

TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE

Minutes - Final



A. Max Bacon City Hall
 HR Training Room
 2800 King Street SE
 Smyrna, GA 30080

Travis Lindley, Chair/Council Member
 Tim Gould, Mayor Pro Tem
 Charles “Corkey” Welch, Council Member
 Susan Wilkinson, Council Member

City Attorney Scott Cochran
 City Administrator Joseph Bennett
 City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

June 17, 2024 5:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: 4 – Chair / Councilmember Travis Lindley, Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould, Councilmember Charles Welch, and Councilmember Susan Wilkinson
Staff: 4 – Joe Bennett, Jill G. Head, Eric Randall, and Mark Wolff

2. Call to Order

Chairperson Travis Lindley called to order the June 17, 2024 Traffic Calming Committee meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the HR Training Room at 5:00 PM.

3. Chairperson Instruction and Comment

4. Formal Business

- A. 2024-112 Completed Speed Studies**
1. Hollis Street
 2. Sports Avenue

Hollis Street:

- Resident Concern:
 - Traffic speeding up and running STOP sign at Hollis St & Dell Ave to make a green light at Concord Rd
- Traffic Data Collected 2/26/24 – 3/10/24
- Criteria for traffic calming not met
- City installed “stop sign ahead” sign and SPEED LIMIT sign

Criteria	Measure	Result	Criteria Met
85 th Percentile Speed	Daily Average	28 MPH	No
85 th Percentile Speed	Daily Maximum	29 MPH	No
% of Vehicles > 15 MPH over Speed Limit	Study Period	< 1%	No
Traffic Volume	Average Vehicles per Day	196	No
Traffic Volume	Maximum Vehicles per Day	237	No

Sports Avenue

- Resident concern:
- Traffic speeding on street in and out of neighborhood
- Traffic DATA Collected 2/26/24 – 3/28/24
- Northbound and Southbound traffic
- Northbound traffic met criteria
- City Installed SPEED LIMIT and SLOW signs

**Sports Avenue / Southbound / Speed Limit = 25 MPH
2/26/24 – 3/10/24**

Criteria	Measure	Result	Criteria Met
85 th Percentile Speed	Daily Average	28 MPH	No
85 th Percentile Speed	Daily Maximum	29 MPH	No
% of Vehicles > 15 MPH over Speed Limit	Study Period	< 1%	No
Traffic Volume	Average Vehicles per Day	924	No

**Sports Avenue / Northbound / Speed Limit = 25 MPH
3/11/24 – 3/28/24**

Criteria	Measure	Result	Criteria Met
85 th Percentile Speed	Daily Average	32 MPH	No
85 th Percentile Speed	Daily Maximum	33 MPH	No
% of Vehicles > 15 MPH over Speed Limit	Study Period	7%	Yes
Traffic Volume	Average Vehicles per Day	351	No

B. 2024-114 Current Speed Studies

1. Falling Water Drive
2. Reed Street
3. Mohawk Place

Falling Water Drive:

- Resident concern:
 - Traffic speeding through neighborhood, children playing
- Traffic Data Collected 5/30/24 – 6/1/24

Discussion: residents are asking for speed humps which requires a petition with 60% of property owners' signatures.

Reed Street:

- Resident concern:
 - Cut-through traffic on Reed Street, speeding concerns, children and pets nearby
- Traffic Data Collected 6/7/24 – 6/21/24

Discussion: Chairperson Lindley spoke to Chief Marcos because of a recent house fire. There were many cars parked on the left side of Reed, so he asked if the parked cars were a hazard. Wondered if there should be "no parking" signs. Asked Mr. Wolff to check with Fire Department.

Mohawk Place

- Resident concern:
 - Mohawk Place is a cut-through to Forest Hills and South Cobb Drive, speeding traffic, children and pedestrian safety concerns

- Traffic Data Collected 6/7/24 – 6/21/24

C. 2024-116 Pending Speed Studies

1. Afton Way
2. Buckner Road
3. Woodland Trail
4. Church Rd (west of S. Cobb)
5. Dunn Street
6. Wisteria Lane

Added pending speed studies:

1. Powder Springs Street
2. Hill Street
3. Omara Lane
4. Lake Drive

Discussion: It was suggested that a policy be established that repeat speed studies not be conducted within 3-5 years of an already conducted speed study.

