

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 9, 2016
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Eriksen, TEC Chairman, Director of Public Works, City Engineer
John Lampi, Public Representative
Ben Kageyama, representing the City Manager
Sean Kaeser, representing the Chief of Police
Darin Malugani, representing the Supervisor of Public Works
Kevin Thompson, Interim Planning Director
Keith Hewett, Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Meyer, Mendocino Transit Authority

OTHERS PRESENT

Lory Limbird, Public Works
Pinky Kushner
Michelle Johnson, Planning Department
Maureen Mulheren, City Council member
Neil Davis

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Engineering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Eriksen at 3:00 pm in Conference Room No. 3, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 14, 2016

Motion/Second: Thompson/Lampi to approve June 14, 2016 minutes as written.
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 relocation of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk assemblies to the school crosswalk at N. State Street and Magnolia Street.

Chairman Eriksen introduced this item. Staff received a letter from Ms. Selah Sawyer, Charter Academy of the Redwoods, requesting relocation of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk assemblies to the school crosswalk at N. State Street and Magnolia Street. The RRFB assemblies are not available because they are scheduled to be put at the Perkins Street Rail Trail crossing. These lights were temporarily located on a pole in front of fairgrounds. It is necessary to push a button to start the flashing of the lights.

Member Kaeser observed that the crosswalk at Magnolia Street and N. State Street

is currently painted white and needs to be painted yellow.

Chairman Eriksen stated that Staff recommends installation of standard school crossing assembly signs, removal of non-standard school signs and painting of the "SLOW SCHOOL XING" pavement markings. He added that the crosswalk could also be painted yellow.

Council Member Mulheren stated that the Luce Street crosswalk poses more of a safety issue with crossing the street especially at night than the Rail Trail Perkins Street crosswalk. She thinks the flashing lights are needed there more than at Perkins Street.

3:11 pm **Member Keith Hewett** entered meeting.

Pinky Kushner observed that when Healdsburg added a new stop sign at University Avenue at the ball park, they put up bright, fluorescent, plastic, crossed flags that were fixed to a pole to help drivers notice the new stop sign. These simple flags might help drivers notice the pedestrian crossing at the Perkins Street Rail Trail.

Chairman Eriksen explained the object is to try to make pedestrians responsible for themselves when crossing streets. One action to promote this responsibility would be to have flags at the intersection for the pedestrians to carry across the intersection. Another action would be to have the pedestrian push a button to initiate flashing lights that indicate a pedestrian is in the intersection.

The shark teeth that were added 2 years ago to the Luce intersection will be reevaluated and a decision will be made as to what is needed to make that area safer.

Motion/Second: Eriksen/Thompson to remove the non-standard school signs, install standard school crossing assembly signs and paint "SLOW SCHOOL XING" pavement markings for the school crosswalk at N. State Street and Magnolia Street. In addition, yellow ladder pavement markings will also be added. Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

3:20 **Neil Davis** entered the TEC meeting.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

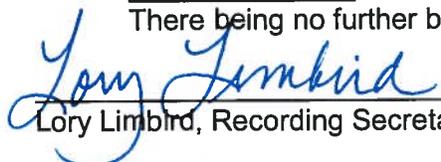
At last City Council meeting, the City Council members directed that the tow truck issue will be taken back to TEC for new ideas on how to make this item more palatable with a permitting process.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

none

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.


Lory Limbird, Recording Secretary