



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Village Green, 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Mayor Jim Hrivnak, Vice Mayor Brian Lorenz, Tom Counts, Frank Bertone, Doyle Clear, City Manager Steve Lutz, Chief Gary Vest, City Engineer Chris Huber, GIS Planner Rocky Kambo, Communications Director Megan Canavan and members of the press.

I. DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC STUDY DISCUSSION

Rocky Kambo reviewed the short-term priorities.

Install wayfinding signage locally to re-route through traffic away from downtown (S1) – Staff would put together a plan to bring in front of City Council.

Signal timing adjustment at Four Corners (S2) – Doyle Clear explained there is a need for constant evaluation. The Engineering Department would need to work with Jess Howard Electric on the configuration.

Install the queue-cutter signal (S3) – There is a pre-construction meeting later this week. We should have a better idea of the construction timeline.

Complete Murphy Parkway (S4) – City Council will likely award the construction contract during the Nov. 17 meeting.

Reworking the signal installation at W. Olentangy Street/Murphy Parkway (S5) – The Committee felt this would occur once the Murphy Parkway Extension was completed.

Install a traffic signal at Grace Drive and Olentangy Street and Grace Drive and Liberty Street (S6 & S7) – Wait to see what happens after the election on Nov. 3. Staff can bring an ordinance forward to appropriate funds for engineering costs related to the traffic signals during the Nov. 17 meeting.

Provision of additional off-street parking (S8) – The costs associated to this project would come out of the Downtown TIF Fund. An environmental study is currently being conducted at the site. Staff hopes to have the study back by the end of the year.

Identify areas for off-street parking (S9) – Staff will identify locations and conduct a parking analysis. The committee will make recommendations.

Install additional signage regionally to re-route through traffic away from downtown (e.g. US 23, Hard Road) (S10) – There was discussion on how we might approach the State of Ohio and Delaware County. The City wouldn't actually place the signs; other governmental entities would have to place the signage. Committee members also discussed who would pay for the signage. It would likely be the City's responsibility.

Megan Canavan presented the communications strategy for the "Keep Cars Moving" campaign.

The Committee decided to break up topics moving forward. The Development Committee will handle parking and the Operations Committee will discuss communications.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.