

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
February 25, 2020

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) met in regular session on February 25, 2020 in the Vienna Town Hall Council Chamber, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, Virginia. Vice Chairman Beth Eachus opened the meeting at 8:02 pm with the following Commissioners present: Leonard Ignatowski, Keith Aimone, Loginn Kapitan, Donna Smith, Charlie Strunk and SallyJean Penna. Absent was Chairman Ed Somers. Also present were Jennifer Sigler, TSC Clerk, Andrew Jinks, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Sergeant Pete Elias, Vienna Police Department (VPD).

Approval of the January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Penna seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Report

Kingsley Road and Tapawingo Road SW Traffic Calming - DPW is continuing to coordinate with an on-call engineering consultant on the design phase of the project, the 60% plan set is currently in process. DPW plans to meet with one more homeowner and utilize the comments from the November project site meetings and additional meetings/emails to develop the 60% plans.

Marshall Road RRFBs - DPW has confirmed with Dominion that they have all the paper work, approvals, and permits needed to complete the power connection. Dominion has stated that the work order has been created and that the connection is imminent. According to the work order details, the connection will be complete before the end of April, but the indication that we are receiving from Dominion is that the connection should be completed in March.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications from the Public

Elizabeth Smith, 308 Cabin Road SE, is concerned about the mini-roundabout. She drives it often and is nearly hit several times each week. She would like to see the flashing yield lights on all three legs, particularly during rush hour.

Mr. Jinks will check with the Director of Public Works to see what the process would be to include flashing yield lights on the other two approaches to the circle, and provide an update at the next TSC meeting on March 31.

Thomas Taaffe, 308 Cabin Road SE, has noticed an increase in the amount of traffic coming from Echols Street and Branch Road and using Cabin Road SE as a cut through to get to Locust Street and Park Street. He believes they are trying to beat the traffic lined up on Locust Street to the stop sign at Locust Street and Glyndon Street, it seems they are speeding in excess of 35mph or more. His side-view mirror has been broken twice by cut through vehicles. He has ideas for some traffic calming measures – turn restrictions, speed humps, for example.

Vice Chairman Eachus advised Mr. Taaffe a petition would be required to request traffic calming measures on Cabin Road SE. Jennifer Sigler will follow up with an email to Mr. Taaffe with more information regarding the petition process.

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Commissioner Ignatowski asked if the laminated maps could be updated – he noticed a portion of Branch Road SE is missing from the current map.

Susan Shields, 107 Ayr Hill Avenue NW, has presented a petition to the TSC Clerk, Jennifer Sigler, for traffic calming on Ayr Hill Avenue NW between Lawyers Road and Center Street. This item will be on the TSC agenda for March 31.

BAC Report

BAC Vice Chairman Strunk shared the BAC briefly discussed the upcoming W&OD safety improvements project and the Multimodal study for Maple Avenue. There is a “Community Conversation” scheduled for March 2 regarding short- and mid-term multimodal transportation project priorities, plus a discussion regarding a proposal to increase outdoor living space and an open discussion/question session. He mentioned the repaving of Beulah Road NE and Pine Valley Drive (outside Town) is included in VDOT’s 2020 repaving schedule, and bicycle amenities will be included in those projects. May is Bike to Work month, in addition to several events during the month, official Bike to Work Day is May 15th – the morning pit stop is at the Town Green and the (unofficial) afternoon pit stop is at Caboose Brewery on Mill Street NE.

PAC Report

PAC Chairman Sorrell said the PAC presented the draft of the Street Safety Guide to Town Council and received some good feedback from them. Progress has begun in selecting the sidewalk projects that will be funded by the Robinson Trust. The PAC will be involved with DPW and citizen meetings and in creating an FAQ document for the residents.

Reports of Commissioners

Commissioner Ignatowski recently heard a news story about e-scooters causing a problem for vision-impaired individuals in Jacksonville, FL. The e-scooters are being left on the sidewalk where they can be tripped over. Additionally, cyclists complained the e-scooters are a hazard for them as well as they impede traffic.

Vice Chairman Sorrell asked about the intersection of Mill Street and Church Street NE. There are two parking spots there which are signed as “no parking” during rush hour. She wanted to know why.

Sergent Elias said it was to ease traffic congestion during rush hour by allowing vehicles a turn lane option.

Commissioner Capitan inquired about the timing of the Nutley/Courthouse/Maple transportation study.

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Mr. Jinks replied traffic counting will begin mid- to late- spring 2020. Once the data collection is complete, time will be needed to analyze the data. Once complete, he will share the results with the TSC.

Commissioner Penna asked if pedestrian counts would be included in the study.

Mr. Jinks said at some point he would be counting pedestrians, but probably not with the initial traffic counting.

Report of the Chairman

NONE

Adjourn – 8:40 pm