

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

May 10, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Conference Rooms 3 & 4

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Heath Hoftiezer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heath Hoftiezer, Troy Miller, Todd Vik, Officer Robert Draeger, Nicole Barnes, Lt Jeff Garden, Mike Munzke, John Snobeck, Carly Reiter, David Heinold, Marilyn Buskohl, Tallon Cazer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sgt Randy Brink, Crystal Reuter, Moria Beznoska, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller, Nancy Hagen

VISITORS: Colleen Werner, David Behrends, Jaime Miller, Peter Sonstegard, Sam Trebilcock, Jason Bieber

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION:

A letter was received from a citizen who is concerned about the traffic signal at 57th Street and Galway Avenue. Heath Hoftiezer stated that they will be putting up a five section head traffic signal at some point this summer. It will be programmed so that in the afternoon and evening there will be a leading protected westbound left turn arrow, with no eastbound left phase. It will be similar to Sixth Street and Bahnson Avenue. A leading left gives drivers a chance to get through the intersection with a protected arrow. The signal will be programmed according to when crashes were occurring and when people were turning left most often.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the March 8, 2018 meeting minutes by Snobeck and seconded by Barnes. Roll call: Yeses: Hoftiezer, Miller, Cazer, Vik, Draeger, Barnes, Garden, Munzke, Snobeck, Reiter, Heinold. Buskohl, Noes: None. Motion approved.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* None
- *City Engineering:*

Results of Speed Studies around Washington High School and Anne Sullivan Elementary. Troy Miller presented the results regarding the Speed study around WHS and Anne Sullivan. Tubes were set out for speed data around WHS and Anne Sullivan Elementary. All the speed data that we collected was passed on to the police and they added to their patrol enforcement list. Many of the roads had 85th percentile speeds five to nine MPH over the posted limits.

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- *Private Schools:* None
- *Public School:* None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* None
- *City Engineering:*

a) **School zone for St. Katharine Drexel along West 26th Street and South Katharine Drive.** Troy Miller presented a proposed PATH map for St Katharine Drexel. The City received requests to put a school zone in that area. The proposed PATH map for St. Katharine Drexel incorporates many of the same crossings that Frontier Elementary is using. Rather than waiting for the next PATH meeting, the City installed school zone signs along 26th Street and Katie Avenue. We are working with the school to install an ADA Ramp on the east side of the road and we will install one on the west side of the road with our on call contract. A motion was made for approval to officially establish PATH Map – Motion to approve by Snobeck, second by Reiter. Roll call: Yeses: Hoftiezer, Miller, Cazer, Vik, Draeger, Barnes, Garden, Munzke, Snobeck, Reiter, Heinold. Buskohl, Noes: None. Motion approved.

b) **Traffic Study at 95th Street and Western Avenue (Harrisburg North Middle School and Endeavor Elementary Drop off).** Heath Hoftiezer distributed two aerial maps to the PATH Committee. This area is becoming very developed and a citizen contacted Heath regarding the bottle neck at Western Avenue & 95th Street. We have collected a lot of data the last few weeks and the volumes at that intersection do not warrant a signal yet. Some options being considered include an All-Way Stop, a roundabout, or widening of the existing driveway. There was a motion from the group to recommend the City of Sioux Falls work with Harrisburg schools on possibly widening the driveway so that during inclement weather there will still be three lanes of traffic in and two out. Motion to approve by Draeger. Second by Snobeck – Roll call: Yeses: Hoftiezer, Miller, Cazer, Vik, Draeger, Barnes, Garden, Munzke, Snobeck, Reiter, Buskohl, Noes: Heinold. Motion approved.

Potential crosswalk at 95th Street directly north of Endeavor Elementary and North Harrisburg Middle School. Motion to have a crosswalk installed once the sidewalk on the north side is complete. Motion to approve Reiter. Second by Snobeck. Roll call: Yeses: Hoftiezer, Miller, Cazer, Vik, Draeger, Barnes, Garden, Munzke, Snobeck, Reiter, Heinold. Buskohl, Noes: None. Motion approved.

Motion to recommend to narrow lanes to 10 ½ feet each direction by painting lines along the road. Motion to approve by Heinold. Second by Snobeck. Roll call: Yeses: Hoftiezer, Miller, Cazer, Vik, Draeger, Barnes, Garden, Munzke, Snobeck, Reiter, Heinold. Buskohl, Noes: None. Motion approved.

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- c) **Request for pedestrian crossing enhancements on 38th Street at Robert Frost/Challenge Center.** Principal Colleen Werner and custodian David Behrends from Robert Frost attended the PATH meeting to extend their concerns for the safety of the students. They explained that there was a near miss last year and requested to have some sort of safety enhancements installed. David Behrends, the custodian, now puts a crosswalk sign out in morning and brings it in at the end of the day to bring more attention to that corner. He stated that he has come close to being hit as well when removing the sign. Troy Miller stated that the City has tubes out and is still doing some speed collection, and that he will share the data collected with PATH and the police if there is an issue. An LED enhanced sign with a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RFFB) with an activated push button or a four way stop could be an option. There was a motion to place a (RRFB) to see if that makes a difference, with narrowing of lanes as plan B. Motion to approve by Reiter. Second by Vik. Roll Call: Yeses: Hoftiezer, Miller, Cazer, Vik, Draeger, Barnes, Garden, Munzke, Snobeck, Reiter, Heinold. Buskohl, Noes: None. Motion approved.
- d) **Request to relocate the 33rd Street Crosswalk at Fourth Avenue Third Avenue/Poplar Drive.** Jamie Miller and Peter Sonstegard attended the PATH meeting to voice their concerns about the safety of crossing the street at 33rd Street and Fourth Avenue. There was a motion to relocate the crosswalk to Third Street and Poplar Avenue by Snobeck. Second by Reiter. Roll call Yeses: Hoftiezer, Miller, Cazer, Vik, Draeger, Barnes, Garden, Munzke, Snobeck, Reiter, Heinold. Buskohl, Noes: None. Motion approved
- e) **Future of PATH Committee.** Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner with the City of Sioux Falls, discussed the possibility of incorporating the PATH committee with the Complete Streets Advisory Board or possibly as a subcommittee of said Board. PATH is an official advisory board with members from the police department, schools, traffic engineering, and private citizens, whereas Complete Streets is not. The board would like to take some time and talk about what avenue they would like to take.
- *Private Schools:* None
 - *Public Schools:* Potential crosswalk at 95th Street directly north of Endeavor – included in Item “b”.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street.

Maureen Buller, Secretary