



**TRAFFIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TALENT CITY HALL
April 16, 2015 – 3:30 P.M.**

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The Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission of the City of Talent will meet on Thursday, April 16, 2015 in a regular session at 3:30 P.M. in the Talent City Hall, 110 E. Main Street.

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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING- 3:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call 3:30 P.M.

Members Present:

Community Member – James Bradley
Community Member – Tommy Ehrhart
Planning – Zac Moody
Police Chief – Mike Moran
PW Supervisor – Bret Marshall

Members Absent:

Chair – Teresa Cooke

Also Present:

City Manager – Tom Corrigan
Community Member – Helen Smith
Community Member – Tim Smith
Community Member – Sean Floats
Community Member – Lorie Christamis

II. Brief Announcements

None

III. Consideration of Minutes for February 19, 2015

*Moran moved to approve the minutes.
Ehrhart seconded and the motion carried.*

IV. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

V. New Business

S. Second St. Traffic Safety Concerns – Moody discussed his report that included email correspondence with Floats, a Talent Police Department speed study, plus a speed study area map and charts to help interpret the findings. The speed study was conducted during school hours and it was determined that some cars exceeded the speed limit in the school zone. Moody conducted a site visit and suggests that presently there are few signs on site, as many were removed after they were found to conflict with state traffic laws. Furthermore, traveling northbound on S. Second St., no school zone sign is present. Southbound traffic was found to almost consistently exceed the 20 mile-per-hour (mph) school zone speed limit. Bradley submitted that more signage in the vicinity of the school is in order. Moody pointed out that the speed limit in residential areas is 25 mph. Floats explained that the most heavily trafficked times are from 7-8:30 and 4-5:30 and mentioned that vehicle acceleration from Wagner St. to Main St. is quite fast.

Corrigan indicated that Bain and Foss St. have capital improvement projects forthcoming that will help provide safe pedestrian travel. Moody is looking for funding to get rapidly flashing beacons and a solar-powered Doppler sign indicating vehicle speed for the crosswalk at the y-shaped intersection of Main St., West St. and Wagner Creek Rd. He also discussed having TSTC assist Talent Elementary School in developing a crossing guard program for three crosswalk areas located on the northwest corner, northeast corner and west side (near Christian Ave.) of the school.

Bradley brought up parking problems at the intersection of S. Second St. and Wagner Butte Ave., a crosswalk exists there however large vehicles prevent adequate line of sight, posing a potential threat for pedestrians. He mentioned that no yellow curb paint prevents parking in that area, but suggested it would be a good area to change that.

Moody explained that he would continue to work with the school to identify ideal places for additional signage however large-scale infrastructure projects would take more time and additional discussion.

VI. SPR 2014-006 Bed & Breakfast parking on Logan Way – Moody explained that this topic would purely be informational and that Site Plan Reviews are not brought to TSTC for decision making, as they are planning actions. However, one of the conditions of approval for this project is related to traffic safety; it requires the corner curb area at the site to be painted yellow, so that parking will not be permitted there. This condition was created in order to alleviate public traffic safety concerns with the project, as parking congestion is common along Logan Way.

VII. Traffic Calming Signs – Smith explained that several of the houses on their circle (Thornton Cir.) have children, many of which are quite young, he purchased brightly colored ground signs to prevent accidents. Moody explained that finding the ideal site locations and times for sign placement was crucial to alerting local traffic, as people will become accustomed to permanently placed signs and they will lose their effectiveness.

VIII. Dedicated Left Turn Signal W. Valley View Rd. / Hwy. 99 – Moody received a cost estimate from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT); for left turn flashing yellow signals for all four turns, the price is \$6,200. This would cover the cost of adding two new signal heads, removing the left turn yield signs and adjusting crosswalk timers accordingly. He pointed out that the goal is to use System Development Charges (SDC) to cover this infrastructure improvement and that the project would hopefully take place in the next fiscal year.

IX. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update / Conceptual Planning TA-4 & TA-5 – Moody said the TSP will be going to Planning Commission at the end of May, he encouraged TSTC participation in the project because it identifies areas for improving traffic safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. The TSP update will also address priority areas for infrastructure improvements such as: curbs, sidewalks and gutters.

X. **Lane Reconfiguration for W. Valley View Rd.** – Moody explained that this project has not been formally adopted in TSP yet, however it has been identified as a priority –or– Tier 1 project. Furthermore, it qualifies for a \$140,000 All Roads Traffic Safety (ARTS) grant which would fund “grinding lanes down” on the street and re-striping down to three lanes. Currently, there is no center turn lane to assist in entering the Oak Valley housing development and other businesses located on the north side of the road. Moody explained that there have been no crashes in this area which is fortunate however it makes obtaining the second part of the grant more difficult. This involves putting a flashing beacon near Wagner Creek for pedestrian traffic crossing and adding bio-swales between bike lanes and travel lanes to assist with stormwater management. Moody explained this will make bicycle crossing safer and improve access to the Bear Creek Greenway. He expects this project to be brought to city council soon and TSTC unofficially endorsed the plan.

XI. **Next meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled TSTC meeting, will be June 18, 2015.

XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Attest:


James Bradley, Commissioner


Secretary Moody

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