



**Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2010**  
**7:30 a.m.**

*The Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 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
Erin McPherson	Asst. Township Engineer
Lt. Anthony Giaimo	Administrative Lieutenant
Sgt. Tim Barrar	Traffic Sergeant
Cpl. Kreg Isleib	Traffic Corporal

*Those present from the community were:*

Toni Pulcini	T/E School District
Don Kane	Krapf Bus Co.
Jeff Thomas	25 Longcourse Lane
Carol Clarke	1564 Overlook Place
Debbie Stern	669 N. Valley Road
Peggy Layden	361 Coldstream

1. **AUDIENCE CONCERNS**

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SR 252 and Amtrak Bridge – Bergmann Associates Presentation**

Dave Theron from Bergmann Associates discussed results of traffic safety assessment. He is here today to present an overview of safety concerns to be addressed.

The first part of the feasibility study of bridge replacement is safety audit. Over 100 responses from the public have been received. Traffic counts were conducted. Approximately 700-800 trains go over the bridge each week. Growth in the area was also considered. All of that information is taken into account in order to develop alternatives and determine costs.

The specific safety audit findings were discussed, to include the issue of sight distance coming out of Maple Avenue, insufficient signage/stripping for lane drop on SB Route 252. There are short term solutions which the township can consider.

Mr. Norcini asked about priority #3 and whether a left-hand turn would still be permissible. It is still permissible to make a left-hand turn. Options were discussed regarding painted skip lines, and pedestrian access under bridge which is narrow and dark. Lighting could help. There is not enough room for a full-sized sidewalk.

Other matters discussed were alignment lanes: look at signal timing improvements; consideration of striping south side of interchange to define intersection; Cue overflow on eastbound lane on 30 – possibly look at signal timing; Pedestrian safety crossing of 30 at intersection; traffic calming features in area. Other options discussed were 5 or 6 lane alternatives.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked about the process of changing the signal timing. Traffic counts are taken and data is collected to present to PennDOT and request is made to revise current signal. We pay for it. Mr. Burgo mentioned that some of the short term solutions may require additional analysis.

There was a discussion regarding traffic on Maple during the 6:30 to 8:30 “rush hour” period. Possibly signal time changes could help. Sgt. Barrar agrees. The traffic unit will look at the counts and data.

## **B. Speeding on North Valley Road**

Debbie Stern of 669 N. Valley Road expressed concern over the issue of speeding on N. Valley. Incidents were discussed which occurred during the last month involving school bus. On October 14, the bus was stopped with red flashing lights activated. A car stopped and was rear-ended by the car directly behind it. On October 22, while waiting for the bus, a child was

about to cross the street and a car travelling north did not stop. Ms. Stern had to quickly pull the child away from the street to avoid being struck by speeding vehicles. Letter was written to PennDOT requesting 3 point stop

signs at Valley Green and Jennings Way.

Concern is expressed regarding impending construction creating additional traffic and greater speeds. PennDOT requires a letter from our township requesting stop signs. Lt. Giaimo stated we spoke with Jane Cronin last month about the issue of speed near stop signs. By law, we cannot use stop signs to control speed. We have started an investigation of that area and another meeting is scheduled. We requested speed reductions several times. If we are able to reduce it under the vehicle code we can then enforce it. At the present time, the vehicle has to be travelling 10 miles over the limit to issue a ticket. The change in bus stop location has helped. The traffic unit was there twice in the last month and no violations were noted. We can set up a traffic detail for the time of bus stop.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro agreed that regardless of what tool is used, the goal is to reduce the speed. We share the residents' concerns and we have been working on this issue for years. The primary issue is the safety of the children. On North Valley some signage was added. On Wisteria the bus stop was moved allowing the children to be in a more protected area. Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked that the school district look into the possibility of rerouting the bus and asked Mr. Norcini if more can be done regarding road markings. Mr. Norcini stated that approach markings can be placed on side of road where bus is picking up. Road markings are only partially effective. This will be an action item with PennDOT to mark their road. Sgt. Barrar discussed issues the traffic unit has had with stop signs. It is expected that complaints will be received next about vehicles running stop signs. This is a thru road not meant for stop signs. Speed reduction would be more effective, as additional issues may be created due to a false sense of security provided by stop signs.

**C. Discussion Items - Speeding on Avonwood Dr. and West Valley Rd.**

Public works is paving in that area. A resident contacted Mr. Norcini with concerns about individuals on Monteith going on Avonwood Drive to cut through. There are concerns with speeding on both directions of Avonwood and North West Valley. Speed Sentry was requested at those locations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Swedesford and North Valley Road**

Accident review study was discussed.

**B. Paoli Village Mid-block Crossing**

Traffic study was conducted to determine if met PennDOT's criteria for mid-block crossing. Pedestrian crossing from the shopping center to Saxby's was

monitored. The study was conducted on a nice, clear day. A large number of those crossings were maintenance related. It does not appear to meet PennDOT's requirements at this time. There were no issues with individuals not being able to cross.

### **C. Berwyn-Paoli Road Bridge**

Jeff Thomas of 25 Longcourse Road asked about the closing of the Berwyn-Paoli Bridge. It was discussed in public meeting. It is on the fast track. There is no delay or issue. We are only waiting for engineering results to determine whether repair or replacement is the best option and if replacement is warranted, what materials will be determined. We have been working on it every day. We have had meeting with managers of both townships and engineers. Some issues need to be worked through regarding conflict with sewer, telephone pole, etc. We will have more information tomorrow. The goal for reopening is by the end of the year.

Carol Clarke asked about the extra police patrol due to detours with Mill Road closed and asked who is paying for that. The Turnpike Commission said they will cover it. We worked extra details into the package.

### **D. Township Sidewalks Project**

Mr. Burgo discussed status of the project. They are now working on Irish and Conestoga crosswalks. Next week line striping is scheduled. Staff has been out there every other day. The double yellow lines are going in today on E. Central and Old Lancaster as well as Irish.

### **E. Croton and Penn Road**

Request has been made for repainting of double yellow line which was covered when previously graveled. That road is scheduled for repaving by PennDOT in 2011.

4. Approval of October 20, 2010 meeting minutes.

Meeting adjourned 8:35at a.m.