

## Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

1:00 p.m.

A regular scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Warsaw Police Department. **Voting members in attendance were: Cindy Dobbins, Mike Klondaris, Joel Beam, Dan Robinson, and Kip Shuter.** Absent voting members were Steve Foster and Greg Schroeder. Ex-Officio members in attendance were: Mayor Thallemer, Lacy Francis, Jeremy Skinner, and Scott Whitaker. Also in attendance were: Jennifer Peryam, Times-Union reporter; Mark Dobson, Warsaw Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce; and Della Swain, WCS Transportation Director.

Kip Shuter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 5, 2012 traffic commission meeting were approved. Dan Robinson made motion, seconded by Cindy Dobbins.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Downtown Parking** – Kip Shuter updated the commission on the progress of the on-street subcommittee. On-street subcommittee minutes attached. Diagrams are being drafted with options. Jeremy Skinner updated the commission on the progress of the off-street subcommittee. He noted that there is hesitancy to build downtown due to the parking perception.

**2. Stop Sign location at Center/Capital Intersection** – Kip Shuter reviewed the issue and stated that no crashes have occurred in the last 3 years. The commission reviewed options available and noted that the Center Center property is for sale. The purchase of the property may be an opportune time to present a solution. Cindy Dobbins motioned to have MACOG count the area to have data before any changes are made. Second by Mike Klondaris. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Vehicles Passing at Winona Avenue Railroad Crossing** – Kip Shuter and Della Swain presented the problems that westbound busses are having by being passed on the left at the railroad tracks and stacking up so that the busses can not enter the straight lane west of the tracks. Several others observed this same movement with cars. The law and the way the pavements marking are currently would allow for a westbound vehicle to pass in the left lane if turning left. After discussion, Kip Shuter motioned to mark the pavement per MUTCD standards with a double yellow angled from the point that westbound vehicles no longer would have a need to turn left east of the tracks, to join up with the double yellow west of the tracks. Seconded by Joel Beam. Motion passed. Kip Shuter will check with INDOT on the lane configuration east of Detroit Street, and INDOT's right-of-way.

**2. View Obstruction from Parked Vehicles in the 200 Block of S. Buffalo Street** - Kip Shuter reported that there is a view obstruction from a single parking space north of the entrance to Owen's and Company. The complaint requested that the parking space be restricted to small or compact vehicles only. The commission discussed the issue and stated that this occurs in many locations downtown. The commission noted that employees and patrons to Owen's and Company have another egress off Jefferson Street. Mike Klondaris motioned that no action be taken. Seconded by Dan Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. View Obstruction at Husky Trail and North Pointe Drive.** Dan Robinson reported that the view for traffic on North Point Drive is obstructed by tree limbs on the northwest corner of the intersection. Jeremy Skinner will contact the appropriate owners and request the trees be trimmed. It was noted that the trees will be removed with the Husky Trail road project enhancements in 2015.

**4. Rough Railroad Crossings** – Mike Klondaris noted that it seems the east/west railroad crossings are in need of repair, especially Bronson Street. The tracks are operated by CFE Railroad. Kip Shuter will contact CFE and inform them of the need for repair and see if any of the crossings are scheduled for repair.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Kip Shuter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kip Shuter', is written over the typed name below.

Kip Shuter