

Attendees:

Traffic & Safety Committee:

Lenore Hoffman, City Council - absent
Chad Dutz, Fire Chief - absent
Nate McGinley, Public Works Director - present
Dave Richardson, Patrol Captain - present
Maggie Clifton, Community Engagement Director - present
Adam McAlpine, Engineering Director - present
Amanda Vandenoever, Project Manager - present



Item 1: Bullseye Lake Road pedestrian and cyclists' Safety Concern

- Safety concern with lack of sidewalk on Bullseye Lake Road. Request to improve pedestrian connectivity to shops at Calumet Ave and Bullseye Lake Road.
- Response: Committee considered future possibility of pathway on south side of Bullseye Lake Road west of Calumet. There is no sidewalk or pathway for 0.25 miles west of the intersection.
- Response: The time and cost of acquiring several easements within this quarter mile are very great. Important to note that a portion of pathway and sidewalk annual funds is dedicated to maintenance of existing pathways and sidewalks. This proposed project would take extensive planning and funding to initiate. The conclusion was indeterminate.

Item 2: Bullseye Lake Road and Evergreen Drive Ice Sheet Safety Concern

- Ice sheet forms in this intersection due to poor stormwater drainage.
- Response: The City Engineering Dept has a project underway that will address this concern. Project manager will follow-up with resident.

Item 3: Sturdy Road and Chicago Street Warning/Signal

- Tabled, review at November Meeting
- City will review past crash data and examine the Morgan and Roosevelt cross streets.

Item 4: Additional Parking NB Campbell, between Park to Grove/Bond

- Parallel street parking inquiry
- Response: The northbound lane width of Campbell ranges from 17 to 19 feet. A 21-foot lane minimum is necessary for street parallel parking. This 21-foot lane would consist of a 9-foot minimum width for parallel parking space and 12-foot width driving lane for school bus route.
- Disapproved due to lack of lane capacity

Item 5: Handicap Parking on Michigan Ave between Lincolnway and Indiana Ave

- Request for handicap parking space on or near Michigan Ave for resident living nearby.
- Response: Four handicap parking spaces available in Lincolnway Parking Lot with permit. Recommendation to pay for the yearly parking permit and use pedestrian crossing to apartment complex. Current handicap parking spaces meet standard requirements for parking lots.

Item 6: Windsor Park HOA Vale Park Road Speed Concerns

- Current speeding concern and future concern on Vale Park Road connection with new subdivision development.
- Response: West bound Vale Park Road has only one 25 mph sign whereas east bound has two 25 mph signs places appropriately. Public Works identified this issue and will be installing an additional sign.
- Response: The City is aware of speeding concern on connected Vale Park Road. City will continue to assess as the development progresses.

Item 7: Central School Zone Flashers at Morgan Boulevard and Erie Street.

- Stop sign at Franklin St and Erie St ignored often, creating safety concern.
- Several speeding vehicles on Morgan observed by crossing guards for Central Elementary. Replace overhead pedestrian crossing flashers with 10-foot tall school zone flashers.
- Response: Current stop sign to be replaced with flashing stop signs at Franklin and Erie Streets. BOW item.
- Response: VPD will conduct a project safeway to slow motorists. Overhead flasher replacement will be considered by City Engineering Dept.

Item 8: Crockett Ave and Glendale Blvd "No Parking here to Corner" Sign

- Inappropriate parking of vehicles too close to stop sign and intersection.
- Response: Vehicles are to be parked no closer than 30 feet from a stop sign and 15 feet from an intersection. No additional signage necessary.

Item 9: Stop Sign Request at Memorial Parkway and Lake Saint Claire

- Stop sign for safe pedestrian crossing for bus stop. Update: bus stop was relocated from Lake St Claire and CR 275 E to in front of Lake of Valparaiso Club House.
- Response: With this update, the concern has been resolved. No signage needed.

Item 10: Children at Play Signage

- Discussion on article: Children at Play signs are not a standard sign as given by the Manual on Uniform traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Using signs not considered standard can increase liability of the agency responsible. Proposal to remove signs and replace with standard signs as presented in MUTCD where necessary.

Item 11: Monroe Street and Greenwich Street Intersection Stop Signs

- Tabled, review at November Meeting

Minutes prepared by Amanda Vandenoever with the Engineering Department. Please contact at avandenoever@valpo.us if there are any questions in the translation of these meeting notes.