

SIoux FALLS SChOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2015

12:00 p.m.

IPC Conference Rooms 1 & 2

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Troy Miller

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandi Kowalczyk, Kent Alberty, Todd Vik, Troy Miller, Nicole Barnes, Lt. Troy Lubbers, Michelle Wolf, Officer Robert Draeger

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Foster, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Mike Munzke, Kerry Larson, Diane Hall, Lisa Lewis Huemoeller, Sergeant Randy Brink, Sharon Chontos

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Debra Gaikowski, Project Manager from the City of Sioux Falls regarding Complete Streets and Marie Rickert, Principal from Susan B Anthony Elementary School regarding the new PATH route.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Troy Miller made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ken Alberty. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report
- *City Engineering:* A few months ago we discussed some of the opening up of our warrants to do some more cross walks enhancements at some of the other school crosswalks in town. We approved that at the last meeting and the new set of standards. The four locations we are looking at are Bahnson and Sixth St, Bahnson and 18th, Bahnson and 49th and Marion Rd and Windsor Way.

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We have not gotten counts yet because we haven't had the nice weather where we will get the accurate number of kids out walking so we are planning to do that late April or early May. Then we will look to get those potential enhancements to see if we meet the warrant, which we probably will at most of the locations. The goal will be to get any enhancements installed over the summer so that they are in place for next school year.

Troy Miller asked Todd Vik if he could send him possible numbers of kids that would cross, if we don't get high numbers crossing. A lot of kids may not be crossing some of these busy intersections because there are not currently any enhancements in place. Sixth and Bahnsen gets a lot of complaints on it and the kids would use more if we approved it.

There is a handout of the new proposed PATH map for Susan B Anthony. Troy met with Todd Vik and Marie Rickert, Principal of the school and sent proposed changes after the discussion. Marie said she drove the route and the paths are good, but it is a long distance route for some of the families.

Troy Miller asked if there could be a motion to approve so it can get out on the web and be finalized. Motion to approve Kent Alberty and seconded by Brandi Kowalczyk. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Traffic Engineering Department got a copy of our proposed By-Laws back from attorneys and they had some changes. Heath has already discussed most of the proposed changes so I won't go into detail. Heath also mentioned sending the By-Laws out by email for electronic approval to get a majority of people to look at it, but the attorneys will not allow that. We are looking to approve at the next Meeting on May 14, but need 2/3 of members here to approve them, which is 11 people that need to be at the next meeting to vote and that would only be for the By-Laws changes.

At the City Council meeting this week, it was the first reading on a new ordinance that they that will establish end of term limits for all the committees in the city. PATH currently allows people to serve two terms and stay on, but sounds like if the ordinance passes you will do your two terms and then have a four month grace period to find someone new for the committee. We are already having trouble filling spots as it is. It will affect a large portion of our members now. Nicole Barnes may be the only one that it won't affect. We should have more information at the May meeting and will address it then.

Troy will look up the number of members of who will be termed out with the exception of Nicole Barnes. There are six that are filled with one open right now. We would have to fill five with the one open spot.

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Michelle Wolf asked if there is any way as members of this committee to give input to the City Council, knowing what it is like as a member to fill the position for this committee. Kent Alberty suggested to go to the council meeting and send emails to each council member and explain that you have been on committee for a long time, committed to it and have difficulties finding new members and would like to consider some sort of compromise for PATH. The next Council Meeting is for second reading is April 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Carnegie Hall.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report
- *City Engineering:* There has been a request for a four way stop at 53rd and Klein at the southwest corner of Pettigrew Elementary. Engineering does not see any issues; they are both collector streets and wouldn't cause any major impact on traffic. There is a yield sign on Klein yielding to 53rd and getting backed up on Klein and people are preoccupied looking for a gap to pull out on 53rd they are not watching kids. If we get approval here at the meeting we can put a four way stop there. Tina the Resource Officer requested this and Lt. Lubbers would go with her recommendation.

Kent Alberty made a motion to pass and seconded by Lt. Lubbers. The motion was unanimously approved.

