

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

**7:00 PM**

**Thursday**

**November 17, 2011**

Chairperson McGowan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** McGowan, Chiara, Leppanen, Reynolds, DeCorte (ex-officio), Schulz  
(ex-officio)

ABSENT: None

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. Chiara, seconded by Mr. Leppanen, to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2011. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Traffic Flow – Front of 33132 Shiawassee

Since the last meeting on October 20, 2011, the director and Mr. DeCorte monitored the situation on three different mornings. The director monitored between 7:40 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on one day and 7:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. on a different day. Mr. DeCorte reported the longest wait to exit a private drive would have been seven seconds. The director noted the longest wait might have been just over a minute and one-half if exiting to go east.

The director contacted Mr. Johnson to advise him of the findings. Mr. Johnson noted that the real problem is between 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. As a result, the director monitored the area from 5:50 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting. Although traffic is heavier, the longest wait would have been about two minutes.

Mr. Johnson (in attendance) addressed the board and stated the worst time is 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Again, the concern is no break in traffic as southbound Farmington Road is allowed to turn right on a red light onto westbound Shiawassee. Mr. Johnson is requesting, if possible, "No Turn on Red" from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Johnson is also concerned about making a right turn into his driveway. At times, if he is turning from the far left part of the westbound lane, cars have

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passed him on the right. The director did observe one vehicle pass a slower moving vehicle to the right one morning.

The board will monitor the evening rush hour traffic and ask Oakland County to evaluate the signal timing. The board will also evaluate the lane markings.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The director informed the board that the public safety department would be going through the entire Traffic Control Order book to check for accuracy. The project will take about two months. When finished, an up to date book will be presented to council for approval.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Chiara made a motion to cancel the December meeting. Mr. Leppanen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Reynolds and seconded by Chiara to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Schulz  
Public Safety Director