

Minutes from the Regular
Advisory Traffic and Safety Board Meeting
April 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Colling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After roll call, Chairperson Colling stated that a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Ernest Colling Jr.
Larry Dropiewski
Scott Hunter
Ken Krajewski (Non-voting, not sworn in at this time)
Carl Moore
Thomas Neveau
Thomas Pozolo

Absent:

None

Non-voting members present:

Ken Krajewski
Sheryl McIsaac, Recording Secretary
Paul G. Shumejko, P.E., PTOE, Transportation Engineer
Jim Kubical, City Council Representative
Keith Depp, Staff Engineer
Sgt. Jason Dalbec, Oakland County Sheriff's Office
Det. Hicks, Oakland County Sheriff's Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2016-0121 Draft minutes from the October 13, 2015 regular meeting

Chairperson Colling noted that the Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015 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. Hunter.

MOTION by Moore
SECOND by Hunter

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

2016-0122 Mayoral Appointment of Ken Krajewski to ATSB

Mr. Colling welcomed Mr. Krajewski as a new member and asked him to tell the board a little about himself. Mr. Krajewski was welcomed by all.

Mr. Dropiewski was also present and a new member. He told some of his history with MDOT and was welcomed by all.

Mr. Kubicina, newly appointed to the board as City Council representative, also told of his service to the City and was welcomed by all.

2016-0123 Election of Officers

Chairman Colling asked if anyone would like to make any nominations. Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Colling as chairman. Mr. Colling accepted the nomination and nominated Mr. Moore as vice chairman. Mr. Moore accepted the nomination. Both nominations were seconded by Mr. Hunter. There were no other nominations and all agreed. Motions were secured.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2016-0140 Request to Rescind Traffic Control Order TM-18 to remove the turning restriction from the school driveway for Eastbound vehicular movement at Brewster Road and approve Traffic Control Order TM-34-16

Paul Shumejko stated that due to concerns regarding the egress of vehicles from the Brewster Elementary School site, City and Oakland County Sheriff staff reviewed the existing No Turn on Red turning movement restrictions at the subject intersection. At the start of the school year, DPS staff bagged the existing No Turn on Red sign at the school's exit on a trial basis.

Based upon field reviews performed by the OCSO throughout the school year, the driveway operations have been improved by allowing motorists to exit the site in a timely manner; therefore minimizing the congestion and traffic conflicts during school arrival and dismissal times.

The recommendation by staff is to rescind TCO TM-18 to remove the turning restriction from the school driveway for eastbound vehicular movement at Brewster Road and support approving TCO TM-34-16.

TM-34.1 NO TURN ON RED from the northbound Brewster Road onto N. Fairview Lane at their intersection between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, School Days Only.

TM-34.2 NO TURN ON RED from westbound N. Fairview Lane onto Brewster Road at their intersection between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, School Days Only.

Mr. Colling stated that he was concerned for pedestrians crossing Brewster Road once the No Turn on Red signs were removed at the school's drive. Detective Hicks stated that he is out there quite a bit and has only seen around six school children walking the pathways there and crossing. Detective Hicks also stated that children should cross Brewster at the north end of North Fairview Lane to the school drive and that the No Turn on Red signs at Brewster and North Fairview Lane would protect the public from vehicular traffic.

Mr. Colling asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked if someone would like to make a motion to approve.

Mr. Moore made a motion to rescind TCO TM-18 and adopt TCO TM-34.1 and TM-34.2 as presented, noting Mr. Colling's comments, and that the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board recommend that City Council approve the TCO until rescinded or superseded.

**MOTION by Moore
SECOND by Hunter**

**Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: None**

MOTION CARRIED

2016-0141 Request for Approval of Traffic Control Order TM-33-16, NO TURN ON RED from northbound and southbound Culbertson Avenue onto Auburn Road at their intersection between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, School Days Only

Mr. Shumejko stated that due to concerns regarding the school walking route for Reuther Middle School, City Staff reviewed the existing No Turn On Red turning movement restrictions and determined that the time plates should be revised from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM to 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

The following is the recommendation for the regulatory turning movement traffic control device for this intersection.

TM-33.1 NO TURN ON RED from northbound and southbound Culbertson Avenue onto Auburn Road at their intersection between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, School Days Only.

The Auburn Road legs of the intersection are under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation and have been coordinated with the City.

City Staff requests the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board to support having TCO No. TM-33-16 issued and that the ATSB recommend that the City Council approve this TCO until rescinded or superseded.

Mr. Colling stated that it is very dangerous on Culbertson with all the parents parking along both sides of the street and kids darting across the road. He stated with making a No Turn on Red onto Auburn would bottleneck all the vehicles and cause an even greater danger with children darting between all the parked and stopped vehicles. Mr. Colling stated that he would like to table this item until the board had more data on this issue and prior to making any recommendations. All members agreed. This issue will be brought back to the board once more data is obtained.

2016-0142 Request for Approval Traffic Control Order TM-32-16, NO TURN ON RED from northbound and southbound John R onto Auburn Road at their intersection between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, School Days Only

Mr. Shumejko stated that due to concerns regarding the school walking route for Reuther Middle School, city staff reviewed the existing No Turn on Red turning movement restrictions and determined that the time plates should be revised from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM to 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

TM-32.1 NO TURN ON RED from northbound and southbound John R onto Auburn Road at their intersection between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, School Days Only

The Auburn Road legs of the intersection are under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation and have been coordinated with the City.

Request the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board to support having the TCO TM-32-16 issued and that the ATSB recommend that the City Council approve this TCO until rescinded or superseded. This Traffic Control Order rescinds and supersedes TCO TM-22.

Mr. Shumejko stated that the only change was to have the TCO's starting time 7:00 AM versus the 7:30 AM starting time.

