

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Warsaw Police Department training room. **Voting members in attendance were: Dirk Felger, Cindy Dobbins, Jeremy Skinner, Joel Beam, and Kip Shuter. Jeff Beeler, Connie Fribley, Steve Foster, and Jack Wilhite** were absent. Ex-Officio members in attendance were: Chief Scott Whitaker and Mayor Thallemer. James Emans was not present. Also in attendance were: Warsaw Common Council member Mike Klondaris, Matt Brown A&F Engineering, Mark Foster IngenAE Engineering, David Slone (Times-Union), and Melissa Sorenson (Ink Free News).

CALL TO ORDER

Kip Shuter called the meeting to order.

ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of the September 7, 2016, Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission meeting were approved. Cindy Dobbins made motion, seconded by Joel Beal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE:** – Jeremy Skinner reported that Husky Trail right-of-way has all been cleared. Utility relocation will be occurring over the next 4-5 months construction should begin Spring 2017. Buffalo Street project is waiting funding from Regional Cities Initiative and will include all infrastructure improvements, except water. The Buffalo Street public access boat ramp to Center Lake will be moved to north of Bixler Park in the summer of 2017. Main Street Project is close to completion. The road surface is complete with only a few concrete sidewalk and driveway approaches yet to be completed.
- 2. GOLF CART ORDINANCE:** – Commission reviewed the most recent draft and requested that turn signals also be included. Section 3 removed the red letter addition of brake lights which is now included in section 7 to say “No golf carts shall be operated on the streets and alleys of the City of Warsaw unless it is fully equipped with operational headlamps, tail lamps, turn signals, and brake lights.” With no other changes, Jeremy Skinner motioned to provide a favorable recommendation to the city council, seconded by Cindy Dobbins. After further discussion and vote, the motion failed. (Aye -2, Nay -3).
- 3. WCS NO RIGHT TURN SOUTHBOUND FLORA AND GLAD** – WCS Transportation provided a route map for the school bus that leaves Harrison Elementary and drops off approximately 15 children on Glad Street just east of Husky Trail. The issue is not with vehicles running the stop arm, but that traffic gets backed up exiting the school. With future improvements to Husky Trail, including a roundabout at Husky and Mariners, and also an 8 foot side path on the school side of Husky Trail, the board agreed with WCS installing an internal sign, on school property, to dissuade right turns.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. ALDI'S TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY** – Matt Brown, A&F Engineering, and Mark Foster, IngenAE (Developer for ALDI's), presented a traffic impact study for the intersection of Parker Street, Husky Trail, and Patterson Road for ALDI Inc., who would move from their current location on Commerce Drive and move into the southwest outlet at the intersection. Matt Brown provided the commission with the current traffic data and movements. The current data combined with the new trip generation data still does not meet the warrants for a traffic signal. Matt Brown added that even if the intersection would warrant a traffic signal, he would look at other options due to the proximity to US30 and its traffic signal. The intersection currently operates during the AM peak at B level of service and will continue to operate at level B with the additional traffic. The PM peak traffic will change the level of service from E with current traffic, to a level F (lowest) with the proposed traffic. Jeremy Skinner reported that city, county, and state are looking at the whole area for improvements. A US30 Coalition is looking at the future of US30. Also, with development north, i.e. Parkview and the YMCA, this thoroughfare handles a lot of traffic and relief is necessary. Matt Brown advised that with the development of one more out lot, the intersection will probably warrant a traffic signal. Cindy Dobbins motioned to accept the TIS, seconded by Jeremy Skinner. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. WCS LAKEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS:** Dirk Felger reported that WCS has purchased Tapco, button activated, flashing lights for the two (2) crosswalks on Smith Street in front of Lakeview Middle School to improve the pedestrian safety. The four (4) lights will be installed as soon as they arrive. The board also discussed that Smith Street still appears dark even with additional street lighting put in place by NIPSCO a while ago. Jeremy Skinner suggested having a lighting engineer look at the location and make recommendations.

OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

The next regular scheduled meeting – December 7, 2016.

Kip Shuter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kip L. Shuter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kip L. Shuter
WTSC Administrator