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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2009, REGULAR MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Kraemer, Teresa Ogle, Sgt. Tim Fletcher, Tim Legler, Jim Knaup, Bill Resnick, Rob Behnke, Rod Hoffman, Karl Unger, Mavis Unger, Lisa Floyd-Hanna, Jim Moriarty, Ryan Smith, Tom Terry, Steve Blair, Eric Kriwer, Glenn Gooding, Paul Tosca, Denise Tosca

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.
2. Robert Meyer made a motion to approve the September 3, 2009 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Input
Steve Blair came before the committee to discuss the need for a left turn lane southbound on Willow Creek Road at Rosser Street. Ian Mattingly reported that a warrant study was conducted for a protected left arrow southbound over a year ago. A new study will need to be done.

Another concern was the need for a left turn lane eastbound on Whipple Street at Division Street. A warrant study will be performed.

4. Coronado Avenue Traffic Calming Request
 - a. Discussion – Ian Mattingly surveyed applicable City departments to get their input concerning the reclassification of Coronado Avenue and addition of speedhumps. The Police Department had no concerns. The Fire Department is concerned about emergency response time, since Coronado Avenue is a major response corridor. "Glendale-style" speedhumps were offered as a possible alternative. Field Operations responded that speedhumps would prevent effective plowing/snow removal. With the Fire Department's concerns, Ian indicated it would be difficult to obtain TCC's recommendation to Council. Resident Lisa Floyd-Hanna had heard that the stop sign had originally been installed due to a death at that intersection. She felt that this might be considered an extenuating circumstance, due to children using this route to school. Chairman Williams asked about a review of the entire corridor, relative to pedestrian and bicycle safety, as well as vehicle safety to determine whether there are other alternatives other than speedhumps. Ian Mattingly stated that adding pedestrian facilities, etc. would be ideal, but the budgetary constraints would make it doubtful that this could be achieved in a quick timeframe. Initial traffic volume and speed studies were conducted and numbers do not appear out of line. Collision records do not indicate a safety problem, and 85th percentile speeds are 31 mph. Ian doesn't see a short-term fix at this point, but would keep it on the Public Works "radar". If opportunities arise, i.e., pedestrian improvement grants,

- they could be considered. Chairman Williams stated that speedhumps are probably the only effective method, but unfortunately, there was not approval by the Fire and Field Operations Departments. Residents can pursue this through Council, or speak directly to the Fire Department.
- b. Committee Action/Recommendation – Chairman Williams suggested that Ian Mattingly set up a meeting between Lisa Floyd-Hanna and representatives from Field Operations, Fire and Police Departments.
5. Glendale Avenue Speed Hump Request
- a. Discussion – In July, a temporary half-closure of Glendale Avenue was installed. Due to lack of public acceptance for the half-closure, the barrier was removed. The neighborhood is still interested in doing something to slow traffic and reduce cut-through traffic. Resident Rod Hoffman has submitted a petition for speedhumps, which contains full approval from the residents surveyed. However, Ian felt that 3 additional homes that front Coronado and Park Avenue should be surveyed as well. The Fire and Police Departments, as well as Field Operations have responded positively to speedhumps. Since Glendale Avenue is classified as a local street, it would qualify for speedhumps. The street is only about 600 feet long, so only 1 or 2 speedhumps could be installed. Ian Mattingly stated that this request will most likely need to be taken to Council and signing notifications, and public input will need to be considered.
 - b. Committee Action/Recommendation – A motion was made to install 1 or 2 speedhumps on Glendale Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Whipple @ Merritt Rezone RZ09-002 – access issue
- a. Discussion – Ian Mattingly stated that this item concerns a new development at the northwest corner of Whipple and Merritt Street with a proposed rezone. The item has been through the planning commission and is currently before council. Because the property is in the curve as you approach the intersection at Whipple and Merritt Streets, the Planning Commission had some issues with the site plan that went along with the rezone. The developer was willing to consider removing access from Whipple Street and taking sole access off the alley; but there were issues with this plan. Staff has made a recommendation at the Planning Commission. Public Works maintains that the right-in, right-out provides for safe stopping distance at 35 mph posted speed. The Planning Commission was split. Council has reservations about approving this. Ian discussed moving the driveway to the property on the north with this property's owner, Dr. Moore. Ian re-examined the calculations with a driveway to the north, but the curve is consistent from the intersection all the way around to Sonic. So, there was no savings in moving the driveway to the north – site distance was the same regardless. Ian asked if the committee could agree to a right-in, right-out, assuming that 250 feet of site distance could be acquired with the 35 m.p.h. posted speed (ASHTO standard). Shrubs and a block wall on both properties will need to be removed to improve site distance. Ryan Smith, Planning and Zoning, indicated the commission had a split vote because it wasn't clear that the wall and shrubbery was going to be removed. Applicant, Bill Resnick indicated that he has spoken with Dr. Moore and they will work together to provide the best site distance

possible. Ian indicated that there are currently no physical measures to prevent a left in, left out to Dr. Moore's property. The Reznick property will need some physical measures to prevent this. Prior to the next Council meeting, staff will provide more information about trip generation and total turning movements.

Council candidate Rob Behnke was in attendance to speak on behalf of the Ungers. The Ungers have concerns about alley traffic being so close to their bedroom (9-10 feet). The Ungers lot is 12-18" lower than the proposed project, so there may be drainage issues. Mr. Resnick indicated that alley access was only being considered because P & Z removed access from Whipple Street. Chairman Williams indicated that he would lean toward recommending no access to the alley, but provide a site distance triangle on Whipple Street for restriction of left turns. Ian indicated that Dr. Moore already has access to the alley; how would you restrict Mr. Resnick from using the alley as secondary access. Council is asking for TCC's recommendation as to what kind of accesses are suggested. Chairman Williams asked if purchasing the property from the Ungers had been considered. If this property was obtained by the developer, the issues would be a moot point. Mr. Resnick indicated that he had made several offers that he felt were reasonable, but were declined by the Ungers. Mr. Resnick offered to sit down with the Ungers and work out a reasonable offer. Mr. Resnick said he would be happy to consider the appraised price of the property. Both parties agreed to meet and discuss this possibility. This item is scheduled to be back at Council on November 10, 2009. A special TCC meeting may need to be scheduled to discuss this issue prior to the Council meeting.

- b. Committee Action/Recommendation - Both parties agreed to meet and discuss a possible resolution. This item is scheduled to be back at Council on November 10, 2009. A special TCC meeting may need to be scheduled to discuss this issue prior to the Council meeting.

7. Chairman Report
Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Al Williams, Chairman

Teresa Ogle, Minute Preparer