



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Village Green, 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Tom Counts, Mayor Jim Hrivnak, Vice Mayor Brian Lorenz, Frank Bertone, Jon Bennehoof, City Manager Steve Lutz, Chief Gary Vest, Chris Huber, John Moorehead, David Betz, Rocky Kambo and Megan Canavan.

I. DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC STUDY DISCUSSION

David Betz outlined the phased transportation improvements as short-term, mid-term and long-term priorities as well as a map that shows short-term projects.

Rocky Kambo explained the importance of having an action plan on addressing transportation improvements.

Jon Bennehoof expressed that he would like to see how staff would prioritize the list. The Development Department will put together a map and also prioritize the different short-term, mid-term and long-term solutions and explain if the item is a high, medium or low cost and its impact on improving traffic flow.

The committee then discussed each short-term item in more detail. The short-term items include install wayfinding signage locally to re-route traffic away from downtown, signal timing adjustments at the Four Corners, install the queue-cutter signal, complete Murphy Parkway, rework the signal installation at W. Olentangy Street/Murphy Parkway, install a traffic signal at Grace Drive and Olentangy Street, install a traffic signal at Grace Drive and Liberty Street, provision of additional off-street parking and install additional signage regionally to re-route traffic away from downtown (e.g. US 23, Hard Road).

Mid-term traffic improvements that were discussed include extending the no left turn east-bound and west-bound restriction to 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on all days (contingent on the Grace Drive signals being installed) and implementing railroad crossing enhancements.

Long-term traffic improvements include constructing key access drives to downtown parking areas, constructing internal linkages in downtown along with left turn lanes as appropriate and restricting all left turns at the Four Corners (only when internal linkages and left turn options are completed).

Frank Bertone discussed communication to the residents about the improvements. **Megan Canavan** explained that the City would draft a fact sheet about traffic improvements for a future resident mailing and also send out information through their weekly e-newsletter, social media and post on the website.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.