Debra Gaikowski, Project Manager from the City of Sioux Falls Project Management Office presented Complete Streets which is a new policy that the City is working on putting together. A hand out has been provided that will give an opportunity to read more about it and find out exactly what Complete Streets is all about. It is a way of integrating all modes of transportation as we look at and design road projects going forward in the future. Complete streets seek to integrate pedestrians, transit, any type of mobility device, and people with disabilities. When creating and designing a road project you want to look at all those means of transportation that you can possibly work into your design. We want to establish a policy every time we do a road project to look at each one of those features and have it become part of our process. We are doing this through a Resolution and as we are doing it we want to get the input from committees and other organizations out there and possibly incorporate ideas into the Resolution as well. It kind of stemmed from the Live Well Organization from Sioux Falls. There was a citizen survey and what they came out with one of their strategic priorities was to further promote planning and design of the community to make healthy living easy and assessable.

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The project team consists of people from the Planning, Transit, Parks, Engineering and the Live Well Group. We have a Resolution draft that lists out what Complete Street is about. When there are certain projects that should be a priority, to make what we incorporate Complete Streets. One consideration is whether the corner provides a primary access to a significant destination such a community, regional park or recreation area, school, or shopping area. Another would be whether the corridor is an area where a relatively high number of users of non-motorized transportation modes can be anticipated.

Within the Resolution we have four or five different priorities right now as well as exceptions built in the Resolutions. There may be times where it is not safe to try and incorporate different modes of transportation, only vehicles can sustain. Or the cost of doing it is so outrageous in proportion to those that we are accommodating that it is not worth the cost.

We will be following the Engineering Design Standards like AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials). We will be following those guidelines and have that spelled out as well. What we are looking for from PATH is we would like to take your comments or input. Attached to the handout is a business card so you can email me any suggestions or talk about it at your PATH Meeting.

Our intention to present this at a briefing of the Planning Commission at the Land Use Committee which is a subcommittee of City Council and present at an Informational City Council meeting and then finally for the Resolution be passed at a full City Council Meeting. By taking to all the different organization we get it finalized and suddenly people are wondering why didn't you include this or not thinking of this particular group. Hoping to have an implementation process at the city, such as a check list that every department has to go through not wanting things to get missed to ensure consistency throughout the process when we are designing road projects.

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

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Sidewalks along Bahnson just south of Mission that was discussed two meetings ago, since they are looking at putting flashing beacons and 49th and Bahnson are they planning to do those sidewalks? Troy Miller said eventually they will get put in when that is all developed through there.

Life Scape across from VA Hospital has a set of lights and not sure when they do or don't flash. Can they flash all the time? 200 plus employees from Life Scape and children walking across the street. Lt. Lubbers said one of the things you run into is people become numb to that, just another yellow flashing light.

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If it has the push button for that would be better. Would a new sign work here from what PATH passed at last meeting for signs? Troy Miller said he would talk to Heath since there is already a something there they will look into it and see how to make it more affective.

Todd Vik said at McGovern they have had some complaints that busses were driving too fast so the transportation supervisor went out there to see and believes they need to slow down for the school. Is there any way to make it better known that it is a school zone? Troy Miller said they can look at McGovern as another area for possible enhancements. Lt. Lubbers said we could send units out, but would be hard to enforce since children are not walking on any sidewalks and the busses go through a loop which would not be considered as children present. We could do an education campaign first not writing speeding tickets and giving some warnings, but if children are not present you don't have to drive 15 miles an hour. Troy Miller asked if Engineering should work on possible enhancements.

Discussed changing time back to 9:00 a.m., and if that is anything that could be put back on the table. Heath wanted to leave at noon for the rest of the year, not sure if he meant all year or just this school year. What is the consensus here? Morning works better for Michelle and Teresa and maybe that is why Lisa isn't here. Has attendance changed at all since we changed the time? Not from what Troy Miller has seen. We will keep the 12:00 noon time for next meeting and will add to May Agenda for time of meeting.

IVII. ADJOURNMENT

Lt. Lubbers called for meeting to be adjourned seconded by Michelle Wolf. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held May 14, 2015, at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.