

**Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee
Meeting Minutes of Monday May 3, 2021**

The Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee met on Monday, May 3, 2021, in the Lower Level Conference Room #1 of the Municipal Government Center (Town Hall), 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. The Committee was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m.

<i>Members present</i>	<i>Town Staff Present</i>	<i>Members of the Press</i>
Deepan Patel	Calvin Grow	None
Sandy Grossman, Chair	Susan Berry-Hill	<i>Citizens Present</i>
Brian Caney	Jaime Sanford	Teecie Brown
Jim Csizmadia, Vice-chair		William Hogue
Raymond Jones		
Robert Sproul		

1. *Approval of March 1, 2021 Minutes:* On motion by Jimmy Csizmadia, seconded by Raymond Jones, the Committee approved the minutes.

2. *Public Comments:* Teecie Brown and William Hogue had some speeding concerns on Santmyer Drive from the residents of Tavistock Farms. The SRTC requested Town staff to conduct speed study at two places on Santmyer Drive and report back at the June meeting.

3. Susan Berry-Hill talked with the SRTC about an email to Boards and Commissions asking for input into the Legacy Leesburg Town Plan project. The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the draft and would like to have input from all the Boards and Commissions on the draft. The SRTC works to address traffic and pedestrian safety in existing neighborhoods, particularly to address speeding problems and issues at pedestrian crossings in residential areas. The Mission of the SRTC as stated on the Town website:

“The SRTC implements a systematic approach to resolving documented residential traffic concerns that assures that all registered issues or complaints will be judged in accordance with adopted criteria, promoting uniformity and predictability in outcomes and increasing confidence in the fairness of the process and the handling of individual concerns. The SRTC offers recommendations regarding other traffic-related issues at the request of the Town Council or Town Manager and is charged with evaluating and proposing specific traffic calming projects.”

The Committee may have ideas on how this mission can best be incorporated into the Plan. Susan Berry-Hill requested the Committee’s thoughts on this draft plan. Susan highlighted the following in the draft Plan which pertains to the mission of the SRTC.

Existing neighborhoods are planned to be “Enhanced”. The definition of enhanced is as follows: “Areas to Enhance include most of the Town’s existing residential neighborhoods. Things that can enhance the community can include introducing traffic calming, new connections to nearby walkable mixed-use activity centers, improved

bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure, or opportunities for new parks, open space, and tree canopy. In limited cases, some neighborhoods may benefit from small-scale, context-sensitive infill development that complements neighborhood character. This could include some limited non-residential space like professional office space and retail. Residential infill development and redevelopment initiatives in these neighborhoods should be focused on increasing the range of living and affordability for Leesburg residents.”

Public input generally indicated that residents were happy with the residential neighborhoods. If any change is desired is to improve them with such things as new sidewalks or preservation of natural areas or development of parks and recreation, where appropriate.

Goal 4.4. Safety. Under this there are multiple strategies to improve safety. These focus on town wide safety considerations including: Strategy 4.3.4. Safe Routes to School. The Plan encourages implementation of this program, possibly coordinating with the County coordinator of this program, to increase pedestrian safety for school-age children. Strategy 4.4.1. Crash Diet. This strategy encourages the Town/VDOT to focus on improving areas where there are documented safety problems.

Strategy 4.5.1. Intersection Improvement Program. This strategy is particularly focused in residential areas that surround the downtown. The SRTC is specifically mentioned as one of the Town Committees that should be involved in this strategy. Sandy Grossman recommended that the SRTC committee review the document and discuss at the June meeting.

4. *SMART Trailer results*: none.

5. SRTC budget is \$18,000. SRTC committee discussed the aging driver feedback signs in the Town. On motion by Jimmy Csizmadia, seconded by Raymond Jones, the Committee approved the motion to use \$18,000 to purchase a new driver feedback sign and foundation for feedback sign, with all others present voting aye.

6. SRTC data base. Sandy Grossman, Chair, discussed the database system for the SRTC to keep track of traffic studies, driver feedback locations, and traffic calming installations etc. Town staff presented the data base and the committee recommended that this item stay on the agenda for the June meeting.

7. Committee members concerns: Chairman Grossman requested staff to send out a letter introducing the HOAs to the Standing Residential Traffic Committee and neighborhood pool openings.

8. Also, the committee talked about the RT 7 at Battlefield Parkway interchange opening and crossovers on RT 7 to help LPD enforcement of the speed limit once the project is completed.

9. Next meeting date June 7, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. on motion by Jim Csizmadia, seconded by Deepan Patel.