



MORGANTOWN TRAFFIC COMMISSION

DATE: **Wednesday, August 3, 2011**

TIME: **6:30 P.M.**

City Council Chambers

Engineering Dept.

389 Spruce Street
Morgantown, WV 26505
304.284.7412

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members

Margaret Roberts

Paul Steel

David McKain

Chris Gluck

Adam Henry

Andrea Soccorsi

Jamie Lewis

Roy Nutter

Ken Martis

Non-Voting Members

Damien Davis

Lt. Mike Lantz

Frank Gmeindl

Christiaan Abildso

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MINUTES: Approval of April Minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BICYCLE BOARD REPORT:

- Frank Gmeindl report to Traffic Commission
- Appoint Andrew Walker to replace Aira Burkhardt.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD REPORT:

TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT:

TRUCK TRAFFIC REPORT:

- Andrea Soccorsi report to Traffic Commission

MONTHLY UPDATES (Engineering):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Traffic Commissioners:

Margaret Roberts, 1st Ward

Paul Steel, 2nd Ward

David McKain, 3rd Ward

Chris Gluck, 4th Ward

Adam Henry, 5th Ward

Andrea Soccorsi, 6th Ward

Jamie Lewis, 7th Ward

Roy Nutter, At-large

, City Council

Ken Martis, Planning Commission

Administration Advisors:

Damien Davis, Engineering

Mike Lantz, Police Department

NOTE: If you need an accommodation contact us at (304)284-7412.

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Bicycle Board Report to Traffic Commission

HIGHLIGHTS

Recommendations

The Bicycle Board recommends that the Traffic Commission:

1. Appoint Andrew Walker to replace Aira Burkhardt.

Accomplishments

1. Continued to deliver Monday night bite-size segments of Confident City Cycling Traffic Skills 101 however nobody showed up for the first session of a new series beginning July 25.
2. Offered full-weekend CCC TS101 course July 9-10 and Commuter Cycling class July 16 but nobody enrolled in either.
3. Obtained Chief Preston's approval of police information card approved by Traffic Commission in July.
4. Presented proposal to Assistant City Manager for educational video targeted at children 8-10 to be completed by September 4.
5. Ordered new bumper sticker. (See Figure 1 Alternative Bumper Sticker)
6. Conducted interactive bicycle parking and storage workshop with Planning Commission July 14.
7. Met with Roy Nutter and Terrence Moore July 27 about Mon Blvd. bicycle climbing lane. Moore will arrange meeting with WVDOT, WVU and City officials.

Plans for Next Month

1. Summarize Educational Grant accomplishments in preparation for September 4 end.
2. Continue to deliver 1-hour Monday night Confident City Cycling Traffic Skills 101 classes.
3. Continue to deliver full-weekend CCC TS101 classes once each month.
4. Receive and distribute bumper stickers.
5. Produce educational video targeted at children 8-10 to be completed by September 4.
6. Submit to Assistant City Manager proposal for educational video targeted at teenagers to be completed by September 4.
7. Print police information card and deliver to police department and others that will use them.
8. Order 1,000 copies of Street Smarts and distribute to local bike shops and other cyclist frequented venues.
9. Complete Education and Encouragement sections of Morgantown Bicycle Plan.
10. Monitor status of \$130K follow-up education grant application to WVDOT.



11. Continue to support City efforts to implement the Traffic Commission's approved Bicycle Board June 2009 recommendations to install a bicycle climbing lane on Mon Blvd. and to install Share the Road signs along the Mon Blvd., Beechurst, Don Knotts, South University corridor.
12. Support meeting with WVDOT, WVU and City officials to complete Mon Blvd. bicycle climbing lane.
13. Continue to coordinate with WVDOT to replace in-line drainage grates.
14. Collect and summarize bicycle parking and storage ordinances from other cities and deliver to Planning Commission.
15. Participate in August 11 MPO CAC meeting.





Figure 1 Alternative Bumper Sticker

To: Morgantown Transportation Commission

From: Andrea Soccorsi and Adam Henry

Date: August 3, 2011

Subject: Truck Traffic Report/Timeline for Study

Research Design Possibilities for the Transportation Commission:

Goal: To provide some empirical basis for understanding the likely effect of the proposed ordinance to ban heavy truck traffic through downtown Morgantown; define and quantify problem.

Is heavy truck traffic a problem? Claim = yes, but the question is why.

What sorts of problem definitions would appeal to the decision making process?

→ *Cost of infrastructure improvements.* Could:

- Do a comparative analysis of two roadways, one that the trucks traverse and another where they do not, but similar in other ways (esp. with regular traffic flow). Assess the degree to which costs are different between the two types of road.
- Could also look at cities and their transportation costs before and after banning of heavy truck traffic, and use a time series approach to assess whether the policy made a difference.

Infrastructure repair costs are perhaps the easiest types of costs to quantify because they rely on:

- 1) repair data (from Dept. Highways, etc.)
- 2) flow data (either from direct count or from binary indicators from, e.g., policy). Disaggregate from normal traffic pattern.

Other possibilities:

- 1) Assess the degree to which they disrupt traffic flow. Work with police department to track these incidents.
 - a. Much more difficult, labor-intensive research design.
- 2) Assess the infrastructure safety issues surrounding truck flow.
 - a. Related to the infrastructure costs, but indirect.

- b. Very difficult to quantify. Would need a much more complex research design that engages expert (qualitative) opinion.

Timeline:

Beginning of Fall semester 2011-Assess the financial burden of infrastructure Repair (Public-Policy Students will conduct research).

November 2011-Public Opinion Survey on Perception of truck Traffic Issue/Problem

November COW-Present preliminary findings to City Council. Encourage council to request that the state legislate/PSC adopt alternatives to truck traffic use in downtown Morgantown and neighborhoods.