

Traffic Control Board Minutes
October 28th, 2008

Doug Kary ✓
Keith Lang
Walt Willett ✓
Steve Zeier ✓

Judge Knisely
Sondra Baker ✓
Lt Bedford

✓ = Present

Staff Support: Terry Smith, Erin Claunch, Lora Mattox, Chris Hertz, Travis Harris

BUISNESS MEETING

Call to Order: 12:21 pm

Minutes: Minutes of the September 2008 meeting were approved as printed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chris Hertz gave a report on the King Avenue East project. This project is reconstructing King Avenue East between South Billings Boulevard and Orchard Lane. Work on South Billings Boulevard to provide additional travel lanes is nearly complete. A protected left turn (green arrow) still needs to be added to the signal at King & S. Billings Boulevard, and next spring, South Billings Boulevard over the structure will be chip sealed in order to eliminate the rough surface that remains where old pavement markings were removed. The curb & gutter work along King itself is nearly done and plans are to start paving of King on November 10th. After the paving work is complete, the contractor will start installing the ditch crossings for access into the new developments south of the City-County Drain, and complete work on the new traffic signals and street lighting. The project is within budget despite some extra work required because of conflicts with the existing Exxon pipeline under this segment of King. Although award of the construction contract was delayed nearly a month due to issues with bonds and financing, it is expected to be paved before winter so that the public will have a “hard surface” to drive on. Lora Mattox noted that plans for the proposed Sam’s Club have been submitted to the Building Department for City review.

Travis Harris gave a report on the Aronson Avenue project. The contractor is getting ready to pour the concrete barrier rails at the bridge crossing. These will have to cure before the roadway can be opened to traffic. The roadway is currently paved from the connection with the “old” portion of Aronson, south the north end of the bridge. It is hoped to have the roadway open to traffic by mid-November. Travis also reported that construction started today on the new traffic signal at Aronson & Governors Boulevard. The signal project includes some geometric changes at the intersection. Terry noted that Alkali Creek Road will likely be closed this winter in the area between Black Pine Street & Airport Road for some water line work, and to stabilize the slopes above the creek. The planned closure on Alkali Creek Road is one of the reasons the City pushed hard to get the Aronson extension completed this fall. Erin noted that he will be

attending meetings with MDT regarding coordination between the Alkali Creek Road work and the State's Airport Road construction project.

Erin Claunch gave a presentation on traffic signal and stop sign warrants. These warrants are established in the Federal *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD). By state law all traffic controls implemented by the City are required to comply with the MUTCD. The warrants represent minimum conditions that must be met before a traffic signal (or other traffic control device) can be installed. Just because a warrant is met, does not mean that a signal or stop must be installed however.

BOARD REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Clear Vision Zones. Terry reported that he made a presentation to the Development Process Advisory Review Board (DPARB) at their October 22nd meeting on proposed modifications to the City's clear vision requirements at intersections and driveways. The DPARB members responded favorably. A similar presentation will be made to the Home Builders Association meeting on Nov. 11th.

Angela Cimmino's Position on Board. Terry reported that the Mayor had declared Angela's position vacant and it would be advertised with other City Board vacancies on Oct 30 and Nov. 6. If Board members know any one interested in serving on any City board they should contact the Mayor's Office for an application.

NEW BUISNESS

The 24th & Lewis and Signal Priority Update agenda items were delayed until the next meeting.

BOARD INQUIRIES

Westfield and Poly: Sondra asked if progress was being made to construct Poly Drive in the Westfield Drive area west of Shiloh. It was reported that the Parks Department is working to get an SID created to construct the street and the park in this area. It is hoped to have them under construction in 2009.

5th and Grand: Walt asked if the intersection at 5th & Grand had ever been evaluated for a left turn arrow heading eastbound on Grand. Terry reported that this has been looked at on several occasions and found not justified. It has been a few years since it was evaluated, so count data can be collected and reviewed again.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM.