

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION  
March 26, 2019

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) met in regular session on March 26, 2019 in the Vienna Town Hall Council Chamber, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, Virginia. Chairman Ed Somers opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with the following Commissioners present: Leonard Ignatowski, Keith Aimone, Angela Sorrell, Julie Hays, Beth Eachus, Charlie Strunk and Tamara Redmon. Vice Chairman Becky Allison arrived late. Also present were Jennifer Sigler, TSC Clerk, Christine Horner, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Sergeant Pete Elias, Vienna Police Department (VPD).

**Approval of the February 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Aimone made a motion to approve the February 26, 2019 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Redmon seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0.

**Department of Public Works (DPW) Report**

**Tapawingo Road SW and Kingsley Road SW** - DPW has started coordinating with our on-call engineering consultant to begin the design phase of the proposed curb extensions.

**Receipt of Petitions and Communications from the Public**

None

**DPW Recommendations: Traffic Calming on Casmar Street SE**

Ms. Horner continued the DPW Report: At their June 26, 2018 TSC meeting this commission heard the petition for traffic calming along Casmar Street SE. DPW performed and evaluated the requested traffic study on Casmar Street SE from Park Street to DeSale Street. The study was completed in January 2019. Please note that this location is not an emergency route.

Road Segments:	Local Road from Park Street to DeSale Street
	Not an Emergency Route
	296 Vehicles Per Day
	10% traveling 5 mph or above speed limit (TCG = 15%)
	85th Percentile is 28 MPH (TCG = 31 MPH)

The road does not meet the Traffic Calming Guide qualifications for traffic calming. DPW is not recommending any improvements at this time.

Commissioner Eachus asked what dates the study was performed.

Ms. Horner explained the study was run from January 6 through January 21, 2019.

Commissioner Ignatowski noticed the traffic study printout looked different from previous ones. He asked if the Town was using new software.

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Ms. Horner replied yes.

Commissioner Hays asked if there was sidewalk on Casmar Street SE.

Ms. Horner confirmed there is sidewalk on both sides of the street.

Jim Dean, 8704 Park Street (between Casmar Street and Fardale Street), believes the worst times for speeding in that area are morning and evening rush hour. Additionally, three years ago there was a fatal car crash across the street from his address. Vehicles accelerate through the bend and over the hill. He would appreciate any traffic calming measures.

Dale Ringer, 124 Casmar Street SE, added the intersection of Casmar Street and Park Street is a problem. People drive very fast on Park Street and tend to “whip” onto Casmar Street. He would like to see enforcement of parking laws regarding the vehicles that park between Casmar Street and the shopping center.

Sergeant Elias informed him and the TSC that Park Street from Fardale Street to Cedar Lane is actually in the County of Fairfax, not the Town of Vienna, therefore Vienna police have no jurisdiction there.

Commissioner Sorrell said when she lived in Fairfax County she was able to contact them and request “No Parking Here to Corner” signage in a similar situation.

Amjad Ashkar, 130 Casmar Street SE, would like to challenge the study – when people enter Casmar Street either from Park Street or DeSale Street, they are driving too fast. He thinks by the time they get to the middle of Casmar Street they may feel ashamed to be speeding on such a small residential street, so they slow down. However, the problem exists at both ends of Casmar Street and he would like to see the traffic study extended to include both intersections.

Mike Moreschauser, 101 Casmar Street SE, noted people speed in the mornings and afternoons when they are transporting their children to and from school. There are two schools, Cunningham Park Elementary and Thoreau Middle School.

Commissioner Hays asked if striping the crosswalk would help slow down traffic.

Ms. Horner explained crosswalk striping is not intended to be used as traffic calming, but it does help bring attention to pedestrians crossing the road.

Sergeant Pete Elias proposed increasing the police presence at either end of Casmar Street which could help determine the location(s) of the problem.

Chairman Somers asked Ms. Horner to collect traffic data for both intersections, to look into striping the crosswalks, and to return to the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting with the additional data.

### **BAC Report**

BAC Chairman Eachus stated the BAC discussed the BikeShare Feasibility Study, Bicycle Community Rides, Town representation with NOVA Parks and the LAB Award results and next steps. Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Bike Rodeo, Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> is National Bike to School Day and Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> is Bike to Work Day. Chairman Eachus asked if the message boards could be utilized to announce these important bike events.

BAC Vice Chairman Strunk announced the ribbon cutting for the new Vesper Trail has been rescheduled due to snow to Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. There will be a community ride leaving from the community center at 9:30 am and another ride leaving from Clark's Crossing at 9:30 am.

### **PAC Report**

PAC Chairman Hays noted the green fence at the intersection of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue NE obscures the view of the trail when you are heading west on Ayr Hill. Additionally, the Street Safety Guide draft will be presented for review at the April 30<sup>th</sup> TSC meeting. A question that arose during a Council Work Session regarding the guide was whether there should be an appeals process or not. Another question from Council came up regarding the criteria the Town uses to determine traffic calming needs.

PAC Chairman Hays and TSC Chairman Somers agreed a memo should be submitted to Council after each TSC meeting outlining motions made or not made and the reasoning behind the decisions.

### **Reports of Commissioners**

Commissioner Ignatowski requested instructions on reading the new format of the traffic study and perhaps a legend added to the report.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Chairman Somers asked if additional striping should be added to the W&OD trail crossing over Maple Avenue. He believes it is not visible enough, even with the signal. He suggested additional signage or the addition of flashing lights to existing signage might help. Additionally, there have been vehicles turning onto the trail at the signal.

It's time for elections – Commissioner Sorrell will collect nominations.

### **Adjourn** – 9:20 pm

\*\* Is it time to revisit the 800 block of Park Street SE traffic calming petition now that the mixed-use building on the corner with Tapawingo Road is complete? \*\*