

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln, Public Works Director Dean Murray, Police Chief Stephen Powell, Council Member Nicholas Imbesi, Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira. Mayor Valentine Rodriguez, Jr. was unable to attend.

Visitors: Kevin Macklen, RACC Director of Facilities
Joan London, RACC Solicitor
Philip Wert, Council Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the Traffic Committee minutes of Wednesday, March 8, 2017 by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

Detour Signage for Miller Center Events – Ms. London requested permission for Reading Area Community College (RACC) to place two 2'x3' PennDOT directional signs for the duration of the Penn Street Bridge detour to direct vehicular traffic to the Miller Center. RACC proposes to place one sign along Reading Avenue approaching Delaney Circle and one within Delaney Circle towards Buttonwood Street Bridge. RACC would be responsible for sign maintenance.

Mr. Murray requested to meet Mr. Macklen onsite to determine placement and method of posting.

Motion to recommend approval of the installation of directional signage to the Miller Center for the duration of the Penn Street Bridge detour made by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion carried 4-0.

Parking Study – Tabled until next month's meeting.

ARLE Grant – There was nothing new to report.

Green Light-Go Grant – There was nothing new to report. PennDOT anticipates late spring for grant notification.

8th & Penn Traffic Signal Maintenance Responsibility – There was nothing new to report. Awaiting Green Light-Go Grant notification.

7th & Walnut Intersection – Mr. Murray will identify the pins at this intersection and provide this information to Tom Unger to discuss at the next meeting.

Alley Parking between Franklin Street & Wayne Avenue – Mr. Murray plans to meet with the Code Enforcement Department onsite to determine placement of signs and the potential need for property owners to trim shrubbery.

Permit Parking – Tabled until next month’s meeting. Chief Powell recommended researching how other municipalities administer their permit-parking program.

Penn Avenue Street Sweeping – Mrs. Hoffman recommended further inquiry with business owners as to preferred date/time for street sweeping to incorporate into next years street sweeping program. Mr. Murray stated Public Works would sweep Penn Avenue as often as possible this year.

Grape Street & 4th Avenue Pedestrian Improvements – Mr. Murray stated piano-key style crosswalk and stop bar painting is planned for the beginning of May.

Crossing Guard Ordinance – Tabled until next month’s meeting. Mr. Lincoln requested Solicitor comments.

New Business

Buttonwood & Penn Street Bridges Update - Chief Powell reported detours for Penn Street Bridge project would begin on May 9, 2017. PennDOT has approved funding for 500 hours to offset the cost of additional patrols during the three-year project.

Chief Powell reported the detour signage located at 5th Avenue and Cherry Street to prohibit left turns during the duration of the Buttonwood Bridge detour remains until the ordinance is repealed.

Motion to recommend to Council removal of Buttonwood Bridge detour signage made by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Chief Powell.

Chief Powell noted the restaurant located at N. 6th and Reading Avenues is lacking parking stall lines on Reading Avenue, which is resulting in cars parked within the line of sight. Mr. Murray stated he would install a no parking sign within the yellow curb area and paint stall lines to avoid blocking the alley and line of sight areas.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Assistant to the Manager