

TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

May 28, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Cormier, Walt Willett, Gene Wade,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trina White, Brent Krueger, Sondra Baker, Captain R D Harper

STAFF SUPPORT: Terry Smith, Erin Claunch, Zach Heid, Lora Mattox,

GUESTS: None

BUSINESS MEETING:

Call to order: Todd Cormier called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm in the conference room of the Public Works Building, 2224 Montana Avenue.

Minutes: Motion for approval of the March minutes by Gene Wade, seconded by Walt Willett. Motion carried on a voice vote. There was no meeting in April.

Open Public Comment: None

STAFF REPORTS:

Noise Ordinance: Terry Smith informed the board that the City noise ordinance was recently reviewed. One of the major changes was that the morning construction start time was changed to 7 AM from 8 AM. Also, violations of the noise ordinance will need to exceed the ambient noise level by 10 dB before enforcement will be taken. With the revised ordinance if a waiver is denied at the staff level, it can be appealed to the City Council. Todd asked if with the revision to the noise ordinance will make it easier for night time construction on busy roadways. Terry said he thinks it will better formalize the review of the waiver process. In the ordinance there are criteria that are to be considered where the old waiver just said it could be granted. There will still be a judgment call by the City for street construction activities considering the only practical time to close some streets is during the night.

BOARD REPORTS:

Planning Board: Lora Mattox updated the Board on the Transportation plan. The contract has been signed by Kittelson and Associates. Planning has been working with MDT and the consultant to finalize their scope of work. There is an oversight committee established and a kickoff meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks. Erin Claunch is on the committee for City Engineering, several people from MDT, a Lockwood resident, and a few other City and County departments will sit on that committee. The committee is hoping to have a draft of the Transportation plan by the end of the year.

Hospitality Corridor: The Hospitality Corridor runs from the Lockwood interchange to Airport Road along Main Street and US 87. There is nothing that can be done at the intersection of Airport Road and Main Street without major reconstruction. The intersection operates at a level 'C' during normal hours, however, at peak hours it operates at a level 'F'. Pedestrian enhancement at the existing intersections in the corridor is a main focus. That is mainly dependent on what happens in the Expo-Gateway area as far as future grade separation or different access. A HAWK signal was discussed for the intersection of 3rd Ave N and Main, however that is being taken out of the plan as well as the HAWK signal that was proposed for the entrance on the south side of the fair grounds. The intersection of 1st Ave N, Highway 87, and Main is being looked at for a roundabout, but probably needs its own study due to the size and right-of-way needed. There is a lot of interest in the Expo-Gateway and developing in the area. There is another pedestrian signal and vehicular signal being talked about at the intersection of 1st Ave N and N 10th St because that is the last entrance into the Expo-Gateway area. A trail connection is also being looked at on the east side of Main along the fairgrounds to connect existing trail systems. A public meeting will be held in June at the Metra.

Metra Egress: The County Commissioners hired Marvin & Associates to study access to and from the Metra area. The Metra exit from the lower parking lots could be reconfigured to allow people to **exit** onto Main just south the existing 4th Avenue intersection. Exiting traffic would not conflict with the eastbound 4th Ave North traffic. Also, a northbound slip lane is proposed for entering the lower parking lot. Terry mentioned that the County and the State have more of a say in this project; the County for their internal modifications to circulation and the State for approval of the significant changes to 4th Ave and Main. Walt Willett asked if there were any plans for changing or updating the signal at Airport Rd and Main Street. Westbound vehicles trying to get across Main Street often sit through several lights before they can get across. Erin mentioned that adding a little green time to that leg would probably be sufficient. Main Street is the State's road and they favor Main Street traffic with the signal timings.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

HAWK Signal: The HAWK Signal at 4th Ave N and North 20th St is up and operating. Driver compliance is good and if there is something not working it would be that drivers tend to stay stopped longer than needed.

2013 Major Construction Projects: Terry gave a summary of projects impacting major streets.

| Street | Construction Type | Distance | Price |
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| Rimrock Rd – Forsythia to Shiloh | Full Reconstruction | 1.2 Mi | \$4 Million |
| Bench Blvd – Lincoln Ln to Hilltop | Full Reconstruction | 0.75 Mi | \$4.2 Million |
| Newman Ln – King Ave E to Ruth Ave | Full Reconstruction | 0.31 Mi | Tax Increment |
| Colton Blvd – Zimmerman to 38 th St W | New Construction | 0.44 Mi | SID / Private Contract |
| Inner Belt Loop – Wicks to Alkali Cr Rd | New Construction | 0.87 Mi | \$3 Million |
| Broadwater Ave – 24 th St W to 16 th St | Water & Sewer Project | 0.60 Mi | \$800,000 Total Rehab |
| Parkhill Dr – N 32 nd St to Virginia Ln | Sewer Project | 0.34 Mi | \$800,000 Total Rehab |
| Alley North of Parkhill – Virginia to Highland School | Sewer Project | 0.28 Mi | \$800,000 Total Rehab |
| Azalea Ln – O Malley to Parkhill Dr | Sewer Project | 0.22 Mi | \$800,000 Total Rehab |
| 54 th St W - Grand to Colton | Sewer/Water Hook-ups | 0.25 Mi | |
| Monad Rd – 24 th to BBWA & 32 nd to Shiloh | Overlay | 1.25 Mi | \$1.3 Million for Overlays |
| Broadwater – 24 th St W to BBWA | Overlay | 0.5 Mi | \$1.3 Million for Overlays |
| 19 th St W – Central to Lewis | Overlay | 0.75 Mi | \$1.3 Million for Overlays |
| Aronson – Camel Pl to Governors Blvd | Overlay | 0.64 Mi | \$1.3 Million for Overlays |
| Residential Streets | Chip Seal | 0.5 Mi | \$840,000 |
| King Ave W – 20 th St W to 24 th St W | MDT Overlay | 0.5 Mi | |
| King Ave W – 44 th St W to 88 th St W | MDT Overlay | 5 Mi | |
| Montana Ave/Laurel Rd – N 18 th St to Parkway Ln | MDT Overlay | 3.25 Mi | |
| 5 th St W – Grand Ave to Montana Ave | ADA Project | 1 Mi | |

Gene asked about the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks. Lora said that they are still working on the plans and are hoping to have start construction in the fall. Walt was wondering about the light sequencing on Grand Ave at 17th St W and 19th St W. Terry said that the Safety project with MDT is still being planned. Walt mentioned that there are still no speed limit signs west of 32nd Street W on Grand. Gene asked if the City is going to do something with 6th Ave North after the Library building is completed because it is breaking up and is very rough. Terry said he would have to look at the 5 year plan to see where it is on the list.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion for adjournment by Gene Wade, seconded by Walt Willett. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.