

(Unapproved Minutes)
BROOKINGS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
City & County Government Center, 520 3rd Street
Room 300 (3rd floor)
Thursday, July 12 , 2018
12:10 p.m.

The Brookings Traffic Safety Committee held its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 12:10pm in the City & County Government Center, Room 300.

Members Present: Jackie Lanning, John Howard, Tony Sonnenburg, Gary Gramm, Matt Bartley, Dave Erickson, Skip Webster, Brian Lueders, Lewayne Erickson, Justin Bucher and Stacy Perry.

Members Absent: Kacie Richard, Tim Heaton, and Rodney Farke

Others Present: Darrell Langland, Denise Dornbush, Bob Ortman, David Van Sambeek Ralph and Dorothy Harvey, Brad Skyberg, Garnel Grscoiyne, Jeremy Klingbile, Susie Keenagham, Jeff Jacobsen, Roxie Corbett, Leon Pesall, Kenneth Vlamick, Frank Kurtenbach, Christie Delfanian and Jerry Bohlann.

Call to Order: Howard called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Webster / Bartley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting. **All present voted aye. Motion passed.**

Additions to Agenda:

Old Business:

Request for 2-way stop signs on the north and south sides at the intersection of Summit Pass & Copper Mountain Road/Powderhorn Pass

Lanning provided a map of this area and the audience members provided input on both stop sign locations on Summit Pass. Darrel Langland lives in the area and he stated Summit Pass is a collector street and traffic moves quickly in this area. He suggested a 2-way stop sign on the north and south sides on both intersections as well as a 25 mph speed sign. Brad Skyberg, 415 Powderhorn Pass, stated he travels through this intersection at least 6 to 10 times a day and has not witnessed a lot of traffic. Roxie Corbett, 1122 Telluride Lane, is in support of stop signs being placed at the Telluride intersection. She also noted it is hard to see near the detention ponds at Copper Mountain Road due to the trees. Jeff Jacobson, 1106 Telluride Lane, stated he thought stop signs were needed on Summit Pass to slow traffic down. He stated east bound cars were hard to see due to the hill west of Telluride Lane and thought a 4-way stop sign would be better at that intersection. Two other citizens said there are several children in the area that cross Summit Pass and they also liked the idea of the 4-way stop sign. Christi Delfanian, 532 Summit Pass, stated traffic has gotten heavier and faster with all the construction going on

and asked when there was going to be a second outlet to the west. Lueders would be in favor of adding stop signs on Telluride and Copper Mountain along with a speed limit sign.

Lanning read the MUTCD warrants for a 2-way stop sign that would be met from Section 2B.04, which states *“that Yield or Stop signs should be used at an intersection if one or more of the following condition exists: an intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law.”* She also read the guidance that yield or stop signs should not be used for speed control.

Sonnenburg stated he would like to see a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Summit Pass and Telluride Lane. Lanning read from the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Section 2B.07, Multi-Way Stop Applications. *“The decision to install multi-way stop control should be based on an engineering study.”* Even though the traffic counts and crash data criteria were not met, the following guidance was reviewed:

“Option:

Other criteria that may be considered in an engineering study include:

- A. The need to control left-turn conflicts*
- B. The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes*
- C. Location where a road user, after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop; and*
- D. An intersection of two residential neighborhood collector (through) streets of similar design and operating characteristics where multi-way stop control would improve traffic operational characteristics of the intersection.”*

Lanning viewed the area of Telluride Lane and Summit Pass, looking to the west, and she thought visibility was good in that direction and there didn't seem to be a high enough volume of vehicles to warrant a 4-way stop sign. She stated she agreed that at Copper Mountain Road and Summit Pass that the visibility is poor on the north side due to the trees but good on the south side. **L.Erickson/Lueders made the motion to recommend a 2-way stop sign at the intersection of Copper Mountain Road/Powderhorn Pass and Summit Pass. All present voted aye. Motion passed.**

Request for 2-way or 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Summit Pass & Telluride Lane/Powderhorn Pass

Same as discussion in above topic. **L.Erickson/Lanning made the motion to recommend 2-way stops sign on Telluride Lane/Powderhorn Pass at the intersection of Summit Pass.** More discussion was held by the committee. Jeff Jacobson stated the issue is not on Telluride Lane but it's on Summit Pass. He said traffic on Summit Pass needs to slow down and Roxy Corbett agreed. Lanning stated she looks at these issues city wide and when a stop sign is requested, she follows the MUTCD manual. Brad Skyberg stated he thinks putting 2 stop signs on Telluride Lane and Powderhorn Pass will just encourage faster speed on Summit Pass. The citizens agreed. Bartley said he didn't agree with putting up more stop signs but in this situation, he stated to either install 4-way stop signs or don't do anything. Lanning would like a pedestrian count be done. **L.**

Erickson amended his motion to recommend 4-way stop signs on Summit Pass and Telluride Lane/Powderhorn Pass. All presented voted, with 10 ayes and 1 nay, and the motion passed.

