

# DES MOINES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 9, 2007

## MINUTES

The Des Moines Traffic Safety Committee met at 7:30 a.m. on October 9, 2007, in the Conference Room of the Traffic and Transportation Division, lower level of the Armory Building, 602 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. Those members in attendance were:

Ed Conlow for Mary Conlow	George Robinson
Gary Fox	Bob Saf
Mary McBride via teleconference	Kevin Williamson
Carl McPherson	
John Morrissey	

Members Absent: Mark Barkley, Jack Beardsley, and Jim Windsor

Staff Present: Mike Ring, Jennifer Rouse, Mark Garrett and Michelle Schomer

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON MARY MC BRIDE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 A.M.**

### ***OLD BUSINESS***

#### ***1. Minutes of September 18, 2007 Meeting***

**MOTION** was made by George Robinson to approve the minutes as mailed; seconded by Bob Saf. Motion passed unanimously.

#### ***2. Status Report***

##### ***From September 18, 2007 Meeting***

***Jim Windsor's Request for City Ordinance Requiring Motorcycle Passengers to Wear a Helmet.*** City staff is working with the Legal Department to obtain an opinion whether this proposed City ordinance would be legal. We will forward the Legal Department's response to the Committee once it is received.

#### ***3. Other Old Business***

There was no Other Old Business.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

#### ***1. Beaver Avenue Traffic Studies***

Gary Fox presented these items as follows:

Due to several proposed development projects along Beaver Avenue in the Beaverville area, staff has compiled information from separate traffic impact studies that have been conducted by the developers, as well as looked at the cumulative impacts from the several developments. In particular, the proposed new HyVee Store on Douglas Avenue just west of Beaver had a detailed traffic impact study conducted, and the proposed Rice Development mixed-use project at the former Rice School site had an impact study.

Copies of the two city reports on these developments are attached and made a part of these minutes.

John Morrissey asked for further explanation regarding the traffic counts. Gary said "trip generation" is definitive work all professionals use for studies such as these. John asked if a commercial driveway would ever be built to exit onto 40<sup>th</sup> Place. Gary said the City Code, Council, and Neighborhood would not allow that. John Morrissey questioned the number of new trips onto Beaver generated by HyVee. Gary explained that there would already be trips present on Beaver, possibly traveling to and from work or school that may possibly stop in at the HyVee store. That sort of trip would not be considered a new trip generated by the HyVee store.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**2. Urbandale Avenue Restriping—49<sup>th</sup> Street to Merle Hay Road**

Mike Ring presented this item as follows:

Traffic Safety Committee Chairman Mark Barkley requested that staff present an item at the October meeting regarding the possible restriping of Urbandale Avenue between 49th Street and Merle Hay Road, similar to how it is currently painted east of 49th Street toward Beaver Avenue. He expressed concern that there is confusion whether the roadway is one-lane or two lanes in each direction of travel.

Staff had been reviewing this possibility previous to Chair Barkley's request, as part of a school study involving children crossing Urbandale Avenue at 52nd Street. A three-way stop was installed at this intersection on September 24, 2007, and the street was striped on September 26th to more clearly identify it as a one-lane roadway.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**3. I-235 Construction—Status Report**

Mike Ring presented this item as follows.

After a six-year construction period, the I-235 freeway construction project is nearing completion. The "Grand Opening" celebration is planned for October 18, 2007.

Staff gave a brief summary of the remaining items and their anticipated completion schedule.

No action was required. The committee members were invited to attend the Grand Opening Celebration.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**4. "Open Mike" Discussion Time by Committee Members**

In the interest of time, "open mike" discussions during this meeting were postponed.

5. **Other New Business**

George Robinson asked when SE 5<sup>th</sup> and McKinley would be open. Mike Ring said it would be open by the end of this week (Friday, October 12, 2007).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Schomer  
Recording Secretary

**DES MOINES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
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OFFICIAL VOTE COUNT**

	OLD Item 1	
	Y	N
Mark Barkley		
Kevin Williamson	X	
Ed Conlow for Mary Conlow	X	
Gary Fox	X	
Jack Beardsley		
Carl McPherson	X	
Mary McBride	X	
John Morrissey	X	
George Robinson	X	
Bob Saf	X	
Jim Windsor		