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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2009, REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ian Mattingly, Robert Meyer, John Tarro, Dennis Stringer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Kraemer, Teresa Ogle, Sgt. Tim Fletcher, Tim Legler, Joann & Roy Murphy, Harry Vedvik, Karl & Mavis Unger, Jim Knaup, Marriner Cardon, Paul Katan, Derek Brownlee, Steven Gaber, Lisa Barnes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Robert Meyer made a motion to approve the June 4, 2009 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Input
None
4. Oregon Avenue Traffic Calming Request
 - a. Discussion – Ian Mattingly reported that he had spoken with Harry Vedvik about speedhumps that were installed on Idylwild Road in conjunction with a paving project performed by Field Operations, and Mr. Vedvik had requested consideration of speedhumps on Oregon Avenue. Ian explained that Idylwild Road is an improvement project, where the entire roadway will be reconstructed. As part of public input during design, concern was expressed by residents on Idylwild Road that once it was paved, there would be issues with speeding, so there was consensus with residents and staff that speedhumps would be installed. The project was shelved due to budgetary issues, but Field Operations was able to do some temporary paving to bridge the gap, and they were able to include speedhumps (3 on Idylwild and 2 on Lindbergh Drive). Idylwild Road and Lindbergh Drive are classified as local streets. Oregon Avenue is classified as a minor collector; therefore by traffic calming policy, speedhumps would not be allowed. Other traffic calming measures could be considered. Ian reported that speed studies were conducted, with 85th percentile speeds being around 30-32 and volume of 2,000-2,500 cars. Lane widths are narrow, varying from about 11-13 feet wide.

Sgt. Fletcher pointed out that out of about 1,100 cars counted, only 18 cars were traveling between 35-40 mph, 4 cars were traveling between 40-45 mph, and only 2 cars going 50 mph.

Ian stated that the neighborhood would have the option to appeal the minor collector classification, or ask for a waiver, via a letter to the Public Works Director.

- b. Committee Action/Recommendation
Staff will contact the Police and Fire Departments, and Solid Waste to solicit their opinion about changing the street classification, and allowing installation of speedhumps on Idylwild Road. Staff will report back at the next meeting.

5. Mt. Vernon @ Goodwin Street 4-way stop
 - a. Discussion – Resident Derek Brownlee came before the committee to request the removal of the 4-way stop at Mt. Vernon Street and Goodwin Street. Mr. Brownlee reported that as he was traveling west on Goodwin Street on a bicycle, northbound traffic failed to give him right of way at the 4-way stop, and a collision almost occurred. He is requesting that the stop signs be removed for the Mt. Vernon traffic. Dennis Stringer explained that much research was done prior to installing the 4-way stop. Residents on Mt. Vernon were concerned with excessive speeding on the street. Traffic met warrants for the addition of stop signs on Goodwin Street. Residents are very pleased with results. Doug Kraemer reported that this year 2 single vehicle crashes were reported – both colliding with the stop sign, last year there were 3 single vehicle crashes – all colliding with the stop sign. Dennis suggested looking into adding “bicycle crossing” warning signs.
 - b. Committee Action/Recommendation
Staff will look into additional signage, and report information at the next PBAC meeting.

6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update – The Plan is out for public review and comment. It has been given to TCC members, the Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation. Ian Mattingly will be compiling input from TCC, Council and Public Works. If at some point, PBAC wishes to have the endorsement of TCC, it could be placed on the agenda at a future TCC meeting. Jim Knaup indicated that they do want TCC’s endorsement. Jim reviewed highlights of the plan. The plan has been produced for 6 years, and has been referenced in the general plan and the Parks & Rec Master Plan.

7. Chairman Report
Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Al Williams, Chairman

Teresa Ogle, Minute Preparer