D. 2024-118 Traffic Calming Project Updates & Discussion

1. Sports Avenue
2. Hollis Street
3. Starline Drive
4. Atlanta Road & Montclair Circle
5. South Sherwood Road & Nottingham Drive
6. Omara Lane
7. Reed & Hawthorne
8. Powder Springs Street

Hollis Street

- Speed study completed
- Signage installed

Sports Avenue

- Speed study completed
- Signage installed

Starline Drive

- Previous speed study did not warrant traffic calming
- White edge striping installed
- Resident petition for speed humps

Discussion: center line striping was mentioned.

Atlanta Road & Montclair Circle

- DO NOT BLOCK box striped intersection

South Sherwood Rd & Nottingham Dr

- Crosswalk addition requested
- The requested area was not feasible
- Crosswalk will be placed at a 3-way stop across South Sherwood

Omara Lane

- Resident Concern:
 - Children playing in cul-de-sac, speeding delivery vehicles coming down hill and around corner on Omara Lane
- Requesting STOP sign

- Recommendation:
 - Stop sign warrant analysis not justified
 - Install SLOW and 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT signs
 - Collect speed data to determine if additional measures warranted

Reed Street & Hawthorne Avenue

- Resident Concern:
 - Vehicles going through 3-way intersection over the posted speed limit (35 MPH), reports of a low-speed accident and near-accidents
- STOP signs installed on Hawthorne Ave.
- In 2023,
 - Larger STOP signs installed
 - STOP painted at stop bars
 - SLOW and STOP AHEAD sign installed
- Recommendations:
 - Enforcement issue
 - Collect speed data to determine if additional measures warranted

Powder Springs Street

- Resident Concern:
 - Request for additional speed humps and pedestrian crossings on Powder Springs Street
- Recommendation:
 - Collect speed data while school in session for traffic calming warrant
 - Consider sidewalk on south of Powder Springs St from Parkwood Rd to Wayland Ct and crosswalk at Wayland Ct

Discussion: One option is to add a raised intersection which will create a pedestrian speed table over the entire footprint. This has worked well in other jurisdictions. Chairperson Lindley e asked that a mockup of the raised intersection be produced and shown to neighbors and the church.

E. 2024-120 Speed Hump Policy Updates

Proposed Revisions

- Add criteria for speed humps only on streets with grade of 8% or less
- Revise traffic thresholds from 85% and 5% "of total vehicles" to 85th and 5th "percentile speed"
- Traffic Calming Committee / Public Meeting
- Remove "Removal Process"

Discussion: Chairperson Lindley asked Mr. Wolff to circulate these proposed revisions for email agreement for Mayor consideration so they do not have to wait until fall.

F. 2024-122 Citywide Sidewalk Project Update

King Springs to South Cobb – will require state engineering, GDOT permitting to extend sidewalk. Additionally, farther up King Springs, the boundary lines go in and out of Smyrna / Cobb County. There is no legal authority to negotiate right-of-way acquisition. Committee Member Welch would like to speak to Scott Cochran, City Attorney, about this situation. Mr. Welch would like to see if there is a way to complete this project because it is needed.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. MIN2024-087 Approval of the March 6, 2024 Traffic Calming Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Charles Welch made a motion to approve item MIN2024-087; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 4 – Committee Chair Lindley, Committee Member Gould, Committee Member Wilkinson, Committee Member Welch

Nay: 0 – None

Recuse: 0 – None

6. Other Business / Staff Comment

Chairperson Lindley discussed the following:

- Pierce and Adams one-way discussion.
- Mr. Wolff: Fire Department needs to determine which direction is best to go one-way.
- Brown Circle – the pavement was redone and made the speed humps almost level to the ground.
- Hill St and Hughes, Pinehill all had “level” speed humps.
- Speed humps are designed to be able to drive over safely at the speed limit.
- Committee Member Wilkinson: Sidewalks lacking on Old Concord Rd.
- Committee Member Welch: what is the cost of sidewalk installation? Mr. Randall: \$125.00 / linear foot

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Travis Lindley adjourned the June 17, 2024 Traffic Calming Committee meeting at 5:52 PM.

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