

Traffic Control Board Minutes Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Angela Cimmino
Doug Kary ✓
Keith Lang
Walt Willett ✓
Steve Zeier ✓

Capt Vladic ✓
Sondra Baker
Judge Knisely

✓ = Present

Staff Support: Terry Smith, John Gibson, Debi Meling, Lora Mattox

Guests: None

Call to Order: At 12:17 pm by Doug Kary

Minutes: Motion for approval of minutes from the June meeting was made by Walt Willett and seconded by Steve Zeier. Motion carried on voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD REPORTS:

Lora reported that subdivision activity remains steady. Work is underway to update the Urban Planning Boundary and the Annexation Limits.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION:

The City Council approved a design contract for a bike/pedestrian tunnel under Main Street at their July 23rd meeting. A *Resolution of Intent to Create* an SID to pay a portion of the costs of reconstructing King Avenue West between 31st Street West and Shiloh was also approved at the July 23rd meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Grand Avenue 8th West to 12th West

Terry reported that water main and storm drain work has been completed. Traffic has been shifted to the south side of the roadway and is driving on the first lift of asphalt. Paving is expected to be complete by the end of the first week in September. There will be minor work such as signing and landscaping going on after that.

Zoo and Gabel Traffic Signal

A joint City-Montana Department of Transportation project is moving forward to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Zoo Drive and Gabel Road. The State will furnish traffic signal poles, a controller and cabinet, and other signal related equipment. The City will fund and administer a construction contract to install the signal. The City will begin advertising for bids on August 2nd; open bids on August 14th; and plans to award a construction contract at the August 27th City Council meeting. In response to a question, Debi noted that the current project does not include a review of the speed limit on Zoo Drive.

Special Events policy and procedures

Because of complaints from a business owner on Montana Avenue concerning closing of traffic lanes and a parking lot for a concert on Montana Avenue, the City Administrator's Office has suggested a comprehensive review of the City's policies and procedures for handling special events in the right-of-way. The current procedure does not insure that adjacent property owners/businesses are notified *prior* to Council approval of the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Low cost traffic calming options for Lewis Avenue

Terry reported that Public Works is moving forward with a plan to stripe bike lanes and parking lanes along Lewis Avenue between 8th and 24th Streets West. The goal is to reduce traffic speeds along Lewis. There will be some locations where parking will have to be removed to provide continuity in the bike lanes. The street is too narrow east of 8th to accommodate bike lanes and parking, so no changes are planned east of 8th at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Speed Limits on west end arterials between BBWA and Shiloh. Terry reported that the City has received complaints about the differing speed limits along west end arterial streets (King-Monad-Central-Broadwater-Grand) between the BBWA Canal and Shiloh Road. Terry distributed copies of a letter report and a map from HDR Engineering summarizing speed study results and making recommendations for these streets. After discussion, the Board reached a consensus recommendation to:

- Keep the speed limit on Monad Road at 35 MPH
- Re-evaluate King Avenue after it is reconstructed
- Post 35 MPH east of Zimmerman/32nd and 45 MPH west of Zimmerman/32nd on the remaining streets (Central-Broadwater-Grand)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM.