

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

**7:00 PM**

**Thursday**

**October 15, 2009**

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

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

ABSENT: None

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by McGowan, seconded by Chiara, to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Our Lady of Sorrows School-Dismissal Plan**

Director Nebus reported "Sorrows" school officials have sought no additional help. It appears they have rejected all suggestions and continue to use their old dismissal plan. Director Nebus shared he has no plans for dismissal ordinance enforcement unless the traffic backs up onto Shiawassee.

**Low Level Pole Signal**

Director Nebus stated the installation at Farmington and Freedom should be started soon according to Oakland County officials.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Farmington Road Pedestrian Crosswalk**

Director Nebus shared the results of a meeting he attended with City Manager Pastue, Director Gushman and Gary Piotrowitz from the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Oakland County had ordered the city to remove the "Yield to Pedestrian" tent sign. However, Mr. Piotrowitz agreed to allow the city to utilize the sign until an appeal letter and photograph submitted by City Manager Pastue (October 12, 2009) is reviewed by Oakland County attorneys.

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Mr. McGowan made a motion, supported by Mr. Chiara to support the use of the pedestrian crosswalk sign and the approval of City Manager Pastue's appeal letter. Motion carried.

A discussion took place regarding the placement of the pedestrian crosswalk sign within the crosswalk. It was agreed that the sign should be placed on the center lane stripe on the south side white, curb to curb, crosswalk line. This placement should give vehicles an additional turning radius entering or exiting State Street.

Closing Grand River

Director Nebus gave a report regarding possible plans to close Grand River during the Founders Festival. The traffic board members expressed their concerns for traffic safety and congestion if Grand River is closed during the festival.

Mr. DeCorte suggested the following alternative traffic routes:

- Eastbound Grand River to Farmington, to Freedom.
- Westbound Grand River to Orchard Lake, to Shiawassee, to westbound Grand River. Mr. DeCorte also suggested covering the Shiawassee stop sign at Prospect and retiming the traffic signal at Orchard Lake and Shiawassee.

Several traffic board members will monitor the impact of closing Grand River on October 24<sup>th</sup> during the Streetscape dedication.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

None.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Chiara and seconded by Mehas to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus  
Public Safety Director