

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday**

**October 18, 2007**

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

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

ABSENT: Mehas

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Chiara, supported by Reynolds, to accept the minutes of September 20, 2007. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. School/Thomas Street Parking  
Director Nebus updated the board members that the City Council voted to introduce a new ordinance that permits parking on the east side of School Street.
  
- B. Walkability Update  
Mr. DeCorte gave an update regarding the walkability meeting he attended earlier in the day. MDOT has approved the concept of construction changes in downtown near Grand River and Farmington Road. The traffic board members reviewed the proposed diagrams. Mr. Chiara noted that both east and westbound Grand River should have dedicated left turn lanes and there should be no bump outs on the north side of Grand River. Mr. Chiara expressed concern that the proposed plan provides no relief for the backup of westbound Grand River left turn traffic.

Chairperson McGowan concurred with Mr. Chiara, expressing his concern that eastbound Grand River should have a through lane, left turn lane, and a single lane functioning as a thru lane and right turn lane. He added that the westbound Grand River design should mirror the eastbound design.

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Mr. Reynolds suggested considering a bump out in front of City Hall.

Mr. DeCorte and Director Nebus reminded the board that negotiations with MDOT have been extremely difficult. The city has had to compromise their wishes to gain approval and support from MDOT.

Mr. DeCorte explained the proposed changes for Grove Street that will include angle parking for north and southbound traffic divided by a traffic island.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### A. Shiawassee Parking

The board discussed parking on Shiawassee from Orchard Lake Road to Grand River. The members agreed to postpone any parking recommendations until viewing Shiawassee and meeting again. There was discussion about the current road striping and if Shiawassee is wide enough to continue legal parking between Mooney and Prospect and an area east of Grand River. The need to prohibit parking at all times in front of Farmington High School was also discussed.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Director Nebus passed out Oakland County statistical data and construction project information from the Oakland County Road Commission.

Chairperson McGowan asked, on behalf of a citizen, about the traffic signage at the Power and Shiawassee intersection. The board has discussed the topic before and determined the signage is proper. The additional signage alerting drivers that oncoming eastbound Shiawassee traffic does not stop, improved the safety of the intersection.

A reminder was given that TIA is hosting an "Early Bird" traffic safety presentation on October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m., at the Oakland County Information Technology building in Pontiac.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairperson McGowan and Mr. Reynolds are unable to attend the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Director Nebus will send out a meeting cancellation notice a week before the November meeting unless there is new business for review. If there is new business, the director will verify attendance before confirming the meeting.

If the November meeting is canceled, the next meeting may be December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Reynolds, seconded by Chiara to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus  
Public Safety Director