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Minutes for Traffic & Safety Committee Meeting held
1/20/2025

Meeting Date and Time: 1/20/2025, 10:00am

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Max Rehlander, Engineering
Ellen Kapitan, City Council
Maggie Clifton, Community Engagement
Mike Cervik, Fire
Joe Hall, Police

City Staff:

Bob Thompson, Planning
Ashley Miller, Engineering
Daniela Martins, Engineering
LeAndre Cotton, Police
Andrew McIntyre, Police

Members of the Public:

Carol McCreery
Frances Saar
Brian Wilson
Joe Dauginas

Absent Committee Members:

Katie Travis, Public Works

1. Discussion Items

- a. Urban SDK – is a new traffic monitoring software that the City and Police have signed up for that will provide speed and volume data for vehicles throughout the city. Joe explains that it will give us real time data for every street in Valpo, collect a lot more information about where problems are and maybe see information we have never seen before. We are excited to see what it can provide us, even give us data as far back as 13 months. Frances asks where will it be mounted? Joe



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explains that it is not something that is mounted that it is data already ready to go that Urban SDK has been collecting by a third-party resource. We've been communicating with them for about two months and have an onboard meeting with them later this week. Ellen asks if at the next meeting if we could see the data so far, Max answered with I prefer to look in-house before presenting it to the public right now.

2. Updates on Projects/Initiatives

- a. SS4A Grant – FHWA update – Bob informs us that at this point there is no update, it's been 2 months since the submittal, Bob has emailed the Point of Contact for us but has not heard anything back. He plans to reach out by the end of this week or beginning of next week to the Head of Safety.
- b. Public Comment –
 - i. Frances explained that a friend of hers was driving her back from a doctor appointment and her friend who is not from Valpo wasn't sure where Chicago St was and Frances notice that the street sign for Chicago St was only on one side of the road so they had to look left but turn right, can they put a sign on the other side of the street also? Max responded that it is normal for a street sign to be only on one side of the street. The best thing to do is look left, turn right.
 - ii. Ellen stated that she had a resident reach out to her about Worchester near Andover and how there was a lot of traffic coming through at higher speeds. Max said that this is an example of being able to utilize Urban SDK, it's on our radar and please provide contact information for that resident so we can reach out.
 - iii. Brian explained that he & Jake from Keystone went to the last BOW meeting to speak about the issues they are having in Keystone Commons and he just wanted to



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- make sure that things are moving forward with Mayor Costas considering taking another look at the traffic study. Max responded with since we have a new member on BOW that they wanted to get her up speed and then go from there.
- iv. Andrew McIntyre introduced LeAndre Cotton, a new Traffic Officer who is a 20 plus year vet, will be in an unmarked squad car who will focus on traffic enforcement. Everyone welcomed him to the team.

Next meeting February 17th, 2025, at 10:00am