



**TRAFFIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TALENT CITY HALL
June 18, 2015 – 3:30 P.M.**

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The Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission of the City of Talent will meet on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in a regular session at 3:30 P.M. in the Talent City Hall, 110 E. Main Street. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the City Recorder at 541-535-1566, ext. 1012. The Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission reserves the right to add or delete items as needed, change the order of the agenda, and discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the study session and/or meeting.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING- 3:30 P.M.

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

Members Present:

Chair – Teresa Cooke
Community Member – James Bradley
Planning – Zac Moody
Police Chief – Mike Moran
PW Supervisor – Bret Marshall

Members Absent:

Community Member – Tom Ehrhart

Also Present:

City Manager – Tom Corrigan
Community Member – Garrett Evans
Jackson County Fire District 5 – Dave Meads
Talent Elementary School Principal – Curt Shenk

II. Brief Announcements

None

III. Consideration of Minutes for April 16, 2015

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

IV. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Foss Rd. Speed Limit transitions – Garrett Evans, of 107 Foss Rd. addressed high speed traffic concerns on the section of Foss Rd. extending from Tarry Ln. (County) to Wagner Creek Rd. (City). The speed limit decreases from 50 miles-per-hour (mph), to 35 mph, then to 25 mph and finally 20 mph within that half-mile stretch of road. Evans explained that his reason for concern was driven by the close proximity of

Talent Elementary and Middle Schools; children, pedestrians and cyclists frequently utilize this route. Moody mentioned that during a site visit, he noticed that the visibility of the 35 mph sign on county land was difficult to see due to nearby vegetation. Moran explained that the Radar trailer is often posted in this area and that people will slow down, but generally not as much as is required by the posted signs. Moody told Evans that he would coordinate with Jackson County about improving sign visibility and mentioned that Evans' children-at-play sign likely helps reduce speeding in this area. Moody continued, suggesting that the sign should only be out during times when children were especially active in the area (E.g.: during the school year) so that drivers would not become complacent and begin to ignore the sign.

V. New Business

Talent Ave. and Wagner Creek Bridge Safety Concerns – Moody explained that this discussion would be a continuance of an issue that Ehrhart mentioned during the April TSTC meeting; the Talent Ave. bridge at Wagner Creek narrows and may be potentially hazardous during periods of reduced visibility. Corrigan explained that because the bridge itself is considered a historical landmark, it cannot be modified, however the areas next to the bridge were viable.

Marshall explained that he could apply reflectors in the vicinity of the bridge to caution drivers and pedestrians. When discussing a location for the reflectors, TSTC unofficially agreed that reflectors should be placed on the portion of road where the lanes are funneled down, directly adjacent to the bridge.

VI. Traffic hazard hedge in ROW on Wagner St. – Moody provided a picture of a hedge at this location that extends into the bike lane, he explained that visibility in this corner is reduced substantially. Corrigan asked the commission if they thought the hedge was a hazard; TSTC reached an informal consensus that this hedge does pose a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists and that its growth into the bike lane has been problematic in the past as well. Cooke mentioned that this same hedge has been addressed in previous meetings dating back to 2006-2007. Moody explained that the next step would be determining exactly where the property line is, and working with the property owner to make sure the issue is addressed.

VII. Old Business

School Crossing Guard Program – Ehrhart and Shenk met to discuss the possibility of implementing a School Crossing Guard Program, however Shenk explained to the TSTC that due to the quantity of school entrances and generally safe roadway conditions, implementing such a program is unwarranted at this time. Shenk did mention one area of concern is the crosswalk at the intersection of S. 2nd Street and Wagner Butte Ave. however no further discussion about this crosswalk occurred during the meeting. Having determined from Shenk that there is no need to pursue a crossing guard program at this time, the issue was tabled.

VIII. Dedicated Left Turn Signal W. Valley View Rd. / Hwy. 99 – Moody explained that he has been working with ODOT to obtain turn signals for this intersection and has paid for flashing signals for all four turn lanes at the intersection; the signals are to be installed around the end of the fiscal year. Once installed, this intersection will operate similar to the Rapp and Colver intersections with Hwy. 99.

IX. Truck use at W. Valley View Rd. Round-about – Moran brought up the issue of citing truck drivers using the newly installed round-about, he is looking for a clear definition of what is allowed, how it should be quantified and how/if it should be displayed on the signage. Moody explained that the problem originated with large trucks clipping street trees and driving dangerously close to pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the downtown area. The TSTC determined that semi-trailer truckers are prohibited from using the round-about, but smaller truck drivers such as: utility vehicles, delivery trucks (E.g.: Fed Ex, UPS) and moving trucks would not be cited.

X. Draft Transportation System Plan (TSP) Overview – Moody explained that the TSP is being designed to encourage pedestrian and bicycle traffic by improving sidewalk and bike lane access across town. The TSP is a 20-year plan and is being used as a gauge to determine how much money would be required in order to accomplish the street projects contained therein. The TSP will be submitted to the Planning Commission for recommendation to City Council for adoption.

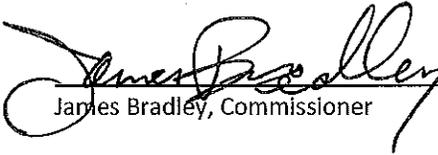
Moody mentioned that the contentious issue with the TSP was the proposed traffic lane reduction of W. Valley View Rd., from five lanes down to three; this is being done to accommodate other means of traffic besides motor vehicles. The proposal provides two bike lanes, four ft.-wide, one for east-bound cyclists, and one for west-bound cyclists. The first stage of this project involves re-stripping the roadway, the second involves creating curbs and landscaped buffers to (1) protect cyclists traveling along this route and (2) assist in stormwater infiltration.

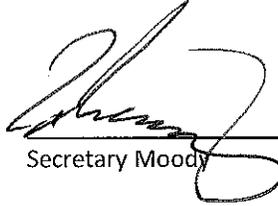
XI. Jackson County Fire Engine access issues – On behalf of the Fire Chief, Meads introduced two areas in Talent where Fire Engine access was restricted due to large trees and shrubs. The first area was the northwest corner of Talent Elementary School, where the interference was caused by a large tree. The second problem area was Max Loop and Graham Way where a combination of overgrown vegetation, parked cars and narrow roadways made for difficult navigation. Moody suggested that the Fire District contact the local Homeowners Association regarding Map Loop and Graham Way vegetation maintenance.

XI. Next meeting:
The next regularly scheduled TSTC meeting, will be August 20, 2015.

XII. Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Attest:


James Bradley, Commissioner


Secretary Moody

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