

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
City of Apple Valley  
May 11, 2016  
7:00 p.m. Municipal Center**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Arthur Zimmerman

Members Present: Linda Dolan, Nick Francis, Charles Grawe, Fred Puente,  
Joe Shaw, Arthur Zimmerman

Members Absent: Matt Saam

Consultants/Alternates Present: Brandon Anderson, City Engineer

Others Present: Mike Westereng

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Mr. Francis to approve the agenda  
as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Audience Items

There were no audience items.

4. Approval of March 9, 2016 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Mr. Puente, to approve the Minutes  
of March 9, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 4-0. (Ms. Dolan and Mr. Shaw  
abstained)

5A. Request for Signage, Stop Signs, and Signals

1. Mr. Anderson said the City staff identified a three-way stop condition at  
Finch Avenue and 157<sup>th</sup> Street. This stop configuration may be warranted  
for the current condition, but would not be warranted when 157<sup>th</sup> Street is  
extended later in the year. He recommended removing the stop sign in the

project to meet warrants. As it was not clear under what authorization the original sign was installed, more research is necessary to determine the appropriate process for authorizing removal.

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Ms. Dolan, to recommend removal of the sign no longer meeting warrants pending determination of the appropriate removal authorization process. Motion passed 6-0.

2. A) Mr. Anderson said the City has received additional requests for permanent driver feedback signs. Requests have been received from Pennock Avenue, Palomino Drive, and 140<sup>th</sup> Street. The City is in the process of researching effectiveness of permanent signs and rotated signs. The signs installed temporarily on Pennock Avenue have been turned off and collecting speed data in “stealth mode” to provide data on speeds with and without the sign being turned on. The data collection process had some technical problems that have limited data collection and results, but preliminary results suggest that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed may possibly increase somewhere between 2 and 7 miles per hour when the signs are not on. Given the very limited amount of data collected, additional data needs to be collected to determine more accurately how much impact the signs have on speeds.

B) Mr. Anderson noted that there has been a request for similar permanent feedback signs on Palomino Drive near the west border of the City. Palomino Drive and Pennock Avenue have somewhat similar road designs and functions.

C) Mr. Anderson noted that a request was also received for permanent feedback signs on 140<sup>th</sup> Street. This roadway is very different in its design and traffic volume. Mr. Anderson said that staff is currently studying a possible policy for the implementation of permanent feedback signs. Staff is currently collecting data on Palomino Drive which will include data with the signs active and inactive. Data is being collected over an extended period of time to eliminate seasonal speed variations. In the interim, Mr. Anderson recommended rotating the pole-mounted signs to Palomino Drive to collect speed data at that site. He recommended using the larger speed trailer feedback device on 140<sup>th</sup> because the four-way road design hinders driver awareness of the smaller pole-mounted signs.

3. Mr. Anderson said a resident expressed concerns about traffic speeds in the area of Walnut Drive and Redwood Drive. Mr. Anderson recommended collecting traffic volume and speed data from the area surrounding Walnut Drive and Redwood Drive. The volume data could help identify if traffic is likely originating in the neighborhood or is coming from outside the neighborhood.

4. Mr. Anderson said a resident requested deer crossing signs on Palomino Drive. The Committee's consensus is that there are deer that live in pockets of many parts of the City, crossing many different roads, and there is not an identified herd issue that is unique to this instance. Because implementing such signs would set a precedent that would be used throughout the community, the Committee agreed that there would need to be evidence of abnormally high numbers of vehicle-deer crashes or other unique problems associated with the area to justify signs.

#### 5B. Cut Through Traffic Compliant on Diamond Path West of Pilot Knob Road

Mr. Anderson said he received a complaint of traffic cutting through on Diamond Path between Pilot Knob Road and McAndrews Road. This has been a source of complaints in the past and signal timing on Pilot Knob was adjusted to create a disincentive for cut-through behavior. Mr. Anderson said the complaint was just recently received and more time would be needed to collect data to determine if traffic volumes are actually increasing.

#### 5C. Request for U-turn Signage on Galaxie Avenue at Fairlawn

Mr. Anderson said he received a complaint about U-turns being made on Galaxie Avenue. Review of the area did not show the location to be a natural situation for U-turns to take place. It is more likely that the U-turns are related to drop-off and pick-up windows of time when traffic is prohibited from making certain turning movements at the Greenleaf Elementary School just up Galaxie Avenue from the location in question. The school traffic is likely forced to turn south when exiting the school and then makes the U-turn in order to travel to the north. The entire Galaxie Avenue corridor is under study this year.

#### 6A. Other Traffic Concerns Communicated to the City of Apple Valley

##### Police Concerns

Mr. Francis said he received a question about on-street parking around the area of River Valley Church. Staff is currently reviewing the issue.

##### Public Works Concerns

Mr. Anderson said there have been concerns relating to street reconstruction activity.

## 6B. Educational Issues

Ms. Dolan said she is working on locations for the signs provided by the AAA grant to promote driver awareness. She solicited sign design ideas from students at Eastview High School and presented some of the ideas.

Ms. Dolan reviewed some presentation materials from the Metro Toward Zero Deaths Conference.

## 7. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Puente moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to adjourn. Motion passed 6- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.