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**MINUTES OF THE
Edina Transportation Commission**
Thursday, July 21, 2005
Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th Street
Community Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Richards, Marie Thorpe, Jean White, Warren Plante, Joni Kelly Bennett, Les Wanninger, Dean Dovolis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marie Thorpe

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Lillehaug, Sharon Allison

I. Call to Order

Chair Richards called the meeting to order.

II. New Business

- a. Edina Transportation Commission Policy Brochure

Lillehaug presented the draft brochure to the Commissioners. Members will review and comment so that a final decision can be reached at the August meeting. The Communications Director will also review the brochure.

III. Old Business

- a. **Traffic Study Work Plan & 2006 City of Edina Budgeting Schedule**

Lillehaug updated the Commissioners on the work plan for the top three ranked traffic issue areas as follows:

Edina High School, Valley View Middle School and Creek Valley School Area: a traffic study to be conducted by staff is proposed; anticipated completion is late 2005.

West 70th Street: on July 19th, staff requested an increase to City's budget to conduct a traffic and landuse study. Council to consider the request through August and September. Staff is recommending that a consultant conduct this study. The anticipated cost is \$40,000. Because of West 70th Street's usefulness to the Southdale area, Richards noted that they should hear from the Southdale consultants what they are going to address where West 70th is concerned.

Northeast Edina Area: Council authorized funding for a traffic study. The study will be conducted by a consultant and the request for proposals will be presented to the

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Commissioners on August 18th for recommendation and approval. The anticipated cost is \$60,000.

b. In-street Pedestrian Crossing Sign Policy (Revised)

Dovolis motioned to recommend that Council adopt the In-street Pedestrian Crossing Sign Policy as recommended by the ETC. Seconded by Wanninger. Motion carried.

c. Update – Valley View Road/TH 169 Interchange Federal Funding and Round-a-bout Option

Lillehaug said Mn/DOT made revisions to the plans based on the feedback they received from the Commission. They've also changed their opinion on single-lane round-a-bouts and is now going with two lanes. Lillehaug said the revised plan is less costly and qualifies for federal funding (federal funds have already been requested); project cost will be split between Edina and Eden Prairie and Mn/DOT may also share in the cost due to significant reduction in the overall projected cost. Lillehaug said some park land might still need to be acquired. Municipal Consent has been delayed while the revised plans are being reviewed.

Dovolis said he would like to send a statement of support to Mn/DOT. Richards said he disagrees because of the acquisition of park land.

Dovolis motioned to send a statement of support to Mn/DOT. Seconded by Bennett.

Ayes: 2 (Dovolis, Bennett)

Nays: 3 (Wanninger, Richards, Plante)

Abstain: 1 (White)

Motion failed.

IV. Handouts

a. Correspondence

Dan and Dianne Latham, 7013 Comanche Court, in an email to the ETC, on behalf of the neighborhood, requested that "a sidewalk be built on the northside of Valley View between McCauley and Braemar Blvd, as well as other appropriate improvements for traffic calming measures." Mrs. Latham said the area is impassable and unsafe due to shrubs, trees and other obstacles that force them to walk too far out into the street. She said a petition was submitted in 2005 for the construction of a sidewalk.

Lillehaug said the area in reference is a missing segment in the City's sidewalk plan. He said a feasibility study would be done this fall with a recommendation for construction potentially next summer. The cost would be a 80/20 split with the benefited residents being assessed 20% because Valley View is a State Aid roadway.

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Other residents in attendance with the Latham's are: Richard and Naomi Griffith, 7009 Comanche Court; Carol and Jan Frisch, 7025 Comanche Court; Heidi Mogck, 7137 Valley View; and Janna Homan, 7033 Comanche Court.

Another email was received from Michael and Suzy Whitt, 6001 Chowen Ave., regarding the intersections of 60th & France Avenue and 60th & Chowen Avenue. At 60th & France Avenue they are concerned with speed and visibility and they are recommending that a traffic signal be installed. At 60th & Chowen they are concerned with speed and motorists running the stop sign and they are recommending the installation of some type of traffic calming device to slow traffic.

Lillehaug recommended that they submit an NTMP application for 60th and Chowen Avenue and he is talking with Hennepin County about the possibility of a traffic signal at 60th & France Avenue.

V. Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2005

Corrections to minutes: Page 2, 1st paragraph, 4th line: add bold italics "...noted that the consultant's report did mention that ***current land use on West 70th Street*** is inconsistent with..."

Wanninger motioned to approve minutes with above correction. Seconded by Bennett. Motion carried.

VI. Open Discussion

Lillehaug stated that a rezoning application was received for Riverview at 50th and Indianola Avenue. He stated that the rezoning trip generation should be reduced as a result of going from single and multi-family to condominiums. Staff does not believe a traffic study is warranted and therefore one is not recommended. Commissioners agreed with staff and concurred not to recommend performing a traffic study. Dovolis recused himself from voting because he is the architect.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18th, 6-00-8:00 p.m., in the Community Room, City Hall.