

East Bradford Township
Traffic Committee
Minutes
May 17, 2012

The May meeting of the Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, May 18, 2012 at 8:00 am in the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

Committee members in attendance were: Patrick Davis, Chief Scott Bohn, Joanne Yarnall, Mark Lucas, Andrew DeFonzo, William Ronayne and John Carroll.

Committee member not in attendance: Ken Cavanaugh

Others in Attendance:

Vincent Pompo, Supervisor and Liaison to the Traffic Committee
Mandie Cantlin, Assistant Township Manager

Public in attendance: Dee Giardina of West Chester University Facilities Design & Construction Department, and WCU engineering representatives Albert Federico, PE and David LaPenta, PE, of McCormick Taylor.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

Public Comment: Comments were made during the discussion below.

Approval of the Minutes:

On motion of Ms. Yarnall and seconded by Mr. Lucas, Mr. DeFonzo and Mr. Ronayne abstained as they were not in attendance at the October meeting, with everyone else in favor, the minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting were approved.

Re-Organization: The Committee re-organized for 2012: Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Cavanaugh as Chairman; this was seconded by Ms. Yarnall with all in favor. Mr. Davis nominated Ms. Yarnall as Vice-Chairman; this was seconded by Mr. DeFonzo with all in favor.

Old Business:

West Chester University – South New Street – Pedestrian Crossing

At the request of West Chester University the Traffic Committee revisited the South New Street Pedestrian Crossing which had been reviewed by the Committee in July, 2008. At that time WCU had requested a raised crossing which had numerous concerns. WCU currently has a land development plan before the Planning Commission for additional apartments at South Campus and now feels in anticipation of additional usage, that the crossing should have more signage and road marking to make people more aware of the crossing before construction commences. University representative stated that West Goshen Township had concerns about noise associated with rumble strips, that had been previously proposed and that the slope of the roadway at this location will not allow for a raised crosswalk as previously discussed. Concerns about ADA compliance have been minimized because of a shuttle bus that runs from the South Campus that is handicapped accessible.

It was suggested that West Goshen Township be invited to see/hear the vinyl rumble strips that the township has installed on Sunset Hollow Road, which would be an option vs cut rumble strips. The University would still like to keep signage to a minimum, but will possibly consider overhead signage at some point. At this time standard signage and painted cross walk with rumble strips will be placed on the land development plans.

Other Business:

Safe Routes to School

Mandie Cantlin explained that Safe Routes to School is a project that the West Chester School District and Township are planning to jointly pursue. The specific focus is improving the walkability / bikeability to and from the East Bradford Elementary School on Frank Road, but not necessarily on the roads themselves.

The Safe Routes program has three main components:

1. Mini-Grant (~\$5,000 to \$10,000 grant) for non-infrastructure programs geared towards:
 - a. Education (e.g. teaching children/parents about bike/ped safety, health benefits, etc)
 - b. Encouragement (e.g. using events and activities to promote active commuting)
 - c. Enforcement (e.g. programs to help ensure pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists abide by traffic laws).
2. **Walkability audit – This is an evaluation performed by Pennoni Assoc. at no cost to the Township or school. Pennoni will review up to three routes to/from the school and provide a report that includes short-, mid-, and long-term recommendations for improving safety and increasing student participation along the walking routes.**
3. Infrastructure funding for hard improvements – Currently, there is no funding allotted for infrastructure improvements (sidewalks, etc). However, the above two components will put the Township / School in a better position for funding at a variety of levels and will help budgeting for improvements even if grant funding is not available.

At the present time Ms. Cantlin is looking for routes to be considered for the Walkability Audit to be performed by Pennoni. The Committee suggested looking at the following locations:

- a. From the cul-de-sac on Shadow Farm Road south along the property lines to Cynthia Lane to Frank Road.
- b. From Copeland School Park westbound parallel to Frank Road across township property and school property.
- c. From Kenmara Drive westbound across Copeland School Road along the property lines at 600/610 Copeland School to the township property and school property.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Secretary