

Traffic Safety Community Action Group

Regular Meeting

Monday August 22, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Litchfield Firehouse

In Person and via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm. Members present: Jodiann Tenney, Lauren Della Monica, Kim Fischer, Raz Alexe, Cliff Cooper, Ed Fabbri, Denise Rapp.

2. Approval of Minutes

To be done at our next meeting.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Crosswalk Analysis

The committee discussed it's requests related to 9 crosswalks in 7 locations and the corresponding responses from the Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Engineering.

1. Route 202 at Spencer Street

Request funding through ARPA for a RRFB flashing pedestrian beacon (est.\$20,000) and encroachment permit from the state.

In addition, Raz advised that we can paint yield lines with yield signs on the street (as suggested by the engineer) in this location and elsewhere by purchasing a painting machine and stencils also with ARPA funding.

2. Route 202 at Route 118 (2 crosswalks)

We will test yield-to-pedestrian signs here for the crosswalk by the church leading to the Green. Request encroachment permit from the State.

Note: As part of federal grant request, we want an engineer to look at this entire area with potential for traffic light relocation so group feels best not to relocate any crosswalks.

3. Route 202 (West Street) at Meadow Street

We will test yield-to-pedestrian signs here on 202. We already have the state-required encroachment permit ready to proceed.

We would like to move the crosswalk to the west/left, and install a new sidewalk along the side of the state-owned traffic island. We will request that the Borough include this change in sidewalk in its Connectivity Grant application. Jodi will contact Stephan Krucker to set up a meeting with Ed Fabbri and Lauren Della Monica to discuss this as well as the idea of adding bump-outs to specific crosswalks on West Street.

4. Route 202 at Route 63 (North Street and North Street extension)

We want to make changes here to the island and the potential creation of a southbound left turning lane but as the suggested changes are costly and extensive and have ramifications for other areas of traffic, the group decided that this should be addressed through the SS4A federal grant request. We will then do the traffic study to best determine the changes needed here.

5. Route 63 (South Street) (2 crosswalks at post office/St. Michael's and at St. Anthony's)

A median along South Street would both slow traffic and provide a pedestrian refuge. That design would need to be designed by a planner and an architect. Raz, Cliff and Ed will work on a draft drawing of what would serve our needs that we could then present in response to the Department.

Request permit from the state for in street yield to pedestrian sign to be put in 4-5 crosswalks on South Street.

The group still favors adding medians. Cliff, Ed, and Lauren are going to work on a design plan. There is no current funding for this project. Need to also provide speed data to the state to show that speeding is an issue and that although no crash data for the crosswalks, speeding in that area can lead to accidents closer to the post office.

6. Route 63 (at 60 North Street)

State to revise pedestrian signs and markings at this crosswalk.

In-street pedestrian crossing signs could be used here.

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5. West Morris Sign Data

Raz reports that the data collected from the digital speed sign shows approximately the same speeds in both stealth mode and flashing screen modes. Data did not reveal a major speeding problem there.

6. ARPA Money Request

The public information session will be held in advance of the 9/13 grant meeting.

We will put in the requests discussed above including the RRFB, road painting machine, in-street pedestrian yield signs (including 4 for Clark Road), as well as 2 digital speed signs (total approximately \$30k.)

7. Next Steps

The public informational session is now scheduled for Monday 8/29 at 6 pm to inform the public about what we have been working on and future plans. The State is endorsing the project/our application for SS4A funds.

Denise Rapp will file a request to reduce the speed limit on Baldwin Hill Road to 25 mph as well as for reduction of speed limit at Wamogo.

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 7: 43 pm by Lauren Della Monica. Seconded by Cliff Cooper. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Della Monica