Residential Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 14, 2023

The Residential Traffic Commission met on Monday, August 14, 2023, 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 presentTown Staff PresentCitizens PresentSandy Grossman-ChairNiraja Chandrapu, PE, PTOESee Public Comments

David Bowers

Raymond L. Jones

Ray Delpesche
Cherie Jones

Sergeant Ryan Martin
Lieutenant Vogel Chris
Scott Parker, AICP
Reilly Molthen

Mark Norman

1. Approval of Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Cherie Jones, seconded by Commissioner Mark Norman, the Commission approved the July 10, 2023, minutes.

2. Public Comments:

Ms. Margaret, the resident of Potomac Station enquired about the status on enhancing traffic operations and safety at the intersection of Saddleback Place and Harper Park Middle School.

The residents of Meadowbrook Phase V development requested an update from the commission regarding the progress made in addressing concerns about safety of pedestrians and vehicles at the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Odyssey Park/Idyllic Place speeding and cut-thru traffic in their neighborhood.

3. SMART Trailer Results: Sergeant Martin (LPD) shared the following SMART Trailer Results and speed enforcement data with the commission:

Table 1: SMART Trailer Results

| Roadway Name | Data Collection Time Period | Total Vehicle Count | Average Speed (MPH) | 85th Percentile Speed (MPH) | Average Daily Traffic (VPD) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 525 Catoctin Cir SW, SB | 7/3/2023 through 7/11/2023 | 22,634 | 23.86 | 31.69 | 2,514.9 |
| 314 Catoctin Cir SW, EB | 8/1/2023 through 8/10/2023 | 30,369 | 25.04 | 29.94 | 3,036.9 |
| Fort Evans NE at Meadows Ln NE, NB | 7/15/2023 through 7/21/2023 | 21,024 | 20.21 | 27.7 | 3,003.4 |
| 122 Morven Park Road NW, NB | 7/11/2023 through 8/1/2023 | 20,725 | 19.32 | 25.51 | 986.9 |

Table 2: Selective Enforcement Locations and Data

| Location | Issue | Strategy | Results | Notes |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|
| | | | 10.5 Hours / | |
| South King Street / Meade Drive SW | Speeding | Selective Enforcement | 9 Citizen Contacts | - |
| Dry Mill Road SW / Anne Street SW | Speeding | Selective Enforcement | Data not available yet | - |
| | | | 8.5 Hours / | |
| Leesburg Bypass / Battlefield Parkway | Crosswalk Violations | Selective Enforcement | 0 Citizen Contacts | Closed |
| Russell Branch Parkway SE / Village Market | | | 7.5 Hours / | |
| Boulevard SE | Crosswalk Violations | Selective Enforcement | 0 Citizen Contacts | Closed |
| | | | 6.0 Hours / | |
| 202 Morven Park Road NW | Speeding | Selective Enforcement | 0 Citizen Contacts | Closed |

- 4. Meadowbrook residential community (phase 5) traffic concerns: The staff provided an update to the commission, stating that the streets of Meadowbrook Phase V development are not yet accepted by the Town. As such, enforcement cannot be done until the streets are accepted. Additionally, staff mentioned that the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Idyllic Place will be evaluated for traffic operation and pedestrian safety when schools are back in session.
- 5. Existing school traffic issue at the intersection of Saddleback Pl and Harper Park Middle School entrance: The staff provided an update to the commission, stating that the Loudoun County Public School traffic specialist will collaborate with the town to install school zone speed limit signs at the intersection of Saddleback Place and Harper Park Middle School entrance, in order to alert drivers to slow down. Furthermore, the staff mentioned that they plan to install high-visibility crosswalks and stop bar pavement markings at the subject location.
- 6. Speeding on Morven Park Road: The SMART trailer results and variable message data collected on Morven Park Road show that the vehicles are not speeding on Morven Park Road. As such, the commission decided not to take any further action on this item.

7. *Update on outstanding issues:*

- a) Conversion of street lighting with LED lighting on Hope Parkway at crosswalks located at Burnell Place SE and Park Gate Drive SE: The staff is still waiting to hear from NOVEC for a quote on upgrading the street lighting to LED.
- b) Pedestrian signage on South King Street at W&OD Trail: The staff is working to arrange a meeting (September or October) with the Nova Parks authority to discuss mitigation measures aimed at slowing down bicyclists on W&OD trail, similar to the one implemented in Maryland. Commissioner Mark Norman was requested by the members of the commission to write an article for the Bike Loudoun newsletter about Bike laws.
- c) Speeding on segment of Crosstrail Blvd south of Russell Branch Parkway in County: The staff provided an update that Loudoun County staff informed that the subject segment is not yet included in the VDOT system for enforcement, but they plan to place a dummy cop car and variable message sign when it becomes available.

- d) West Market/Fairview and Catoctin Circle intersection concern about cars not yielding to pedestrians in a crosswalk and visibility of pedestrians: The staff informed that they plan to install high visibility crosswalks at the subject location and work with the Town's technician on feasibility of programming lead pedestrian interval (LPI) for crossing W. Market Street.
- e) Potential Traffic Calming efforts on Ft Evans Road at Meadows Lane: The staff mentioned that they have not addressed it yet but will provide an update in the next meeting.
- f) Speeding on Dry Mill Road: Staff informed the commission that this segment is back on the enforcement list. The commission asked to include this as a discussion item in the upcoming meeting.
- g) Deaf Child Signs at Laconia Street: The staff mentioned that they have not addressed it yet but will provide an update in the next meeting.
- 8. Commission Member Concerns: Commissioner Ray Delpesche raised concerns about varying quality of signage at crosswalks in the Town and discussed improving signage at all other locations.
- 9. Next meeting date: Monday, September 11, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m., on a motion by Commissioner Ray Delpesche and seconded by Commissioner David Bowers.