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MINUTES
Traffic Safety Commission
Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 3:30 PM
Via Zoom

Traffic Safety Commission meetings are open to the public. Requests from persons with disabilities must be made to the Public Works Administrative Assistant 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Meeting convened at 3:32 PM

Members present: Harold Colby, Nancy Sindelar, Gwen Clark, Melanie Arnett, Lisa Rich

Members absent:

Staff present: Eric Jaap, Brooks Webb, William Winkler, Cindy Williams, Ryan Shields, Taun Smith, Shane Johnson, Shawn Klein, Mark Hazelett

Guests present:

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty present

A quorum was present at all times.

I. WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Lisa Rich

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY Rich, second by Clark, to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

B. Changes and Approval of June 10, 2021 Minutes

MOTION BY Clark, second by Rich, to approve the June 10, 2021 Minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

IV. TRAFFIC COMMISSION OR STAFF COMMENTS – None

V. DISCLOSURES – Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harney St. Speed Study

Smith: Two-week speed study showed increase in volume of traffic – predicted due to construction; 2,400 vehicles/day; decrease in overall speed; report on average speeds

O'Doherty: How does it compare to Grand or 3rd Street?

Smith: We can get that info from WYDOT if needed

Shields: Average traffic/day is a little higher

Sindelar: Can we do a temporary speed zone? Is it legal?

Jaap: Would need more in-depth speed study with analysis

Sindelar: How is construction in that area coming?

Jaap: Most projects are wrapping up or opening up soon

Rich: Are you anticipating Harney will have increased volume with upcoming projects in future years?

Jaap: Will look into this for the future design of Harney

Arnett: Was there an evaluation for volume of noise?

Smith: Radar detection for speed and traffic counts

Sindelar: Do different kinds of pavement affect the amount of noise output?

Jaap: A guess would be there's a difference depending on how much traffic a road has and the mph and there's a difference in surfacing such as concrete and asphalt.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Engineering Division Updates

1. North Downtown Diagonal Parking (*handout*)

Jaap: Adding parking to Clark St. after the bridge demolition and the downtown business area. Approved by CMO. Out for public comment next few weeks. Goal to have completed by winter. Not removing any parking, only adding. Mirrors other downtown parking.

Rich: Why isn't there more parking by railroad tracks?

Jaap: Need to enough room for all vehicles including emergency vehicles to turn around, additionally, the north area is a driveway.

Rich: Would center parking work?

Jaap: This was looked at. It didn't add additional parking, and there was a safety issue for people walking across the street from their vehicles.

Rich: Would you clarify why there was a removal of the center line?

Jaap: Diagonal parking will shift and require centering of the line.

Sindelar: Why was no parking added by UPS building?

Jaap: Locations were chosen for existing accesses. Chosen for where the most parking could have been added.

Arnett: Why the west side by yoga studio and not east side by UPS?

Jaap: This site had multiple entrances and where you can gain the most parking.

Sindelar: Will curb be put in place in front of dental office on 2nd and University? It used to be a garage and the wall is now bricked over.

Jaap: We can look at that. It's not part of this item.

Sindelar: Fremont between 2nd and 3rd – Can diagonal parking be put in by Qdoba?

Arnett/O'Doherty: This is a dangerous area for bicycles.

Sindelar: 2nd and 3rd St. have more cyclists since Clark St. bridge was taken down.

Arnett/Sindelar: Would like to see increase in smoothness and width of sidewalk in front of Safeway.

Jaap: Bird scooters – Council approved through December. Comments can be sent to me.

Sindelar: Scooters don't cover all of the city.

Jaap: Automatically programmed with geo-limits up to the city limits. Banned around campus. Considered a vehicle, not for sidewalks. Automatically slows down in certain areas and have time limits.

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Arnett/O'Doherty: Would like update on statistics with Bird at next meeting.

O'Doherty: Would be helpful if contact number was visible on scooters.

Jaap: City has contact info for Bird manager to report issues.

Rich: Bird said there would be an increase to downtown business. Would like to see those numbers in the report at net meeting.

Webb: City has access to Bird software info. We will get info for next meeting.

Sindelar: Does Bird know when you want to use the cycle to go return to your initial location?

Jaap: You could keep it running or rent it again.

Sindelar: Any update on the greenbelt addition on Sheridan/Spring Creek?

Jaap: Working on final design and will check budget.

O'Doherty: Would like to see bike routes on a future TSC agenda.

Arnett: BikeNet map is uploaded. BikeNet would like an easement under I-80 to connect to the greenbelt. And would like to make Garfield St. a bike (and Bird) priority street. Doesn't want lines on Garfield St.

Jaap: No plans in budget at this time. With a project this size it would need to be in the budget to have a consultant do it. Can contact me to discuss how to move forward.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE – October 14, 2021 or as needed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Colby, second by Arnett, to adjourn at 4:37 PM.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

VALIDATED:

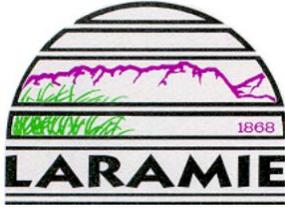
Nancy Sindelar, Traffic Safety Commission Chair

Date

Cindy Williams, Traffic Safety Commission Staff Liaison

Date

The signed document is on file.



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TRAFFIC COMMISSION
September 9, 2021
STAFF REPORT

REQUEST: Increase parking in the downtown

LOCATION: Clark Street, 2nd Street, Fremont Street

APPLICANT(S)/AGENT: City of Laramie

OWNER: ROW (City of Laramie)

PURPOSE: To increase parking in the downtown

PREPARED BY: City Engineering Staff

BACKGROUND:

With the completion of the Harney Street viaduct and the demolition of the old viaduct on Clark Street, City staff has been working on how to best utilize the Clark Street ROW and the surrounding area. The direction given to staff was to increase parking in the Clark Street area and for the downtown. The attached design has been reviewed and approved by the City Manager's Office and meets this direction.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 – Parking Exhibit