

# 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 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	Daily Average	28 MPH	No
85 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	Daily Average	28 MPH	No
85 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	Daily Average	32 MPH	No
85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	Daily Maximum	33 MPH	No
% of Vehicles > 15 MPH over Speed Limit	Study Period	7%	<b>Yes</b>
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 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 85<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> "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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