



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Advisory Traffic and Safety Board

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Staff Members: Paul Davis, Keith Depp, Paul Shumejko

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

6:58 pm

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Scott Hunter, Ken Krajewski, Bryan Lemanski, Carl Moore and Julie Rogalski
Absent 2 - Thomas Pozolo and Terry Schafer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2024-0093](#) Draft Minutes from October 10, 2023

Attachments: [ATSB Minutes for October 10, 2023](#)

A motion was made by Hunter, seconded by Rogalski. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hunter, Krajewski, Lemanski, Moore and Rogalski
Absent 2 - Pozolo and Schafer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2024-0094](#) Dead End Signs Policy Options

Attachments: [Dead End Signs - Policy Options.pdf](#)

We have a Draft policy put together by Chris Shepard. Chris described his position at the garage and stated he oversees the Sign Shop. Chris described how he came up with three versions of the policy for the group to discuss. Chris briefly described each option. Chris said he uses the MMUTCD manual to come up with each option. Paul stated the Michigan Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) is used to guide our decisions. Chris stated that the manual used the words "may use dead end signs" and "may use no outlet signs". Our policy is to adhere to the word shall, as in we shall use dead end signs and no outlet signs. Paul stated that the manual says to use engineering judgement when needed and that is typically how we operate. Paul showed some examples on the computer by looking up city locations on the online map. He described the difference between cul-de-sacs and road end locations. Chris gave more detail about the three options and the group decided that we should go with option 3. This option states that the dead-end sign shall be used at the entrance of a single road or

non-cul-de-sac. The no outlet sign shall be used when there is no other exit or there is a cul-de-sac. Paul stated that the benefits of finalizing this will help in the future. Paul discussed the different sizes and shapes of the signs. The group decided to add the wording to option 3. Chris is going to finalize the wording after the discussion and we will revisit at our next ATSB meeting. Paul stated that typically City Engineer or even the Field Services manager can have some discretion at making the decisions.

2024-0095

Streetlight request at Tienken and Tienken Court

Attachments: [Rochester Hills streetlight installation at Tienken Rd - simple sketch and estimate.pdf](#)

At the last meeting we had representatives from RJ's Pub that discussed how dark it was at this intersection. It took a little while to get the agreements from DTE. We did get a fair streetlight estimate. We will take this agreement to the next City Council meeting. If they support it, the city can contribute their portion and DTE can move forward with installation.

A motion was made by Rogalski, seconded by Hunter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hunter, Krajewski, Lemanski, Moore and Rogalski

Absent 2 - Pozolo and Schafer

ANY OTHER BUSINESS**2024-0096**

Communication Items

1. Clinton River Trail Crossing Safety
2. South Brooklands Traffic Study
3. Otter/Cross Creek Safety
4. Valley Stream Speed Study Update

Clinton River trail Crossing Safety

Ms. Ferry stated we should do something that makes all the signage consistent on the trails to educate drivers and users of the trail. We discussed putting something in the Hills Herald and other options to educate drivers to not stop at the trails & crosswalks. Try to coordinate with others (Paint Creek Trail, Clinton River Trail, the Village, crosswalks in other areas).

Paul informed the group that we do not have jurisdiction over private property cross walks and stop signs in parking lots. Ms. Ferry suggested that we have some continuity between different organizations. Paul stated that with different ownership you may have different opinions. We should include the Friends of the Clinton River Trail on any trail concerns. The Paint Creek Trail is a different organization. We discussed educational options: Facebook, water bills, Hills Herald. Ms. Ferry asked about Hawk signals. Mr. Blair said with the costs of those they don't seem feasible for the crosswalks. Mr. Blair said we could commit to education and send an email to RCOC and the trail contacts.

South Brooklands Traffic Study

Mr. Davis stated that DPS took a proposal to City Council to award as an-needed traffic services contract to HRC. City Council approved it. HRC is going to study the South Brooklands Subdivision. The roads were recently redone and people are now speeding.

The signage may not be appropriate. HRC will study it and make recommendations. This Board may need to rescind some yield signs and put up stop signs.

Otter Dr/Cross Creek Safety

This committee will probably be asked to approve a 3 way stop at this intersection. There are some restricted views in the area and it has become dangerous. The sight distance issue requires engineering judgement to propose a stop sign on Cross Creek at Otter Dr to stop traffic.

Valley Stream Speed Study Update

Mr. Davis stated that there was a recent study done in Valley Stream and two streets meet the requirements: Oakstone and Rochdale Drive, north of Walton, west of Livernois. We are working with the subdivision to put some traffic calming in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Davis stated that the residents near Clear Creek drive have requested that the Rapid Flashing Beacon (RFB) be replaced with a Hawk signal. Mr. Davis stated that a Hawk signal is probably not justified but we are going to do a study to measure the pedestrian traffic. We should educate residents that Hawk signals are used for specific instances and they are not warranted at other areas. Mr. Davis stated that the Hawk signals are pedestrian activated. Pedestrian accidents are rare at this location and even the RFB is not really supported.

Mr. Davis stated we have a few studies that may come to this committee. We received another request to study Star-Batt and Crooks. Drivers are complaining that they cannot turn out of Starr Batt; the cycle is too short and the left turn lane is too short. We are going to do a study here.

Rochelle Park discussion, no parking on one side on street option. Officer Jensen stated they would keep an eye on the area. We discussed different ways to reach out to HOA's and Subdivision Facebook page.

Mr. Davis mentioned that we are posting the position for a new traffic engineer.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 14, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

8:35 pm