

Mayor Tracey Furman

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**Meeting Notes
Mobility and Traffic Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 7:00 pm
Via Zoom Video Conference**

Committee Chairs: Darin Bartram and Nate Engle

Committee Members: Jody Krieger, Daniel Martin, Leslie Olson, David Romeo, Tina Sherman, and Anne-Marie Turner.

Call to Order

Announcements:

1. The Town officially changed the speed limit on Town maintained streets from 25 MPH to 20 MPH on July 1, 2022.
2. The Mayor and Council installed the following speed humps since the MTC last convened:
 - a. 10400 block of Kensington Parkway.
 - b. 3600 block of Perry Avenue.
 - c. 10800 block of St. Paul Street.
3. The Town designated the area surrounding the Brookewood School as a 'School Zone', establishing a 15 MPH zone and also made certain ADA and sidewalk improvements.
4. State Highway Administration installed a 'NO U-Turn' sign along southbound Connecticut Avenue at eastbound Howard Avenue.

New Business:

1. **State Highway Administration (SHA) Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements:**
 - a. Review the current priority list that the Town is working with SHA on for certain improvements:
 - i. Metropolitan Avenue at Wheatley Street Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB).
 - ii. Adding a Driver Speed Feedback System to Metropolitan Avenue.
 - iii. Extend the queuing lane for southbound Connecticut Avenue to turn east onto Plyers Mill Road.
 - iv. Review designating the Connecticut Avenue corridor as a Urban Area and reducing the speed along Connecticut Avenue within the Town.

- v. Work with SHA and MCDOT on committing to a long-term solution for traffic and pedestrian safety along Connecticut Avenue between Plyers Mill Road/Metropolitan Avenue and University Boulevard.
 - vi. Review a possible lane reduction along University Boulevard between the split and St. Paul Street.
 - vii. Review pedestrian improvements along Knowles Avenue, specifically realigning the crosswalk at Detrick Avenue.
 - viii. Discuss the proposed full traffic signal along Connecticut Avenue at Washington Street.
- Reviewed recent changes, including lowering speed limit throughout town to 20 mph on town roads, installation of no-U-turn sign on Connecticut at Howard and Kensington Pkwy at Calvert.
 - The Committee discussed possibly having the driver feedback sign face both directions on Metropolitan (would need two)
 - Town staff expects to meet with SHA on these and additional traffic-related issues, hopefully by the end of the month. This conversation would cover (amongst others) possible road-diet on University Blvd, basis for SHA's proposed full traffic signal on Connecticut at Washington, including data points and traffic studies.
 - Residents at the meeting expressed concerns about the full signal, and potential ways to improve functioning of the existing signal.

2. Primary Enforcement Areas:

- a. Discuss and review the Town's primary enforcement locations for the Town's secondary enforcement Officers with the Montgomery County Police.
- The Committee discussed having officers conduct more concentrated enforcement of stop signs at certain intersections.

3. Review Traffic Analysis Data Carroll Place, between Baltimore Street and Hadley Place.

- a. The Town received a speed hump request for the 10200 block of Carroll Place.
- The Committee supports a recommendation to the Council on the installation of a speed hump on Carroll Place and determined that residents should proceed with petitioning for it.
 - Placement determined by traffic engineer
- The Committee concurred that a traffic order should be presented to the Town Council at the next meeting to install 'No Parking Here to Corner' signs on the east and west side of the intersection of Hadley Place and Carroll Place.
 - Staff should enforce 'No Parking' too close to intersections to increase visibility for vehicles and pedestrians.

Old Business

- For next time: Consider three options for people on Farragut right outside of Town - our restrictions are redirecting traffic to nearby residents.
 - No traffic from Connecticut onto St. Paul during rush hour?
 - Can you prohibit left turns from St. Paul onto McComas?
 - Traffic coming down Farragut to St. Paul - can only make a right turn onto St. Paul?

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