost sets in and as soon as the work order is placed by the Engineering Department.

4. SUDBURY ACQUEDUCT TRAIL BY CEDAR STREET - Sign

PETITIONER: Arlene Bryer

Ms. Bryer noted that it was difficult to safely cross Cedar Street when on the Sudbury Aqueduct as there was no crosswalk or advance sign. The Aqueduct trail sign was right at the trail intersection.

Lt. McGrath noted that the trail crossing was in Wellesley and out of the Needham TMAC jurisdiction.

5. WEBSTER AND MAY STREETS - Crosswalk

PETITIONERS: Mark Haser, 15 Parkinson Street

Mr. Haser noted that there was only one crosswalk across Webster Street to May Street on the north side. He said that pedestrians heading north cross on the south side of the intersection where there was no crosswalk. He requested that a second crosswalk be installed on the south side.

Mr. Hoyland reported that the intersection had been studied by traffic consultants. The crosswalk was placed at the most effective location next to a *Stop* sign and accessible curb cuts.

Mr. DelGaizo inquired if there was a crossing guard at the location. Lt. McGrath said that there wasn't one at the location.

Mr. Haeser said he was unfamiliar with the use of the crosswalk during school hours.

6. ROSEGATE ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE - Intersection Safety

PETITIONER: Vasu Talluri, Rosegate Road

Mr. Talluri reported that it was very dangerous getting out of Rosegate Road onto Central Avenue especially turning left. There are 12 houses on the road with approximately 35 cars. Especially concerning are the neighborhood driving teenagers. The Rosegate Road exit feeds into Central Avenue after a blind curve located after the intersection of Central Avenue and Webster Street. There have been many close calls. He requested a flashing yellow light and a warning sign. Mr. DelGaizo said that Rosegate Road doesn't meet the traffic volume count to meet the Warrant for a flashing beacon light.

Lt. McGrath concurred that the area was a busy area with school pedestrians with a school crossing flashing light; and a cut through to Wellesley.

Mr. Talluri requested a traffic mirror be located on the telephone pole directly across from Rosegate Road.

Mr. Hoyland noted that traffic mirrors are a liability and are not authorized in Town. Mr. DelGaizo indicated that mirrors take the drivers' eyes off the road and they create a danger and a liability. Mr. Talluri said that they are traffic mirrors in Town. Mr. DelGaizo responded that they may have been placed by a private citizen without authorization.

Mr. Hoyland noted that the intersection was looked at area when the developer proposed the development. The sight distance is poor and the traffic volume is high.

Mr. Telluri asked if a sign could be installed warning that the road was ahead. Mr. Bauer asked if the Town could check for a good place for a sign. Mr. Hoyland said a *Vehicles Entering Ahead* could be considered.

Mr. DelGaizo wondered if the vegetation could be pruned to provide better visibility. Mr. Talluri wasn't sure if it was a private or public tree. Mr. Hoyland believed that the tree being on the private side of the sidewalk was likely a private tree.

Ms. Stein wondered if a light could be placed on the intersection of Webster Street and Central Avenue. Mr. Hoyland said the intersection could be studied but warned it would be many years before anything could be done because there are many other intersection projects queued up.

Ms. Tarantino thought signs would be a good advance warning for oncoming traffic. She asked if a *Curve Hidden Road* sign could be installed.

Ms. Tarantino moved that two advance warning signs with blinking LED lights be placed on the southbound side of Central Avenue in advance of Rosegate Drive indicating a sharp curve and hidden street ahead, language to be developed by Engineering. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Stein moved to study the intersection of Webster Street and Central Avenue for a possible traffic signal. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The timeline status of the project will be posted on the TMAC website.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at p.m.7:55 p.m.