

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Reports

Date: Nov 16, 2023

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Attendees: Andrew Levine Chief of Staff Co Chair, Wayne Amaral DPW Co-Chair, Sgt Tierney Police, Chief Stephen Bradbury Fire, Andy Port Planning Director, Richard Jones City Clerk Cllrs Donahue, McCauley & Wallace

Tony Collins, Transportation Program Manager from MVP

Highlighted names are in attendance.

Other Attendees:

New Business:

Chair Levine stated most of the issue on list were submitted by Cllr Donahue and she is not here. Dir Amaral said he had spoken to her today about some of these.

Extending one-way traffic on Fruit and Fair Streets

- Auburn Street Speeding
- Sidewalk and safety concerns on Spring Street, Independent Street, and Otis Place. Dir Amaral Spring and Otis were sidewalk issues along with Liberty St.
- Electronic speed sign on Hale Street between Malcolm Hoyt and Low Street. Brought to committee by Cllr McCauley. Sign was placed and replaced. Community that requested it said it made a significant impact on drivers leaving Industrial Park in afternoon. Helps drivers become more aware of speed. Recommend city purchase 10 -25 of these to put out through out city. State what speed limit is and what speed you are driving. Other communities are starting to use these also. Feel it is an effective way to raise awareness. Dir Amaral – are these the permanent ones or moveable ones. Cllr McCauley they are more modular and able to be moved around more. Dir Amaral – towable ones that collect data or one attached to pole. Cllr McCauley- smaller more portable ones. Dir Amaral- would look to police for policy as they use the manpower. Cllr McCauley- when they are permanent people start to become oblivious to them. Would like to have them moved around. Funded under Traffic Safety line item under DPS. Should probably make a program and fund it under a line item. Original discussion was to have 2 per ward that could be moved around. Dir Amaral – do have catch all – Public Safety- look at balance in May and see what is left to purchase some. Feels 12 is a lot. Sgt Tierney felt 12 is a lot. Maybe 1 per ward. Dir Amaral – Cllr McCauley, Marshal and I could meet and discuss this further. Sgt Tierney also offered to sit in on meeting.
- Speeding and Pedestrian safety concerns on Federal Street Chair- have researched some comments on this street.
- Liberty Street Crosswalk
- 20 Feet from Corner No Parking Policy -existing and Cllr Donahue asked if it was being enforced. Chair Levine – will leave here and reach out to Cllr Donahue about this and others remaining as they are in her ward. Dir Amaral was out there today looking at some of these items.

Most of the above are just homework for us to follow up on.

- Approve previous meeting minutes – Minutes were approved unanimously

Updates from MVPC

Public Comment:

Old Business

School Crossing Zones including Colby Farm Lane at Low Street, Low and Murphy Streets, and near Newburyport High School

Cllr Wallace- increase of parking zone to 45 ft at High St passed in the council. Dir Amaral – will put sign up and strip in spring. Sgt Tierney- hearing from neighbors about complaints of issues with folks parking in areas they shouldn't

Dir Amaral- in next 60 days meeting to discuss design by Colby Farm and start design for Safe Routes to school.

Chair- if meeting are resolved with Councilor Donahue there will not be a need for a December meeting so I will see you all in January.