

Town of Superior
Transportation & Safety Committee (T&SC)
Meeting Notes
October 7, 2019

Members of the Committee in attendance: Kevin Ryan, Neal Shah, Laura Skladzinski

Others in Attendance: Alex Ariniello, Staff; Sgt. Troy Wolf, Boulder County Sheriff; Carlos Hernandez, Fox Tuttle Hernandez Transportation Group; Landon Hilliard, Boulder Valley School District. Residents: Alie Hopper, Stan Jarrett, Roger Frazier and Dan Plutt.

Agenda Items:

1. School Student Safety

Landon Hilliard with the Boulder Valley School District gave an overview of BVSD's school safety program. The District's Safe Routes to School Program is alternative transportation program designed to reduce the reliance on the automobile and improve the health and safety of the school community population. It has three main components: 1) tackle the traffic problem 2) invest in safety and 3) promote clean and smarter ways of transportation. District-wide the mode split for travel to schools is about 20% walking, 20% school buses, 7% biking, 3% public transit, 50% auto. The TSC asked to get specific mode split data for Superior schools. Landon indicated this would take the support of the principals at the schools to collect new data. He indicated the principals have been supportive of the walk/bike/bus programs in the past and they would reach out to them. RTD's FlexRide was discussed with concerns about few students using it at some schools and other schools have higher levels of use. Landon then provided an overview of the school-pool program that offers carpool matching services. This program is offered by Boulder Valley School District and the Denver Council of Regional Governments (DRCOG). Landon and Alex felt the Monarch schools were using it more than the Superior schools. Neal asked about "Fun Routes to School" and the mountain bike trail. Landon described District-wide bike events that promoted the fun aspect of riding to school.

2. Weldona Way Stop Signs Removal

Staff presented an analysis of Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) criteria applied to the Weldona Way Stop Signs located at Idalia Court and Elmoro Court which indicated that these installations do not met the criteria for multi-way stop sign control. In light of this and the presence of speed humps on Weldona Way along with the physical closure of Weldona Way at 88th Street which will limit the volume and speed of traffic on Weldona Way, staff recommends removal of the Stop signs on Weldona Way at Elmoro Court and Idalia Court (the side streets will remain Stop-controlled). Trustees Ryan and Skladzinski supported this recommendation but Trustee Shah was opposed. The TSC also discussed the other traffic control signs in the Weldona corridor and ways to reduce redundant signage.

3. Project Updates

A. Pitkin Neighborhood Meeting:

Carlos Hernandez reported on the meeting held September 24 attended by 25 residents. Some of the next steps discussed included:

- Increased police enforcement
- Collect additional speed data when the speed hump is removed
- Collect stop sign compliance data
- Package a few options and new data for a November neighborhood meeting
- Packages should consider the corridor from Riverbend to Karval
- Consider keeping all way stops with new traffic calming tools increase compliance
- Consider a speed hump design that does not have such steep approach

B. 76th/Sycamore:

Carlos Hernandez reported on the results of the neighborhood survey which had 189 responses. Option 1 which would remove the left-turn lanes on 76th Street, add new concrete median islands for pedestrian refuges on 7th Street and add flashing beacons to enhance the pedestrian crossings had the most support among the respondents. The TSC directed staff to proceed with final design plans and cost estimates for Option 1. TSC also directed staff to immediately install “Yield to Pedestrian” signs on 76th Street.

C. Rock Creek Circle:

Carlos Hernandez reported on the results of the neighborhood survey which had 571 responses. There was good support for lowering the speed limit to 25 mph; for installing speed feedback signs and for installing raised crosswalks. The TSC directed staff to proceed on implementing the 25 MPH speed limit; to develop a plan and cost estimate for the speed feedback signs; and to further evaluate locations and cost estimates for raised crosswalk(s).

4. Current Requests

Traffic calming applications have been received for:

- Yarrow Circle (speed data has been collected)
- Riverbend (speed data is being collected and staff is working on a date for the neighborhood meeting)
- Torreys Peak

The next meeting of the TSC will be on December 2, 2019.