Mr. Colling asked if anyone had any comments or wished to make a motion.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to rescind Traffic Control Order TM-22 and adopt Traffic Control Order TM-32.1 as presented and that the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board recommend that City Council approve Traffic Control Order TM-32.1 until rescinded or superseded.

**MOTION by Hunter
SECOND by Pozolo**

**Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: None**

MOTION CARRIED

2016-0143 Request for Approval Traffic Control Order YS-111-16, Jewel Drive yield for Demar Drive

Mr. Shumejko stated that a traffic study was recently performed for the newly constructed streets located within the newly constructed development of Regal Estates. The study was initiated by the City accepting the streets for maintenance and declaring said streets open for public travel in 2015. The intersection of Jewel Drive and Demar Drive was reviewed to determine the type of regulatory traffic control warranted as established by Michigan Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD).

The recommendation is determined regarding the type of regulatory traffic control device (stop/yield sign) for the intersection based upon the available sight distance as measured in the field. At the intersection of Jewel Drive and Demar Drive, the necessary safe sight distance required is 280 feet. The field measurements were 370 feet westerly (as restricted by intersection at Gravel Ridge Drive) and 280 feet easterly (as restricted by the Dead End).

Mr. Shumejko stated that as a result of the investigation and available safe sight distance, the following regulatory traffic control device (yield sign) is recommended for this intersection.

YS-111-16.1 Jewel Drive YIELD for Demar Drive

Mr. Shumejko stated that based on the study and available safe sight distance, the following city staff request the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board support having TCO YS-111-16 issued and to recommend that the City Council approves the TCO until rescinded or superseded.

Mr. Colling asked if there were any comments. The exact location of this new development was discussed. It was determined that the house that is located at the parcel at the dead end of the road would have to be demolished in order for the road (Demar) to continue through to the next street. Hearing no other comments, Mr. Colling asked if anyone would like to make a motion on this subject.

Mr. Moore made a motion to adopt TCO YS-111-16.1 as presented and that the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board recommend that City Council approve Traffic Control Order YS-111-16.1 until rescinded or superseded.

**MOTION by Moore
SECOND by Pozolo**

**Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: None**

MOTION CARRIED

2016-0147

Hamlin Road Speed Study and Request for Approval of Traffic Control Order SL-20-16 Speed Limit Forty Five (45) miles per hour along Hamlin Road from Adams Road to Dequindre Road

Mr. Shumejko stated that a traffic study was performed along Hamlin Road to determine the warranted speed limit, as established by Michigan Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) and accepted traffic engineering principles. The Advisory Traffic and Safety Board had requested that city staff initiate this study upon the recent completion of the Hamlin Road improvements.

Hamlin Road is designated as an Urban Minor Arterial road. Traffic speed counts were obtained from March 15-18, 2016 to identify the 85th percentile speed. Traffic crash data was also obtained from the Traffic Improvement Association's website for the period of January 1, 2013 through the present time.

Mr. Shumejko stated that based on the results of said traffic study, it is recommended to establish a consistent speed limit of 45 mph for Hamlin Road. He also stated that a further study may be warranted at such time that Hamlin Road from the City limit to Adams Road is transferred from the Road Commission for Oakland County to the City.

Mr. Shumejko stated that since current state law limits the school zone reduced speed zone to a maximum reduction of 15 MPH, the existing school speed zone signs near Hamlin Elementary will need to be reprogrammed from 25 MPH to 30 MPH. City staff will contact the Rochester Community Schools regarding this revision. He also stated that staff recommends implementing the revised Hamlin Road speed limit after school lets out in June in order to maintain consistency for the remainder of this school year. He also stated that staff will conduct a ball bank study along the Hamlin Road curve near Crooks Road to determine if warning speed plaques are recommended.

Mr. Shumejko asked that the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board support having TCO No. SL-20-16 issued and that the ATSB recommend City Council approve the TCO until rescinded or superseded.

SL-20-16.1 Speed Limit Forty Five (45) miles per hour along Hamlin Road from Adams Road to Dequindre Road.

Mr. Colling asked if there was any discussion on this topic.

Mr. Pozolo didn't feel it was appropriate to raise the speed limit by the schools. He has seen many kids darting across Hamlin Road by the school. It was noted that children were not supposed to be using the playground at the elementary school after school hours as it is a liability to the school. He stated that most kids didn't go down to where they were supposed to cross and just darted across the road.

Mr. Shumejko noted that the speed study clearly showed that the traffic was traveling above 45 MPH at every stretch studied already. The lowest 85th percentile speed being 45.5 MPH and that was between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

Mr. Moore made a motion to rescind Traffic Control Orders SL-5, SL-8, and SL-63-105-81 and adopt TCO SL-20-16.1 making a consistent 45 MPH along Hamlin Road, with the exception of the school area, and that the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board recommend that City Council approve TCO SL-20-16.1 until rescinded or superseded.

**MOTION by Moore
SECOND by Neveau**

**Ayes: All
Nays: Pozolo
Absent: None**

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Neveau wanted to know what everyone thought about the Tim Horton's and Mobile station going in at the corner of Adams and Walton. He thought traffic would be at a standstill with customers trying to turn in to the business off of Adams. Mr. Shumejko stated that there was a drive through at the back of the business and if there became a problem with traffic, it was noted on the plans that traffic turning movements would be restricted as a result.

Mr. Colling asked Paul what items we may be discussing in the future. Mr. Shumejko stated that there were a few new subdivisions that Traffic Control Orders would have to come before the board, but other than that, he didn't have anything. Mr. Colling stated that then the board must be doing their jobs right, if there aren't any other issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Ernest Colling Jr., Chairperson

Date: