

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2017-0447 Draft minutes from the June 13, 2017 regular meeting

Chairperson Colling noted that the Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2017 would be the first agenda item. He asked if anyone would like to make a motion to approve or amend them. A motion to approve them, as presented, was made by Mr. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Pozolo.

MOTION by Moore
SECOND by Pozolo

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Dropiewski, Neveau, Hunter

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2017-0448 Request for Approval of Traffic Control Order TM-36.17-NO TURN ON RED from northbound Old Perch Road onto Walton Boulevard at their intersection between the hours of 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, School Days Only.

Mr. Davis stated that if the board remembers, at the last meeting they had in June, there was some discussion about changing some of the “turn on red” signs at John R and Auburn Road. Mr. Davis stated that the opinion was that starting at 7:00 AM was not early enough and it was not providing protection for the students because there were a number of students that walked earlier than 7:00 AM., so the sign starting times were changed at that location. Before the board tonight is another location, but it is dealing with the same issue and request, changing the starting time from 7:00 AM to 6:30 AM. Old Perch is a City road and Walton Boulevard is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County. The request is to revise the turning restrictions Old Perch northbound to eastbound Walton Blvd. The turning restrictions currently are 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Mr. Paul Hartzell is here at the meeting to address some of the concerns regarding school children crossing busy intersections, specifically at the intersection of Old Perch and Walton Boulevard. Mr. Hartzell stated that the request is not only for northbound Old Perch to Walton Blvd. but also eastbound Walton Blvd. to southbound Old Perch. Mr. Davis stated that the sign on eastbound Walton Blvd.

would be the Road Commission's sign. Mr. Hartzell stated that there were some safety concerns that was brought to his attention in September from a citizen regarding the students crossing at this location. Mr. Hartzell stated he spent some time there monitoring the pedestrian traffic and did note that the times that the students do cross at this location start prior to the 7:00 AM posting. For this reason, he has requested the change. The start time for school is 7:25 AM and dismissal is at 2:22 PM.

Mr. Colling asked if there was anyone present that wanted to comment on this particular item. Hearing none, he closed it for public comment and opened it up to the Board. Mr. Colling stated that for consistency purposes, he would like all the turning movement signs located by schools to be the same.

Mr. Moore asked what kind of count of pedestrian students were crossing there at Walton Blvd.? Mr. Hartzell stated that the student pedestrian traffic was a little heavier in the afternoon than in the morning, probably about 15 students in the morning and 20 to 25 in the afternoon. Mr. Moore asked what constitutes a crossing guard being assigned to this area? Mr. Moore stated that they are talking safety of children here and he would think this area would warrant one. Mr. Colling stated that they were talking about Middle and High School children and generally speaking, the crossing guards are mainly at Elementary Schools. Mr. Colling stated that if it were elementary school children, he would agree to having a crossing guard, but it is middle school children and there is a crossing guard right at the middle school.

Everyone agreed that keeping the times consistent at all the schools for these signs was essential. Mr. Pozolo asked about keeping the sign with the same times and verified that it was those that were related to the schools. Mr. Davis stated that if we are going to be consistent, they all should be 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Mr. Davis also stated that these times only relate to City roads. Those belonging to the County or State could be different and we need to follow up with the State and Road Commission to make sure they post the same times also. Mr. Davis will talk to the Road Commission and ask them to change their sign to reflect the same times as ours.

Mr. Colling stated that as part of this approval, that staff ask the Road Commission to change their times on the sign on Walton Boulevard to reflect the same times as the City's.

Mr. Neveau made a motion to adopt TCO TM-36.1 with a NO TURN ON RED from northbound Old Perch Road onto Walton Boulevard at their intersection with the modification of hours to between the hours of 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM, School Days Only, rescind any previous TCO's for this intersection and that the ATSB recommend that City Council approve this TCO until rescinded or superseded. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pozolo.

**MOTION by Neveau
SECOND by Pozolo**

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Dropiewski, Neveau, Hunter

MOTION CARRIED