

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2011

9:00 AM

IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandi Kowalczyk, Michelle Wolf, Susan Foster, Teresa Boysen, Todd Vik, Bob Draeger, Sgt. Dave McIntire, Lt. Jerome Miller, John Snobeck, Dallas Hofer and Heath Hoftiezer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Natz, Doug Morrison, Diane Hall, Sharon Chontos, Kerry Larson, Craig Smith, Marilyn Buskohl, and Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller

GUESTS PRESENT

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

John Snobeck moved to approve the August minutes. Motion was seconded by Michelle Wolf. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department.* Sgt. McIntire briefed the group on the School Zone Enforcement Week held August 22 to August 26. The Sioux Falls Police Dept. in conjunction with the Minnehaha County and Lincoln County Sherriff's Offices and the S.D. Highway Patrol provided the enforcement action. Sgt. McIntire stated there were a total of 143 school zone visits completed and 700 citations issued during the successful School Zone Enforcement Week. Bob Draeger said along with the enforcement action there was a significant amount of crossing guard training performed.

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- *City Engineering:* No report
- *Private Schools:* No report
- *Public Schools:* No report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report
- *City Engineering:* Heath provided the group with an updated Pettigrew Elementary safe PATH map (dated 9-08-11). The area surrounding Pettigrew Elementary has now developed enough to warrant adding crosswalks. Traffic Engineering proposed installing signage and marking the north, east, and south crosswalks at the 53rd Street and Klein Avenue intersection just west of the school. A motion was made by John Snobeck to approve the newly distributed map. Motion was seconded by Teresa Boysen. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Vik indicated the developer now owns the tree farm property just north of Pettigrew. The Sioux Falls School District is coordinating with the developer to get approval to install a gravel walking path to allow students access to the school from the north.

St. Lambert's contacted Traffic Engineering to request an all-way stop at 16th Street and Bahnsen Avenue due to the construction currently underway at their normal drop-off location. Heath said temporary in-street yield signs were delivered and installed at St. Lambert's to assist the adult crossing guards at the 16th Street and Bahnsen Avenue drop-off location. Through on-site observations, Heath confirmed traffic at this location has improved since the installation of the in-street yield signs. The parents are learning to use alternate drop-off locations. Parents should be able to resume using the normal drop-off location once the construction is completed.

Heath confirmed cameras were installed to measure the traffic volumes near SF Christian due to complaints received from motorists wanting to turn left (westbound) at 69th Street & Charger. Heath confirmed Traffic Engineering is proposing installing a left-turn signal for westbound traffic at 69th Street & Charger.

Heath noted every year parking near high schools has become an issue; however, this year it has specifically been an issue near Lincoln High School. Several complaints were received due to the extreme number of citations that were issued.

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To combat this problem, the school produced a map of parking locations and distributed to all students which alleviated the parking issue.

There have also been issues with students parking in the two block area on Panama Street near Roosevelt High School where neighbors petitioned to have the parking removed. Due to bus drop offs and students walking from the neighborhood the goal is to install a signalized crossing in the summer of 2012. Heath confirmed the warrant has been met for a school pedestrian light. The installation of a mid-block crossing versus a signalized intersection is being reviewed.

Dallas Hofer announced that today would be his last PATH meeting due to his rapidly approaching retirement after 35 years with the City of Sioux Falls. His last day will be October 14, 2011.

- *Private Schools:* Michelle Wolf questioned if PATH maps were available for the high schools. Heath responded there has never been high school maps created because of the difficulty in defining their walking paths. There are quite a few high school students that drive to school and those that do walk, seem to establish their own path. All of the high schools; however, have the necessary crosswalks and signage installed.

Michelle also had a parent question her as to whether the PATH maps were drawn with the sex offender list in mind. Traffic Engineering does not include this information on the PATH maps due to the transient changes. Teresa Boysen indicated the children are better off to follow the safe PATH route because of their ability to walk with multiple kids and high visibility.

Michelle questioned whether the PATH brochure has been updated since 2007. Traffic Engineering will research and post an updated brochure on the website.

- *Public Schools:* No report

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michelle Wolf to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dallas Hofer. Motion passed unanimously.

- The next meeting will be held October 13 at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

