

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 22, 2012

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Vicki Burch	Eric Chin
	Chris Leroux	David Christian	David Downey
	Jim Knapp	Karen O'Farrell	Larry Preo
	Andrew Hirsch	Kumares Sinha	Boudewijn van Gelder

VISITORS:	Ben Anderson	Kristi Smith	Michael Susong
	Andrew Lange		

Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2012 meeting. Mr. Hirsch seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Current Projects:

- Yeager Road, Phase I: Construction is done from Kalberer Road, to the north, up to the ARPL site and the road is open. The trail and sidewalks have not been done to date because a pipe will need to be installed for the force main for the sanitary lift station.
- Cumberland Avenue: Cumberland Avenue is open with the exception of some landscaping and punch list items that will be completed in the spring.

Roundabout at Yeager and Northwestern: Chairman Sinha asked if there were any new incidents at this roundabout. Mr. Leroux stated there had been an incident today involving a City Bus, but he did not have the specific details at this time. Ms. Burch asked Professor Sinha the status of undergraduate students conducting traffic surveys. Mr. Sinha is not sure when this will happen.

Grant and Meridian Intersection: Mr. Buck stated the Engineering Department will be conducting speed counts in the spring once the weather warms up.

Update on Future Projects:

- State Street Corner Planned Development (Northwestern & State Street): Construction is ready to begin. This will have an impact on traffic and parking. There are plans for a new sanitary main to be installed this summer on State Street. City Bus and the Fire Department have major concerns about traveling on Northwestern in that area and going west bound on State Street. The City is working with that development team to plan accordingly and live with that project for the next 16-18 months.

- Bailey Hall (Grant & Northwestern): Construction will start soon. This will impact some traffic on Grant, but probably not a lot on Northwestern. The building is scheduled to be open in August of 2014.
- Faith West: The project is currently under construction on Northwestern Avenue and is scheduled to open in August of 2013.
- 720 Northwestern: A demolition permit is close to being issued by the City Engineer's office. There will be some traffic restrictions associated with the demolition permit. The developer has a traffic plan that allows for one lane of traffic to be taken away on Northwestern beginning at Stadium. During the demolition phase, the lane will be taken away for about one week, but once the deep excavation and construction begin, this area will be one lane until the end of construction, which is expected to be in August of 2014.
- Wang Hall: This project has started back up. The approved traffic maintenance plans allows for the developer to take one lane of traffic off of Northwestern. Northwestern will go down to one lane northbound. Their plans are to have a crosswalk across Northwestern. There will be no sidewalk access during construction. This project is slated to open in August of 2014.
- Meridian/Lindberg Water Main Improvements: Indiana American Water will be replacing a water main from Meridian Street up to Lindberg Road starting in February and lasting until May. This will impact traffic on the right hand, northbound lane.
- Lindberg/Yeager Curb and Sidewalk Improvements: From Lindberg north to Yeager the city is designing curb, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements at the Lindberg intersection and up to the Yeager roundabout. There will be sidewalk on the east side and trail on the west side.
- US 52 to River Road: INDOT will be repairing and resurfacing existing parts of US 231 before they relinquish it to the City this summer.

Mr. Hirsch stated he is concerned about getting to the Purdue Union from Northwestern with all of the projects going on. Mr. Buck stated it would be a challenge, but there will be a detailed traffic detour plan to help alleviate any problems. Also, Mr. Buck stated the City is delaying projects at Salisbury and Navajo until all Northwestern projects are done. Ms. Burch asked Mr. Buck if the City would be altering the signal lights again, like was done last summer. Mr. Buck stated maybe.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bicycle Racks: Mr. Hirsch wanted to know what the guidelines were for the placement of bicycle racks at businesses. Mr. Buck stated there are zoning requirements that a private development must have the racks, but the placement is determined by the developer.

US 52/ Happy Hollow Road Exit: Chairman Sinha stated it gets very congested at certain times of the day as you come off of the ramp going on to Happy Hollow. He asked whether a traffic signal could be placed at that intersection.

Mr. Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hirsh seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 19, 2013, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D.M. Buck". The letters are stylized and cursive.

David M. Buck, P.E.
Public Works Director

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