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TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA

Regular Meeting

September 16, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

City Annex Conference Room, 204 E. Jefferson Street
& via Zoom

- I APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 19, 2021
- II PUBLIC COMMENT
- III OLD BUSINESS
- IV NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. 8th Street Mennonite Church – Handicap Parking Request
- V OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 1. Safety of Students Using SR 119
- VI ADJOURN
 - Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021 at 4:30 pm.



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TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES August 19, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

The August 19, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Corwin at 4:30 pm in the City Annex Conference room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Josh Corwin, Dennis Richmond, Brett Weddell, David Gibbs, Mario Mora, Anthony Powell, Nick Kieffer, Alan Metcalf, Evan Bontrager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Tara Hetler, Engineering Department

PUBLIC PRESENT

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Metcalf to approve the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) Lincoln Avenue Traffic Study

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Metcalf, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to deny the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Wheatland Drive and at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Riverside Blvd. Motion carried 8-0.

2) Pickwick Manor Speed Limit Sign Request

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Kieffer, seconded by Commissioner Weddell to approve the placement of one speed limit sign near the entrance to Pickwick Manor Subdivision. A request will be taken to the Board of Public Works and Safety to have the speed limit set at 30-mph which will include all streets within the subdivision. Motion carried 8-0.

3) Goshen Intermediate School Zone Signs

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Weddell, seconded by Commissioner Kieffer to approve the installation of two school zone signs on Greene Road for the new Goshen Intermediate School. The Engineering Department will also put in a request to the State for the installation of two school zone signs along SR 119. Motion carried 8-0.

4) Traffic Issues in The Gardens

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Weddell to approve no parking along the west side of Tulip Boulevard between Clinton Street and the north property line of 2407 Tulip Boulevard with two No Parking signs to be installed. Motion carried 8-0.

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Bontrager, seconded by Commissioner Weddell to approve the installation of two stop signs: The first sign is to be placed at the intersection of Mountain Ash Lane and Tulip Boulevard with the second sign being placed at the intersection of Mountain Ash Lane and Redspire Boulevard. Motion carried 8-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Bontrager, seconded by Commissioner Kieffer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. Next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Engineering Department

RE: **8TH STREET MENNONITE CHURCH – HANDICAP PARKING REQUEST**

DATE: September 16, 2021

The 8th Street Mennonite Church has requested that an additional on-street parking space along Purl and adjacent to the property be designated and signed as a handicap space. While parking is allowed anywhere along the curb on that side of the street, currently there are two parking spaces striped adjacent to the church, one of which is marked and signed as a handicap space. Included below are responses by a church representative to additional information requested by Engineering:

1. **Why is an additional handicap space being requested within the City right-of-way instead of providing one in the church's private lot?**

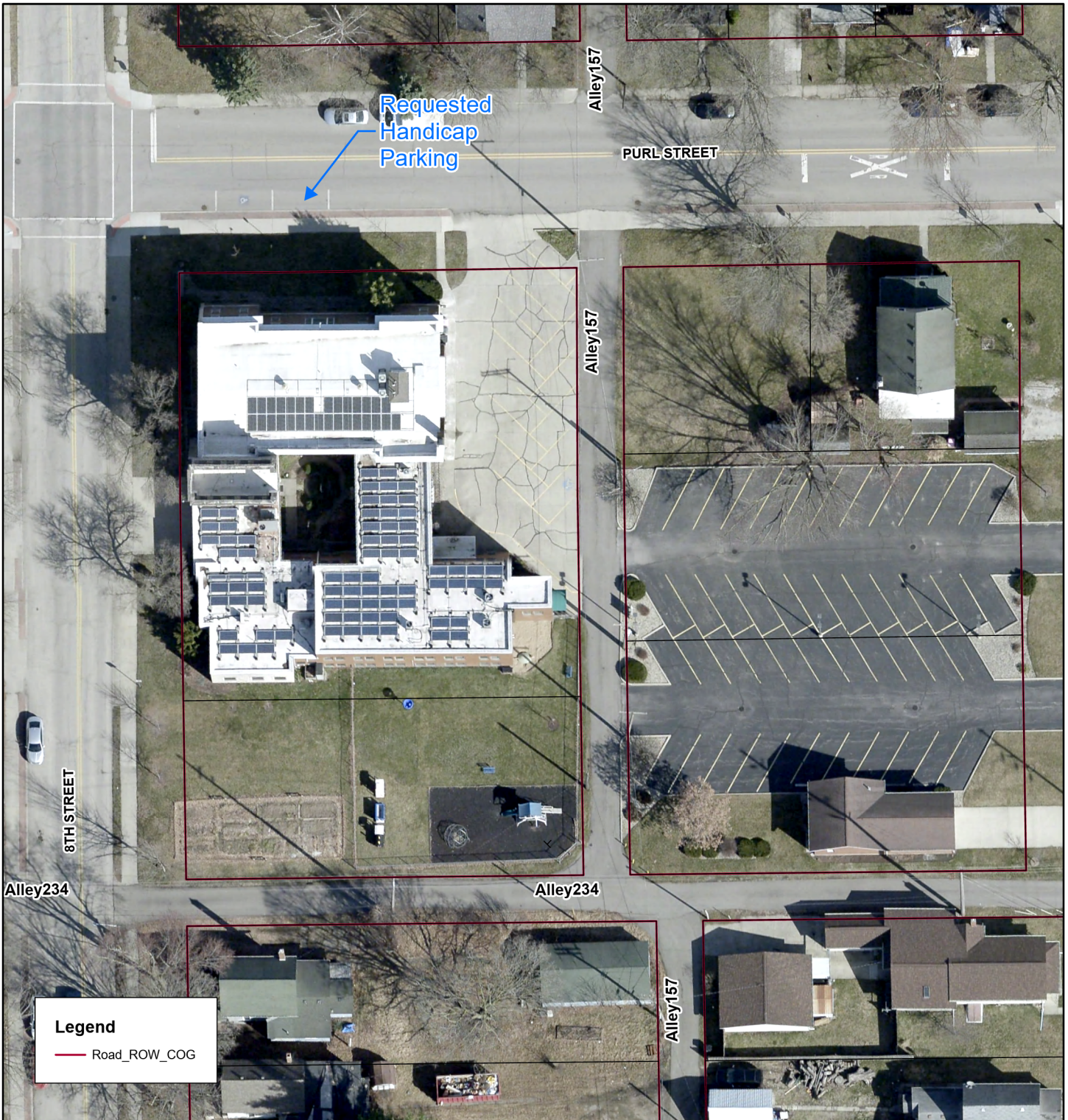
The church building's handicapped accessible entrance is the front doors on the 8th St. side of the building. Purl street parking is closer than the off-street parking lot. The building's rear entrance the door is one step up from the parking lot, then once inside one is immediately faced with stair cases going up or down.

