



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Thursday, October 28, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Donna Bradley, Chair
Richard Hoover, Vice Chair (6:02)
Curt McCormack
Ed Thompson
Larry Dimatteo
Joel Stein, Fire Marshal
Eamon Bishop

Council Liaison:

David McKane, Council Liaison

Staff Present:

Rob Kissler, Public Works
David LeDay, Police Department
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Curt McCormack moved to approve the September 2010 Minutes. Joel Stein seconded. Motion passed as follows: Bradley, McCormack, Bishop and Stein in favor with Hoover absent at time of vote and Thompson and Dimatteo abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chemawa/River Road Intersection Conflicts: Mr. Malone was not at the meeting. Councilor McKane reminded Commissioners that their task is to receive testimony from the public. He noted that he did not understand Mr. Malone's concern adding that if staff is aware of the issue it is out the hands of the public. Mr. Kissler added that there is no question that the east and west legs are offset. He explained that in Keizer as development occurs the necessary right of way is acquired and that in the case of this intersection adequate right of way was not acquired at the time it was developed. When Walgreen's was developed, the City could not get additional right of way. The City had to do what they could with what they had. He then referred to Officer LeDay's report showing crash data that indicated that there have been no accidents inside the intersection. He concluded his testimony noting that the offset could be fixed but it would be costly and it may not be a high priority for the City.

Discussion continued regarding design exceptions, State Ordinances, and possible improvements to striping or adding "chicken tracks" to direct traffic. Commissioners noted that traffic is slow in this intersection and drivers do not appear to be confused by the offset. Mr. Kissler noted that the intersection has been functioning in its current form

for about 30 years. Councilor McKane noted that this has been discussed with staff and there is no further need for discussion. Commission agreed that there was no further need of action and directed Deputy City Recorder to send a copy of the minutes to Mr. Malone so that he could see that the issue had been addressed and that it would no longer be on the agenda. Commissioner Stein suggested and Mr. Kissler agreed to inform the City Attorney of Commission action.

Commissioner Input: Commissioner Dimatteo questioned if anything was being done to improve the safety of the Brooklake/Wheatland Road area. Officer LeDay responded that this was a Marion County call. Mr. Kissler added that he was not aware of any plans but that Marion County Public works staff was qualified to do the work. Joel Stein added that the biggest problem is the alignment of the sun because at certain times of the year it is directly in drivers' eyes.

Commissioner Thompson questioned school flasher maintenance. Mr. Kissler explained that the company that does the hardware for those flashers is not supporting that anymore. He noted that there are 22 in Keizer; Salem has had to do theirs manually but they have gotten a vendor and started a process to update the flashers. They will have radio telemetry so that they can be adjusted remotely. The new packages are already funded and will include the addition of "tattletales" on the back of the flashers so police can use them when they stop drivers.

It was noted that vision southbound on River from Orcutt is obstructed by For Sale signs. Officer LeDay agreed to check on this.

BIKEWAYS REPORT ~ No Report.

RIVER ROAD RENAISSANCE REPORT ~ Richard Hoover reported that the committee had discussed funds and statues and that soon a new statue will be placed in front of Quickies Coffee in the area where rose bushes are presently growing.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Officer LeDay reported that crashes have been low; enforcement of the cell phone law is set up so that unmarked cars wait at intersections and call ahead to report offenders. Keizer Times wants to sit with them. Regarding Nottingham, Officer LeDay explained that he and Rob Kissler did a survey and found no excessive speeders. Mr. Kissler added that stop signs have been added at the cul-de-sacs so they are controlled intersections now.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Councilor McKane reported that Council had approved the Area B Keizer Station Master Plan unanimously on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Mr. Kissler provided additional details regarding traffic mitigation in Area B noting that a traffic impact analysis was done and through that process other areas of improvements were determined and they would be paid for by the developer, property owner or potential buyer. Improvements include 14th and Lockhaven and northbound onramps of I-5.

STAFF REPORT ~ Rob Kissler reported that

- Council recently amended the Transportation Systems Development Charge Capital Improvement Plan to add improvements to Interstate 5 and Chemawa interchange. This is a project the City needs to do for Keizer Station: adding dual turn lanes onto the freeway/Parkway ramps. The project is now underway.
- The City has hired Marion County Public Works Department to do a Pavement Condition Index for pavement preservation. This will rate all the streets in the system. The last one was done in 2006 so it is time to update it and prepare for paving projects next summer.
- PGE will start the Wheatland lighting project next week.
- At the last legislative session an increase in gas tax was adopted effective January 1. 50% will go to the State, 30% to the County and 20% to local agencies. This means Keizer should receive \$200,000 to \$300,000 more per year which will allow for additional improvements.
- Public Works is doing a series of 22 ADA ramps in the city.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ~ Commission agreed there was no need to report to Council.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

***Next Meeting ~ December 2, 2010, 6 p.m., Civic Center
(Combination November/December meeting)***

Minutes Approved: 12-2-10