



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

***Thursday, July 24, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall - Conference Room B***

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Prothero called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Steve Prothero, Randy Jackson, Joe Ortiz, and Debbie Schneekloth

Absent: Steve Lamb, David Dehlin and Gerald Watson

Also present were: Police Liaison Lance Inman, Staff Liaison Rob Kissler, and Recorder Patrick Brennan

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

✓ **Approval of May 22, 2003 Minutes**

Chair Prothero moved for approval of the May 13, 2003 minutes as written.
Debbie Schneekloth seconded the motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Prothero, Jackson, Ortiz and Schneekloth (4)

NAYES: None (0)

ABSENT: Lamb, Dehlin and Watson (3)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Erik and Tracy Frizelle, 4955 Peyton Street North, Keizer, presented the commission with a petition (attachment #1) requesting that the city install speed bumps or other traffic control devices in the vicinity of the intersection of Rushmore Street and Payton Street. The neighborhood has several young children who play in that area, and residents are concerned that through traffic moves at excessive speed. The Frizelles also reported that some drivers cut the corner at the intersection, adding an additional safety concern. The petition presented included signatures from nearly all of the residents of the block that would be affected by the installation of traffic safety devices.

Neither the Frizelles nor the commission was able to determine the source for the through traffic in the area. Some ideas included traffic to and from McNary High School or drivers taking a shortcut through the neighborhood.

Staff Liaison Rob Kissler indicated that the commission is authorized to place signage that could regulate parking at the intersection, in order to improve safety; however, the decision of whether to install speed bumps would require action by the City Council. He indicated that the petition was the correct first step, and suggested examining the intersection for further study. Other suggestions included narrowing the intersection to prevent cutting of the corner, posting a speed limit or children at play sign, or placement of the police speed radar trailer in the neighborhood.

Sgt. Lance Inman, Police Liaison, indicated that he would see to it that residents in the area would be interviewed regarding speed control. Mr. Kissler indicated that he would take action to post signage. Chair Prothero requested that the Frizelles to return in a few months to report on the effects of the changes, and suggested that if additional action is necessary it can be considered at that time.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

✓ *Golf Court Ordinance*

In the absence of Council Liaison Jim Taylor, Randy Jackson provided a brief report on the Golf Court ordinance. The city council has tabled the issue.

✓ *River Road Traffic Signal Improvements*

Rob Kissler and Sgt. Lance Inman reported to the commission regarding the possible installation of five-head traffic signals at the intersection of River Road and Dearborn and other intersections. The primary safety concern regarding the

possible. Mr. Kissler noted that Salem used medians for green spaces, doing so in such a way as to maintain left turn opportunities. The grant is for \$920,000, while the overall project cost is estimated at \$2 million.

Other possible facets of the proposal include: placing sidewalks/elevated walkways away from bike paths and travel lanes; turn pockets; creation of greenways; storm water runoff; and replacement of existing bridge lights with light-emitting diode (LED) lamps.

✓ **2004 ACTS OREGON BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES GRANT**

Sgt. Lance Inman provided an overview of the grant opportunities available through the Alliance for Community Transportation Safety (ACTS). The grant is for an amount up to \$5,000, and can be used for projects or equipment. Some equipment needed includes portable speed and volume counters, radar units, laser units and car cameras. He indicated that because radar units cost \$2,300 it is likely that the city could only receive grant monies for one of them.

Rob Kissler provided additional information regarding speed and volume counters. Because of the way they need to be set up, it is not possible for the counters to measure both traffic speed and traffic volume simultaneously. The devices make it easier to address causes and effects for traffic at the neighborhood level. The city has recently contracted for volume counters on River Road, which indicated that 28,000 cars travel the route on a daily basis.

Randy Jackson noted that grant application review panels typically look for innovative approaches and suggested that counters should therefore be part of the application. Joe Ortiz recommended that the application request be for both a radar unit and a counter unit.

Debbie Schneekloth moved to support the recommendation of staff regarding the grant request following receipt of additional information. Randy Jackson seconded the motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Prothero, Jackson, Ortiz and Schneekloth (4)

NAYES: None (0)

ABSENT: Lamb, Dehlin and Watson (3)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

current intersection is that drivers attempting to make left hand turns at the intersection are occasionally trying to beat yellow lights, resulting in a significant potential for accidents.

