

**Residential Traffic Commission
Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 1, 2022**

The Residential Traffic Commission met on Monday, August 1, 2022, in the Lower-Level Conference Room #1 of the Municipal Government Center (Town Hall), 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. The Commission was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present

Brian Caney
Raymond L. Jones
Deepan Patel
Mark Norman
Jeff Phillips Vice-Chair
Sandy Grossman- Chair
Ray Delpesche

Town Staff Present

Calvin Grow
Scott Parker
Officer Ryan Martin

Citizens Present

See Public comments

Planning Commission Liaison

None

1. *Approval of Minutes:* On motion by Jeff Phillips, seconded by Ray Delpesche, the Commission approved the July 11, 2022, minutes.

2. *Public Comments:* Sabina Puppo requested watch for duck signage on Dry mill Road and driver Feedback sign due to speeding near Valley View Ave SW. RTC requested that it will be added to the September 12, 2022 RTC meeting for discussion. Christian Alfaro Evergreen Meadows HOA Secretary and Dave Nichols requested additional 25 MPH speed limit signage and speed study on Alpine Drive SE. RTC requested staff to add to next month's agenda for discussion. Tammy Cornejo requested additional pedestrian actuated flashing lights be installed on all existing crosswalks on Kincaid Blvd. Town staff reviewed all the changes that staff is making on Kincaid Blvd.

Opening of Kincaid Blvd.: Town staff talked about Town Council resolution to open Kincaid Blvd. once Crosstrail Blvd. is open from Kincaid Blvd. to Russell Branch Parkway. The RTC agreed that Kincaid Blvd. should be opened to traffic. Loudoun County is planning on opening Crosstrail Blvd. within the next two months. County will post the speed of 25MPH on its section of Kincaid between Crosstrail and the Town Corporate Limits. Town staff will conduct speed study six months after the road is open to through traffic. Town staff talked about the following enhancements that would be installed on Kincaid Blvd. as part of the opening:

- Town staff will conduct pre-opening traffic along Kincaid Blvd. to collect data to be used in post opening regarding speed and volume analysis.
- Install additional "crosswalk ahead" signs to provide advance awareness of crosswalks at all locations on Kincaid Blvd.
- Replace the existing flashing crosswalk sign at Patrice Drive SE with the latest rapid flashing Beacon LED technology.

- Restripe all the existing crosswalks.
- Install a driver speed feedback sign for northbound traffic on Kincaid. Sign to be placed between County Line and Rhonda Place.
- Install a driver speed feedback sign for southbound traffic on Kincaid near Patrice Drive SE.
- Coordinate with LPD to provide enhanced LPD speed enforcement at the time of street opening.
- Place sign board trailers near the animal shelter, alerting motorists entering the neighborhood to the posted speed and that they are entering a residential area.
- Install directional sign to Route 7 for northbound traffic on Kincaid approaching Battlefield Parkway.
- Install northbound protected/permissive left turn signal on Kincaid Blvd at Battlefield Parkway. Also, high visibility back plates would be installed on all existing traffic signal heads.

Mr., Helik Shemer requested painted pedestrian crossing on RT 15 near Bridgette Place to enter Ida Lee Park. He mentions that this is a very popular route for dog walkers, joggers etc. coming out of Exeter to Ida Lee Park. The only available crosswalk is across from the cemetery at Oakcrest Manor Drive NE. He said that many of the cars drive that stretch way over the speed limit of 25 MPH and are not paying attention to the crossing pedestrians. Requested a painted crosswalk with a warning pedestrian light which would benefit pedestrians and reduce the driving speeds of the passing traffic. RTC requested Town staff to review and report back at the September meeting.

3. Smart Trailer results: Sgt. Ryan Martin presented the results of a recent speed study near 1114 Themis Street SE. The average speed on Themis Street was 20 MPH and the 85th percentile was 23 MPH.

The average speed on S. King Street near South Street was 19 MPH and the 85th percentile was 25 MPH. Per the Residential Management plan, no further action is required at these two locations.

4. Speeding on Tuscarora Drive SW. (request from Mr. Joseph/Mayor Burk) (LPD speed study): Item carried over to September RTC meeting due to lack of speed data.

5. Speeding on Dry Mill Road near Wage Drive: LPD presented the results of a recent speed study on Dry Mill Road near Wage Drive. The average speed westbound on Dry Mill Road was 26 MPH and the 85th percentile was 33 MPH. The average speed eastbound on Dry Mill Road was 28 MPH and the 85th percentile was 35 MPH. Because of the high speeds on Dry Mill Road LPD added to the special Selective Enforcement list. Town staff reviewed the existing 25 MPH speed signage which meets current standards per the MUTCD. The RTC requested no further action at this time.

6. Accident at Catoctin Circle and Battlefield Parkway (Request from Vice-Mayor Martinez): Town staff reviewed accident data with commission as follows:

2 accidents 2022 as of July 1, 2022

2 accidents 2021

1 accident 2020
0 accidents 2019
0 accidents 2018
0 accidents 2017
0 accidents 2016

LPD have reviewed the intersection and crash data and based on about 2,000 vehicles per day on Catocin Circle and 4,000 vehicles per day on Battlefield Parkway the accident rate is low. Town staff checked the warrants, and a traffic signal is not warranted at this location based on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD). Town staff reviewed intersection and found that tree limbs and shrubs area are blocking the sight distance easement and will work with HOA to remove obstructions. RTC recommend that staff report back to Vice-Mayor Martinez that no further action is needed at this location and accident rate is very low.

7. Speeding near Memorial Dr./West Market St./Cornwall Street: Town staff talked about major concerns of residents were speeding, stop sign running, traffic signal night flash, stop sign location and passing vehicles on Memorial Drive because the road is not stripped for one lane. Town staff and LPD reviewed the site and did not observe passing on Memorial Drive. LPD will continue to enforce violations at stop signs. LPD did not observe any speeding on W. Market or Memorial Drive. Sgt. Ryan Martin presented the results of a recent speed study near 12 Memorial Drive. The average speed was 20 MPH (NB), 16 MPH (SB) and the 85th percentile was 23 MPH (NB) and 21 MPH (SB) The average speed on near 237 W. Market Street was 22 MPH (EB), 21 MPH (WB) and the 85th percentile was 31 MPH (EB), 29MPH (WB). Per the Residential Management plan, no further action is required at these two locations.

Staff will remove the nighttime traffic signal flash and replace existing faded stop signs and relocate closer to intersection at Cornwall Street and Memorial. RTC requested staff to report back to residents. Also, staff mentioned Town Council resolution to proceed with a request for proposals for traffic study areas in the Town. The \$250,000 study will provide recommendation of short-, mid- and long-term improvements to address traffic flow and vehicular and pedestrian safety in their neighborhood.

8. Speeding on Battlefield Parkway from RT 15 Bypass to RT 15 Business (Mayor Burk): RTC talked about speeding issues on this part of Battlefield Parkway. On motion by Jeff Phillips, seconded by Ray Delpesche, the Commission approved an additional driver feedback sign for Battlefield Parkway.

9. W&OD trail at S. King Street: RTC discussed that vehicles area not stopping for pedestrians at this location. On motion by Jeff Phillips, seconded by Ray Delpesche, the Commission requested Town staff to investigate the possibility of installing a pedestrian present flashing light at the trail and report back at the September RTC meeting.

10. Next meeting date is September 12, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. on motion by Jeff Phillips, seconded by Mark Norman