



Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
7:30 a.m.

The Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. The following committee members were present:

John DiBuonaventuro	Township Supervisor
Tom Scott	Asst. Township Manager
Steve Norcini	Public Works Director
Steve Burgo	Township Engineer
Lt. Anthony Giaimo	Administrative Lieutenant
Sgt. Tim Barrar	Traffic Sergeant
Cpl. Kreg Isleib	Traffic Corporal
Ofc. Tyler Moyer	Traffic Officer

Those present from the community were:

Dominick Nudy	Meadowbrook Road
Cheryl Bergsma	Irish Road, Berwyn
Toni Pulcini	T/E School Dist.-Transportation
Jason Brame	Arora & Associates
Jeff Case	Arora & Associates

1. AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Lt. Giaimo opened the meeting by asking for any audience concerns.

- A. Traffic Unit - Announcement was made regarding the new traffic unit of the police department. Officer Tyler Moyer, Sgt. Tim Barrar and Cpl. Kreg Isleib were introduced. The squad consists of 2 officers as opposed to 4 officers previously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chester Valley Trail/Proposed Intersection Signal Changes

Discussion was initiated by Engineer Steve Burgo regarding proposals received for Chester Valley Trail Intersection Signal Changes. There are a number of signalized intersections which need alterations. Representatives from Arora, Jeff Case and Jason Brame were at the meeting to answer questions and address concerns. Earlier discussions were referenced regarding West Valley and Swedesford Road traffic and pedestrian concerns. Lt. Giaimo had a meeting with West Whiteland. There were some questionable crossings and some required reformatting.

Steve Norcini requested copy of construction plans. Even the first sheet of the construction plan would be helpful and make it much easier to go out and assess. This will enable us to look at curb work and other configuration to get a good look at what will be done. The representative has a set of construction plans with him showing current progress.

There was some discussion about West Valley at South Swedesford Road. Ramps are being added at that intersection. Highlights of key intersections are shown. Going from southwest end to northeast, proposing improvements at Matthews at Vanguard Blvd., crosswalk and adding a timed signal. The next is midblock crossing on Cedar Hollow Road. This crossing is located right by Vanguard property between satellite Vanguard parking and Tredyffrin property. It is an LED flashing warning. Chesterbrook Blvd. and 202 - had pedestrian facilities added in one direction. A crossing of Chesterbrook Blvd. will be added at University of Penn site and 1000 Chesterbrook properties across the street. Next one is West Valley Road and Swedesford Road. The signal is being upgraded for pedestrians and adding a sidewalk. There was a discussion regarding the details of the audible feature whether it is a number countdown or chirp pitch. Mr. Norcini will go out and go thru each signal permit. There was some discussion regarding whether the audible feature would be required. In phase one visual countdown was required but did not require audio.

The next intersection is Old Eagle School Road at Devon Park Drive. We are adding a trail and upgrading facilities. The only real construction issue is to make sure pedestrian ramps meet current standards. On Devon Park Drive at 202 ramps m and n, currently there isn't a crossing. We are adding a crosswalk across the main ramp to 202 and changing some of guiderail on east side of ramp.

The last one is shared intersection with Upper Merion Twp., Montgomery County at County Line Road and Devon Park Drive. Currently on east approach is a crossing. We are adding a crossing on west approach and making improvements to current standards as well as some minor crossings and bridge crossings.

Committee will take a look and make site surveys. The question was asked whether Arora would be needed for the site surveys. Initially Lt. Giaimo, Mr. Norcini and Mr. Burgo will meet.

Another question was asked regarding approval procedures. We submitted these to PennDOT at same time. Arora will supply us with an electronic set of plans. This will be

placed on the action list for the February meeting.

B. PennDOT Guiderail Removal

Mr. Burgo stated the guiderail at 202 N. ramp at Univ. of Penn construction area was shown as remaining on that plan. We have been contacted by Panoni Associates regarding the removal. There was a discussion of highway occupancy permit and PennDot issues of concern before issuing permit. Mr. Norcini and Mr. Burgo have viewed the site.

Penndot had proposed removal and moving guiderail and discussed with Panoni. Several months ago it was discussed and recommended that guiderail stay in place. After discussions yesterday 2 points were identified. All felt the guiderail should stay along the curb line. The option of placing a bollard along midway opening was also discussed.

Mike Kissinger stated on behalf of Panoni would like to clarify that Univ. of Penn was not making this request in terms of payment. The request was made by PennDot.

The majority agreed it would be beneficial to leave the guiderail in place.

C. 422 Update

Tom Scott attended a meeting regarding pending legislation in Harrisburg which would enable private /public partnership funding. Liberty Property Trust and Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce were involved. This would allow for private investment in public improvements, eliminating some conceivable problems. Nothing was being asked of attendees other than support when it comes up. They have identified some possibilities of improvement of 422 and this legislation would enable alternative funding which would accelerate pace of improvements to alleviate traffic issues.

Mr. Norcini was contacted by a resident about Howellville Road Bridge. Measurement is required to see if it qualifies as a two-lane bridge. Signage was requested such as “oncoming traffic” or “one-way bridge.” Mr. DiBuonaventuro received a call as well and suggestion of placement of a center line was made.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sidewalk Project – construction update

Previously discussed

B. Status of Meadowbrook Lane – Sign Removal Request

Lt. Giaimo spoke with Mr. Patel and Don Cianifani of PennDOT. A team was sent out to do

traffic survey. There was no reason other than convenience to remove the sign. The sign will stay in place and paperwork will be issued to that effect.

C. Other – Speed Sentry

Ms. Bergsma voiced appreciation of the Speed Sentry box which had been on southbound Irish Road. As soon as the box was removed, vehicle speeds increased. The box will be brought back to that location.

Lt. Giaimo showed an example of the new and improved box which is smaller / thinner than the old ones. It collects data and we are currently looking into having them placed in school zones permanently.

They cost \$4,000 each. We are hoping the price can be moderated. Perhaps since the fireworks have been eliminated the police department supply fund may be used for this purpose. It is a great tool and there is no doubt it is effective. There has not been drag racing there for about 3 years. Lt. Giaimo met with other townships that are having these signs installed in school zones. We are currently investigating grant options.

We currently have 6 boxes in service now. These new boxes would be in addition. The older boxes constantly have to be moved around and they are difficult to maneuver. The batteries don't last long. Mr. Norcini mentioned if there are any locations where the boxes need to be installed, contact Dean Wilkins and the Public Works Dept. will put in a pole at that location.

Cpl. Isleib stated the batteries are checked on a weekly basis. If they begin flashing send an email or call dispatcher or traffic department. Solar power is also something we are investigating at this time.

4. *Approval of minutes from the January 20, 2010 meeting.*