New Business:

Request for 4-way stop signs at the intersection of 17th Avenue South and 20th Street South

Lanning stated that the City Council asked the TSC committee to study the intersection of 17th Avenue South and 20th Street South for possible 4-way stop signs. Susie Keenagham, 1920 Windermere Way, stated there is a lot of traffic at this intersection with plenty of kids walking during school hours. Dorothy Harvey, 1924 Windermere Way, is concerned with getting out onto 20th Street South with all the traffic that will back up if there are stop signs. Mike Morgard, 928 17th Avenue South, agreed with Dorothy and suggested a traffic signal. Lanning mentioned if the overpass project on 22nd Avenue and 20th Street South is approved, she could see heavier traffic in this area down the road. Frank Kurtenbach, 2427 Bluegill Circle, agreed with a traffic signal. Lanning stated a traffic count was conducted during the peak times with 13 pedestrians crossing north/south in the morning and 32 pedestrians in the afternoon. She discussed the counts with a traffic engineer and he suggested better pedestrian signage. Lanning went over some of the feedback she received from phone calls: 1 resident was opposed, concerned about the back up of traffic on 20th Street South and suggested a traffic signal, and 2304 17th Avenue South resident was in favor of the 4-way stop sign, 2002 17th Avenue South was in favor with children crossing signage, and a resident on 2237 Bluegill Avenue was not in favor, afraid of vehicles running the stop sign and a child getting hit. Jerry Bohlmann, 2242 17th Avenue South, wanted to see flashing lights rather than stop signs. He thinks it's safer for kids crossing as well as preventing traffic back up. Lanning explained to the group the flashing lights called a Hawk system where pedestrians could push a button and control the flow of the traffic while they cross the street. The Hawk system would need a different type of traffic study to be done. Leon Kendell is a school bus driver didn't think the 4-way stop signs were a good idea and asked why there weren't striped crosswalks. Lanning stated if a crosswalk is painted the City would need to add the proper signage. Perry would like to see a study done in that area because of the future plans of the 22nd Avenue and 20th Street South proposed project and other development. Lueders would like a rush done on the study. He also stated he would be in favor of the 4-way stop because the pedestrian traffic will grow with the new development going on. **Perry/Webster made the motion to have a study done at the intersection of 17th Avenue South and 20th Street South. All present voted aye. Motion passed.**

Request on 4-way stop signs at the intersection of 15th Street South and Christine Avenue

Jeremy Klingbille, 1424 Christine Avenue, stated a 4-way stop was a big mistake and asked if a stop light would be warranted. He thought a 4-way stop sign would create confusion for pedestrians and would cause back up problems and would make it hard for citizens to get of their driveways. He said he was at the committee a few years ago and the committee said when Christine Avenue connects to 20th Street South a study would be done to look at putting in a traffic signal in at this location. Denise Dornbush, 1220 15th Street South, agreed and she was worried about cars driving too fast with students crossing the street and would like to see police patrol this area more when school is not in session. Bob

Ortman, 1138 15th Street South, said he found it challenging to back out of his driveway now and it would be worse putting in a 4-way stop sign. Lanning didn't have pedestrian counts at this time but could have a study conducted when school starts. Lueders would be in favor of a 4-way stop with the development going in to the south. D. Erickson stated the 4-way stop sign on 17th Avenue South and 3rd Street seems to be function very well with no pedestrian accidents and back up problems. **Lueders/Gramm made the motion to conduct an overall study for a traffic signal or 4-way stop signs at the intersection of 15th Street South and Christine Avenue after Labor Day. All present voted aye. Motion passed.**

Discussion on draft Mickelson Middle School parking lot layout

Lanning passed out a drawing and gave a brief summary about the expansion of the Middle School and the new parking lot.

Member Reports:

D.Erickson would like the committee to come up with new location suggestions for the electronic speed signs.

Perry would like the timing looked at the intersection of 8th Street south and 22nd Avenue for a northbound left turn arrow.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2018. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Chris Larson