

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

August 10, 2017

8:30 a.m.

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

Troy Miller, Todd Vik, Tallon Cazer, Nicole Barnes, Heath Hoftiezer, Lt Jeff Garden, Carly Reiter

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sgt. Randy Brink, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller, Marilyn Buskhol, Connie Fitch, Officer Robert Draeger, Mike Munzke, Crystal Reuter

VISITORS

None

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Carly Reiter replaced Kent Alberty as the Sioux Falls School Board member.

Reiter asked if there were any updates on a possible 26th Street and Fourth Avenue realignment and the George McGovern walking path. The lot at the intersection of 26th and Fourth, was still up for sale the other day. However, we only have so much money for purchasing ROW, and are past what we can spend this year. The north leg could be brought into the signal light at some point if it cannot be realigned.

George McGovern is still 100% busing, however, they built a path with Maple Street project last year on the south side of the road. When the neighborhood to the Southeast of the school gets built out there is a plan to install another path and walking bridge.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve by Vik, seconded by Barnes. All approved, motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT: None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* None
- *City Engineering:* None
- *Private Schools:* None
- *Public School:* None

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* Scheduling started today for the beginning of school zone enforcement. All of our traffic officers are brought to day shift school hours. Throughout the month of September, they will hit every school zone several times.
- *City Engineering:* See attached handouts for the PATH maps.
 - Fred Assam Elementary had two crosswalks, one at Mystic Drive crossing Six Mile Road, and another one crossing Willowood going right into the parking lot. Several complaints were made about excessive speeds at the intersection of Willowood and Red Spruce, which is mostly construction traffic. We added two crosswalks there and some signage to try to mitigate speeds. Stop and or yield signs were requested however, Willowood carries the majority of the traffic and also experiences the higher speeds. If we would have done stop and or yield signs they would have been on Red Spruce, which may have increased speed on Willowood so we placed crossing treatments instead. There is not a PATH map for Fred Assam right now, we will be working with the principal there.
 - The PATH Map for Horizon Elementary was approved last year, however, we made one minor change to it. There were two crosswalks at the intersections of Bahnson and Brewster, one on south leg going east and west, and another on the east leg north and south. We got rid of the north and south one to get kids to move further east and cross the road to the south of the pedestrian bridge. The school put in a new sidewalk path through the grass in front of the building. This reduces some redundancy in crosswalks and makes it easier and more cost effective to maintain. Crosswalks and signage up at all the crosswalks as of last year. Two of them don't have receiving ramps yet, so they are not ADA compliant. The ramps should be going in next week. The school removed a tree which will now allow us to install the ramp at the intersection of Chatham Street and Bahnson Avenue.
 - There was one minor change made to the PATH map for John Harris. Todd Vik let us know that students in the area east of Sycamore, south of 54th Street and west of Dubuque, are now being bused. There will no longer be walking from that area.

A motion to approve the John Harris and Horizon PATH Maps was made by Carly Reiter and seconded by Lt. Garden. All approved and the motion passed. The two PATH maps will be published on the website and the dates will be updated on all of the other maps as well.

The intersection of Sixth Street and Cliff Avenue is where kids cross to go to Whittier. There are currently no turn on red restrictions in place because we had site distance issues. However, two houses and a retaining wall in the northeast quadrant of the intersection have been removed which has opened up the site distance. As a result we are proposing to change the crosswalk from no turn on red to no turn on red when pedestrians are present.

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We feel that this is a good balance of safety for the students and increased efficiency for motorists. In the past we had looked at allowing right turns on red for westbound traffic only, but Police had concerns with two different enforcements at different legs of intersection. With the site distance issue addressed, we would like to propose changing the signs to say no turn on red when pedestrians are present on both legs of the intersection. There will be a parking lot for St. Vincent's and the City bought the corner next to intersection to protect it. In the future we may build a right turn lane. A motion to approve this change was made by Todd Vik and seconded by Carly Reiter. All approved, motion passed.

- *Private Schools:* None
- *Public Schools:* Theresa Boysen is no longer a principal. Todd Vik will recruit someone to fill her place on this committee.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., on September 14, 2017 located at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Maureen Buller

Maureen Buller, Secretary