

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 13, 2017
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Eriksen, TEC Chairman, Director of Public Works, City Engineer
John Lampi, Public Representative, TEC Vice Chairman
Ben Kageyama, representing the City Manager
Sean Kaeser, representing the Chief of Police
Craig Schlatter, Director of Community Development and Planning
Darin Malugani, representing the Supervisor of Public Works
Neil Davis, Public Representative, Active Transportation

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Meyer, Mendocino Transit Authority
Keith Hewett, Public Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Maureen Mulheren, Council Member
Lory Limbird, Public Works
Racheal Brazil, Marshall Street resident
Korleen Boomer, Marshall Street resident
Lewis Martinelli, Standley Street resident
Robert L. Faulk, Walnut Avenue resident
Susan Knopf, Todd Road resident
Pinky Kushner, Oak Street resident
Don Brown, Public Works Supervisor
Chris Dewey, UPD Chief
John Morris, Standley Street resident
James Nosera, Marshall Street resident
Ginger Bushway, Marshall Street resident
William R. Cacchida, Marshall Street resident
Buck Ganter, Walnut Avenue resident

5. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Engineering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Eriksen at 3:05 pm in the Council Chambers, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9, 2017

Motion/Second: Malugani/Davis to approve May 9, 2017 minutes. Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

none

4. OLD BUSINESS

none

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action regarding request for speed bumps on Marshall Street.**

Presenter: Chairman Tim Eriksen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer.

Public Comment: James Nosera, Racheal Brazil, Ginger Bushway, Korleen Boomer, Pinky Kushner, Susan Knopf, Council Member Mulheren.

Possible solutions discussed were the use of a speed radar trailer, speed humps, making the street a one-way street, blocking the street to through traffic and officer enforcement by issuing speeding tickets.

Member Sean Kaeser stated Marshall Street does not meet the length or width requirements for using a speed radar trailer nor is there room to physically place a speed radar trailer in this area.

Don Brown, Public Works Supervisor stated he is opposed to blocking Marshall Street because this would greatly limit access by public safety emergency vehicles.

Chairman Tim Eriksen stated the Ukiah city streets are the property of the citizens and need to be available for public use. Speed humps could make speeding vehicles lose control quicker and could make the situation a worse one. Bikers and pedestrians who are walking could be hindered by speed humps. A Measure Y workshop will be held on July 21 to address pedestrian, bicycle and crosswalk issues and the Marshall Street concerns will be included.

Motion/Second: Davis/Malugani to ask city engineers to present new options that are feasible to be used on Marshall Street and present additional information about options that were discussed.

Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding STOP sign request – Standley Street at Spring Street.

Chairman Tim Eriksen recused himself because his neighbor brought this item to TEC.

Presenter: John Lampi, Vice Chairman.

Vice Chairman John Lampi read a letter from Craig and Jane Rohrbough, 707 W. Standley St., which requested a four way stop at the intersection of Standley Street and Spring Street.

Public Comment: Susan Knopf, Pinky Kushner, Lewis Martinelli, John Morris, Buck Ganter.

Lewis Martinelli stated the STOP signs should be put on Standley Street at Barnes Street instead of at Spring Street.

John Morris stated it makes more sense to have STOP sign at Barnes because Barnes is in the middle of Standley Street while Spring Street is very close to the STOP sign at Dora.

Member Ben Kageyama stated STOP signs should not be used for speed control. Putting a STOP sign where it is not warranted causes drivers to ignore that STOP sign which will cause more problems. He is not in favor of adding a STOP sign. Traffic calming measures such as narrowing the street or creating offsets in street alignment could be investigated to slow traffic.

Council Member Mulheren stated the traffic study is performed in 5-year cycles. City Council recently approved a traffic study and this will be done soon.

Motion made by Member Sean Kaeser to deny putting STOP signs on Standley Street at Spring Street.

Motion made by Member Neil Davis to have the engineers collect more data, investigate putting STOP signs on Standley Street at Barnes and research what other options there are.

The motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion/Second: Kaeser/Lampi to deny putting STOP signs on Standley Street at Spring Street.

Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Kaeser, Lampi, Malugani, Kageyama. NOES: Davis. ABSENT: Meyer, Hewett. ABSTAIN: Schlatter. RECUSED: Eriksen.

c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding STOP sign request – Walnut Avenue at Bush Street.

Presenter: Council Member Mulheren.

Public Comment: Robert Faulk, Buck Ganter, Susan Knopf.

Item withdrawn by Council Member Mulheren.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

none

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

none

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.


Lory Limbird, Recording Secretary