

# SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



## PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

January 14, 2016

8:30 a.m.

IPC Conference Rooms 1 & 2

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

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

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Barnes, Kent Alberty, Robert Draeger, Marilyn Buskohl, Todd Vik, Heath Hoftiezer, Sara Schmidt

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Teresa Boysen, Diane Hall, Lt. Troy Lubbers, Troy Miller, Crystal Reuter, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION – Sara Schmidt has applied to be on the Board, next meeting she should be official member.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – September 10 and November 12 Alberty motioned to approved seconded by Barnes. Motion passed.

### IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Sara Schmidt attended the last meeting to discuss a possible all way stop at 77th and Mustang which is currently a two way stop, blind curve coming around a very short school zone. School talked to Traffic Engineering as well this committee about getting a four way stop at that intersection. Currently there are crossing guards managing that intersection and teachers that help the crossing. It is impossible to get traffic to stop. Tried to educate parents with weekly emails to slow down and the crosswalk laws. The intersection is not safe to walk even with crossing guards as stated by parents who don't let their kids walk to school.

Funds have been received for a pylon in middle of street – state law yield for pedestrians' crosswalk. Waiting for snow to melt before putting it on there.

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Traditional warrants of the intersection as far as volumes for a four way does not have quite enough volume. There is an optional warrant that we used at 53rd and Pettigrew and other intersection next to schools. Where a minor collector and major collector are right next to a major traffic generator, which is next to school. We can use that as justification for an all way stop and if this committee recommends there should make an intersection an all way stop next to a school. Brittany observed that intersection versus the conversation with parents and there weren't a lot issues when she was watching intersection. Parents' perspective was there are lot more kids and more conflicts than Brittany was seeing. She just wasn't there on the right days. Not close on Mustang if you take the drop and pick up hours it is close. Alberty motions to make a four way at the intersection of 77th and Mustang seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed.

**Question:** Have Walking Lines have been brought up to the PATH Group?

**Answer:** No, but a group at Terry Redlin wanted a Walking Bus, however by the time the Grant got into place the people in the group did not live in Sioux Falls anymore and no one else wanted to do it. JFK does something similar to that, but only when the weather is better and is not very well utilized.

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Brittany was working real close with the Fifth Grade class at Robert Frost doing a traffic study regarding complaints about the drop off and pick up and what could be changed. Sharing what we found in study, the complaint was on 38th Street and that street in the middle that leads into the drop lane and the congestion at that intersection. We started modeling the location and what is going on and the intersections. We found one way we could clear up that intersection and spread it around the school was to move 25% of drop offs that are happening in that lane to Fourth Avenue on the east side of the school. Busses would have to be moved back to the south.

It was interesting working with the students. We had a lot of conversations and discussed a lot of little details in the classrooms including the routes kids walk to school and the issues they were seeing. We have list of a couple of intersections to look at. We will pull parking back about 30 feet from the intersections. There are problems that are caused from the parents dropping the kids off. They are losing eight class rooms next year, so it might solve itself.

Sioux Falls Lutheran School on 37th Street just east of Minnesota Avenue is asking us to look at warrants for enhancing the crosswalk that crosses from the Hy-Vee parking lot to the school. As this committee for the crosswalk we have some different things in place for when we would consider flashing lights. Brittany and Troy went out on four different occasions and the most people they saw were two that used that crosswalk to cross, so we are having a hard time justifying doing much there.

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We have committed to them that we would continue to look at it and watch it and see what is happening there.

*Private Schools:* None

- *Public School:* Pettigrew issue – 48th and Klein – no volume and not very close to the school either. That neighborhood was pushing the principal to try to make that an all way stop before the street got even got connected. Most requested four way stop from the general public. Keeping an eye on it for traffic volumes and as soon as we're close enough we will probably do something with it.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

We have gotten bombarded by four different individuals with a variety of concerns and complaints from Edison Middle School to do a comprehensive traffic study around the school. Hoftiezer has not heard any complaints from the school or police on the location, so just curious. Vik or Draeger have not heard any complaints either. Four or five years ago we looked at the north side of the school and made some adjustments and haven't heard anything since then. They will check and get back to the committee, and, if there is a need we will look into it.

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

### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

### IVII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on March 10, 2016 located at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.