

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday**

**February 19, 2009**

Chairperson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Leppanen, McGowan, Mehas, Reynolds, Chiara, Nebus (ex-officio),  
Allyn (ex-officio in place of DeCorte)

ABSENT: DeCorte (vacation until April 1, 2009)

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Chiara, to accept the minutes of January 15, 2009. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Farmington and Freedom (traffic signal)

Mr. Allyn reported he visited the intersection and believes northbound Farmington Road traffic at Freedom does have "somewhat limited visibility" as a result of the M-5 overpass. He believes possible solutions may include additional signage or a different method of hanging the traffic signal.

Mr. Allyn is reviewing accident data from 2006-2008 that documents thirty-four vehicle accidents within 200' of the intersection during the three year period. There were five disregard traffic control accidents at the intersection during 2008. Mr. Allyn is currently discussing the concern and possible improvements with the Oakland County Road Commission.

B. Our Lady of Sorrows (school traffic pattern)

Director Nebus reported that he left voice mail messages on February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup> for Principal Lupinacchi to seek feedback regarding traffic board suggestions. Director Nebus expects to communicate further with Ms. Lupinacchi after the Sorrow's winter break.

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C. "No Thru" Sign Request on Maxfield

Director Nebus reported he contacted Mayfield resident Brian Menzic (248-977-7729) and informed him the Traffic and Safety Board recommends against a "No Thru" traffic sign for the following reasons:

1. The sign was confirmed not legally enforceable.
2. The sign does not meet the criteria of the "Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices."
3. If the sign was posted, countless other residents throughout the city would want the same sign.

Director Nebus shared historical documents located by Mr. Chiara (Traffic and Safety Board minutes, June 1997) and Mr. Leppanen (March 24, 1997 resident Bruce Lilly letter to Mr. Harstock) that provide historical data regarding the existing no cut thru traffic sign on northbound Warner Street. The director stated the Warner sign is noted in the traffic control book in his office, but Clerk Halberstadt could find no record of an ordinance after a search of records dating back to 1972. The board discussed to take no action to recommend removal of the Warner "No Thru" traffic sign. Although unenforceable, the street would once again become a heavily traveled cut through street. Many residents on Warner Street purchased homes through several decades expecting traffic was prohibited from cutting through Warner Street.

D. Alta Loma Pedestrian Crosswalk Button

Director Nebus reported he communicated with Mayor Knol to gain information about her concern. The mayor responded that she will re-visit the intersection to document her concerns and take photographs for the traffic board to review.

Mr. Allyn visited the intersection and reported the southeast corner of Alta Loma and Farmington Road pedestrian button is located approximately thirty feet from the crosswalk as a result of the unusual shape of the intersection. Mr. Allyn said new construction improvements would be costly and will require Americans with Disability Act changes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Chiara reported he will not be able to attend the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Director Nebus distributed copies of a February 17, 2009 letter he sent to Nina Harris, downtown library branch head. The letter confirmed the Traffic and Safety Board support of the library initiative to add handicap parking spaces. The letter offered assistance from Director Gushman to assist with selecting a contractor and Mr. DeCorte to assist with future safety and traffic pattern recommendations.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

March 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Leppanen, seconded by Chiara to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus  
Public Safety Director