

# SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



## PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

August 8, 2013

8:30 a.m.

**IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3**

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Chontos, Kent Alberty, Heath Hoftiezer, Nick Ritter, Todd Vik, Teresa Boysen, Michelle Wolf, Brandi Kowalczyk, Robert Draeger, Jerome Miller

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Kerry Larson, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Susan Foster, Lisa Lewis- Huemoeller, Keith Gries, Diane Hall, Marilyn Buskohl

### II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Teresa Boysen motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Michelle Wolf. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. PUBLIC INPUT

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report.
- *City Engineering:* No report.
- *Private Schools:* No report.
- *Public Schools:* No report.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* Bob mentioned that he was traveling by Longfellow and noticed that the crosswalks are no longer painted. He asked if the City inspects the crosswalks in the school areas. Heath stated that the City technicians have inspected them within the last week. A contractor will be re-painting these along with any crosswalks that are in the overlay area as well.

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Jerome stated that the week of August 26-30 will be 'School Zone' enforcement week. A reminder of this will be placed on the 10:30 news brief on August 21 and 23. A schedule will be set up so that each school is done at least once during this week.

- *City Engineering:* Heath stated that the Catholic schools will be starting on August 15, Public schools on August 19, Sioux Falls Christian/Harrisburg/Brandon on August 21.

The resolution that was passed by City Council, for dedicating money towards the signals on Sertoma Ave, 26th St & Red Oak and 33rd St & Sycamore Ave, the City has been granted the money. The City is running into the issue of the signal contractors not having the time right now to do any more signal work. This is due to the April ice storm. The signal for 26th St & Red Oak should be done this fall. The 2 remaining signals will be done in the spring of 2014.

Safe routes to school bid: The bid amounts were extremely high since the signal contractors are busy and the pricing of the driver feedback signs have went from around \$3,000.00 a piece up to \$9,000.00 apiece. Since there are so many safe routes to school projects currently across the nation, the rule of supply and demand is occurring. They cannot produce enough, so the price is increasing which resulted in the City not awarding the safe routes to school contracts. The bid estimate was around \$150,000.00 but ending up coming in over \$70,000.00 over the budget amount. The O'Gorman sidewalk installation was placed on a separate contract so this will be done in the fall.

In some of the overlay areas, the city is having serious performance issues with the contractor. The overlay for the Third St area, by Annie Sullivan and Washington High, is supposed to be completed by now but is behind schedule. The concrete repairs should be done but the overlay will not occur in this area until next year. Overlay work is also scheduled for the Eugene Field area. The streets in this area are in bad need of having the overlay done. Heath questioned if the streets surrounding Eugene Field should wait for the overlay to be done until next year. It was general consensus of the group, that if the streets around the school are not in bad need of repair, that the overlay should be delayed until next year. Heath is planning on discussing this with Wes Philips.

Endeavor Elementary: Heath is planning on going and tabbing out where the pavement marking changes for the dual right entry into the parking lot will be. The painting of these will be done so there is no interference to the students during school hours. Kent questioned if the crosswalks, etc. could be painted at night so that traffic is not disturbed as much. Heath stated that it needs to be warm out while the painting is being done otherwise the pavement markings will not adhere. Also the

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bonding companies are hesitant to have the contractors working at night.  
22nd St and Discovery Ave: Parents are asking to make this intersection an all way stop. Right now the stop signs are for traffic going north and south. Michelle asked if there was any reason not to make it a four way stop. Heath stated that if it is a four way stop, speeds may be increased on 22nd St since people get frustrated with having to stop when there is not pedestrian traffic at the intersection. Sharon asked for a motion by the group to make this intersection an all way stop.

Kent Alberty motioned to approve the installation of stop signs to make this intersection a four way stop. Motion was seconded by Bob Draeger. Motion passed unanimously.

Installation of the stop signs should be done some time next week.

Stoney Creek and Tayberry Ave: Currently there are yield signs for north/ south traffic but there has been a request to change the yield signs to stop signs instead. There have not been any recent accidents at this intersection to warrant this change. The committee decided not to support this change right now.

41st St by Roosevelt High School: The patrol in this area has concern over students crossing in the middle of 41st St between Sertoma Ave and Kuehn Park Ave. Since there are already two traffic lights in this area with crosswalks, it was decided by the committee that there is not a need for another light and crosswalk.

Explorer Elementary: Since there is new development in this area, a new curb ramp needs to be installed to match up with the new development's curb ramp. The current crosswalk south of the parking lot affects the flow of traffic that is exiting the parking lot so new curb ramps will be installed a block to the west along with a new crosswalk. Last year crosswalks were done on Hughes Ave and this fall, the curb ramps will be installed. Annie Sullivan will also have these installed, crossing east to west on Bahnson Ave on the south side of the lot.

- *Private Schools*: No report.
- *Public Schools*: No report.

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Teresa Boysen to adjourn; motion was seconded by Michelle Wolf. Motion passed unanimously.

- The next meeting will be held September 12, 2013, at the IPC Building at 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.