

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Edina Transportation Commission

Agenda Item #: VI. A.

From: Byron Theis – Traffic Safety Coordinator

Action

Discussion

Date: March 14, 2013

Information

Subject: Traffic Safety Committee Report of March 13, 2013

Action Requested:

Review and recommend Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) Report of Wednesday March 13, 2013, be forwarded to City Council for approval.

Information / Background:

An overview of the comments from the Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) will be included in the staff report provided to Council for their April 16, 2013 meeting.

Attachments:

Traffic Safety Review for March 13, 2013.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) review of traffic safety matters occurred on March 13. The Director of Engineering, Public Works Director, Police Traffic Supervisor, the Assistant City Planner, the Sign Coordinator, and Traffic Safety Coordinator were in attendance for this meeting.

From these reviews, the recommendations below are provided. These recommendations will be presented at the March 21, Edina Transportation Commission and the April 16 City Council agenda.

SECTION A:

Requests on which the Committee recommends approval:

- I. Request approval of new webpage labeled, "Transportation" on the City of Edina website and updates to traffic control policies.

Staff created a new webpage to aid in directing residents with concerns involving traffic safety. The link can be found here:

http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=transportation_test_page

One intent of the new webpage is to eliminate traffic control policies that are covered within the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MNMUTCD). The policies that would be removed are:

- Residential Stop Sign
- Multi-Way Stop Sign
- Yield Sign
- Speed Limit policies

Staff will use the MNMUTCD when analyzing traffic control devices. Policies that will remain the same are:

- Parking Restrictions
- Disabled Person Signs
- In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs
- Marked Pedestrian Crosswalks
- Alley Speed Bumps
- Temporary Speed Tables

The webpage also includes instructions for residents to request traffic control changes and an explanation of traffic management and control within the City of Edina.

Staff recommends approval of new Transportation webpage and updates to traffic control policies.

SECTION B:

Requests on which the Committee recommends denial:

At this time, there are no requests that require deferral to a later date.

SECTION C:

Requests that are deferred to a later date or referred to others.

At this time, there are no requests that require deferral to a later date.

SECTION D:

Other traffic safety issues handled.

1. Request for retiming of signal lights at the intersection of Vernon Avenue and Gus Young Lane. Requestor states that vehicles making a left do not have enough time and have to wait for two cycles of lights before clearing the intersection. This signal light is owned and maintained by Hennepin County. Requestor was forwarded to Hennepin County.
2. Request for retiming of signal lights at the intersection of eastbound TH 494 and France Avenue. Requestor states that vehicles attempting to make a left onto France Avenue wait an "unreasonable amount of time" before being cycled through. This signal is owned and maintained by MNDOT. Requestor was forwarded to MNDOT.
3. Call from a resident to update contact information for handicap sign.
4. Call from a resident concerned with speeds at the intersection of Code Avenue and Porter Lane. Resident states that vehicles are going "too fast" near pedestrians and travelling at a high rate of speed on Code Avenue. Resident was informed that speed counts will be conducted as soon as the weather permits the placement of traffic counters (in the spring) and the speed data will be forwarded to the Edina Police Department for enforcement.
5. City staff reviewed possible addition of a raised median on the west leg of the intersection of Valley View Road and Antrim Road.