The group considered the pros and cons of installing five-head traffic signals at the intersections on River Road. Such signals would provide greater protection for drivers attempting left turns, but would also reduce the amount of time of green lights for through traffic, which could be a problem particularly during the morning commute. Mr. Kissler explained that "protected" signals prohibit left turns without a green arrow, while "permitted" signals allow drivers to turn left on any green light after yielding to oncoming traffic. Sgt. Inman indicated that while five-head signals would likely improve traffic flow, they may not result in a significant improvement in safety. Chair Prothero intimated that since such signals are already used in Salem most drivers would be familiar with them.

✓ *Report from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

Anne Holder, ODOT Safety Coordinator for the Willamette Valley, made a brief informational presentation. ODOT assists local communities with education, enforcement, and engineering for transportation solutions. The agency also utilizes a website and mailing list to disseminate transportation information.

Ms. Holder also described some of the grant opportunities that are available, and reported that ODOT is available to provide assistance in grant writing. She cited Safe Routes to Schools as one area that many communities are becoming interested in as a grant opportunity.

Ms. Holder also provided information on ODOT's designation of a traffic safety corridor between Salem and Woodburn. Facets of the safety corridor include drunk driving enforcement and bilingual outreach.

✓ *Chemawa Road Update*

Rob Kissler displayed a number of maps outlining proposals for the five-year right-of-way project for Chemawa Road. The primary concern is a wooden bridge that was covered with water during the 1996 flood. The replacement bridge in the proposal would ensure that east-west traffic would be maintained for evacuation during an emergency.

Mr. Kissler indicated that the city has applied for an urban renewal grant for the project, and will find out on October 1 whether it has been awarded the grant. The City Council has requested that the project add as much green area as

Mr. Jackson noted that the annual traffic safety conference is coming up. Additional details can be found at www.actsoregon.org.

✓ *Keizer Safety Update*

Sgt. Lance Inman reported on current traffic safety issues. Baseball games at the Keizer baseball stadium have created a significant imposition on officer time during game nights.

6. ADJOURNMENT

➤ *Next Meeting ~ August 28, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m.*

Chair Prothero adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.



City of Keizer

PO BOX 1000 KEIZER, OR 97303

NTMP Affected Neighbor Survey

Problem Description: NEW NEIGHBORHOOD, BAD CORNER. WITHIN APP. 6-7
HOUSES, 14+ CHILDREN BETWEEN 1 1/2 - 9 yrs OLD WHO
USE CORNER AS CROSSING PLACE / PLAY GROUND.
CLOSE CALLS WITH AUTO'S. WOULD LIKE SPEED BUMPS / SIGNS.

Petitioner Name: TRACEY FRIZELLE

Daytime Telephone: 503-588-5501

Petitioner Mailing Address: 4955 PEYTON ST N

Evening Telephone: 503-463-9374

KEIZER, OR. 97303

Location of Problem: PEYTON ST N / RUSHMORE ST N (CORNER)
 (For intersections, list both streets. For roads, indicate name and problem limits. e.g. Long Ave. between Church & Olive.)

By signing the survey below, you are indicating that you believe that the problem identified above is unacceptable and that you support implementing a mitigation measure to resolve the problem. This survey does not recommend a specific mitigation measure, or even ensure that a mitigation measure be implemented. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Process (NTMP) will be used to determine what, if any, mitigation measures will be implemented. Signing this survey does not imply that you will be obligated to fund any portion of the project.

Name (Printed)	Signature	Address	Phone Number
Tracey Frizelle	<i>Tracey Frizelle</i>	<u>4955 Peyton St N</u>	<u>503-463-9374</u>
Sally Dennis	<i>Sally Dennis</i>	<u>4954 Peyton St N</u>	<u>503-463-6478</u>
Cathy Prinzing	<i>Cathy Prinzing</i>	<u>4944 Peyton St N</u>	<u>503-393-5242</u>
JJ Seely	<i>Jonathan Seely</i>	<u>1348 Rushmore Ave N</u>	<u>503-304-1576</u>
Corby Moul	<i>Corby Moul</i>	<u>4934 Peyton St N</u>	<u>503-393-2801</u>
Mike Wood	<i>Mike Wood</i>	<u>1373 Rushmore Ave</u>	<u>503-589-4088</u>
Dennis Quick	<i>Dennis Quick</i>	<u>4975 Peyton St N</u>	<u>503/390-3234</u>
Michelle LeTourneau-Quick	<i>Michelle LeTourneau-Quick</i>	<u>4975 Peyton St N</u>	<u>503/390-3234</u>
Imber Titus	<i>Imber Titus</i>	<u>4984 Peyton St</u>	<u>503-393-5846</u>
Sean Titus	<i>Sean Titus</i>	<u>4984 Peyton St N</u>	<u>503-393-5846</u>

A minimum of 75% of the affected properties owner signatures must be obtained