2. **Would signing the space to be reserved for handicap parking on Sunday only be acceptable?**

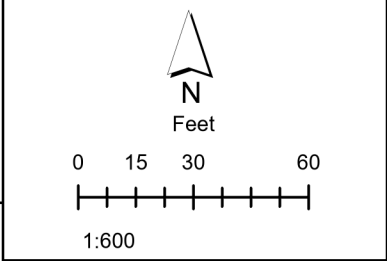
The church wants the spot to be handicapped parking all the time as there are weddings, funerals and other events that happen during the week.

3. **Would the church be willing to participate in any costs associated with the new handicap space?**

Before making an official commitment, I would like to have a ball park figure. Theoretically we are willing, just need to have some concept of what the amount before making an official commitment



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8th Street Mennonite Church Handicap Parking Request (Information Only)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Engineering Department

RE: **LETTER OF SAFETY CONCERN – STUDENTS ALONG SR 119**

DATE: September 16, 2021

The attached letter Dr. Hope, Superintendent of Goshen Community Schools and has been forwarded on for consideration by the Traffic Commission.

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64250 Meadow Ridge Driven
Goshen, Indiana 46526

Dr. Steve Hope
Superintendent, Goshen Community Schools
613 E. Purl Street
Goshen, IN 46526

September 3, 2021

SUBJECT: *Safety of Students Using SR 119 to Get to School*

Dear Superintendent :

I write this letter to you and the Goshen School Board to investigate the safety of students who walk or ride bicycles to get to either the Goshen Junior High School or the Goshen Intermediate School.

I regularly walk the CR 21/Indiana Avenue and Plymouth Avenue/SR 119 corridors in the morning. These are very busy corridors even prior to the development of bookend schools along SR 119 and even when school is not in session!

However, since the beginning of this school year I have observed the following:

- Students trying to beat traffic with their bicycles while crossing SR 119 at Fox Briar;
- Students walking east on the road (at least following the rules of the road--walking towards traffic) because there is no sidewalk on the north side of SR 119--that was on the near-zero visibility fog day;
- Students crossing SR 119 at Fox Briar, again at Indiana/Plymouth, and finally again at Plymouth because they missed the bus and were walking to the High School.

There are no safety precautions along that corridor.

- Just east of Fox Briar there is a 45 mile per hour speed sign--No pedestrian crossing sign and no caution that students are crossing or using the corridor;
- People don't slow down at the flashing crossing light by the Junior High--they speed up to get through the flashing light;
- People don't pay attention at the Plymouth/Indiana corner to pedestrians--
 - They are watching the eastbound traffic so they can turn onto Indiana south--I've been nearly hit twice (car was close enough one time where the side mirror brushed against me; Another time the car was so close I used my fist to beat on the trunk);
 - Eastbound traffic is blinded by the sunrise;

- Cars do not stop at the white line on Plymouth--they roll up to the striped crossing area or simply cruise right through the intersection trying to beat the traffic when turning north or south onto Indiana Avenue. (I've requested some kind of signage, from Dustin Sailor two years ago, to stop at the white line--I'm still waiting.)

These are serious safety observations, which will only become worse as weather conditions change. Traffic counts between Indiana/Green Road on Plymouth were nearly 8000 before the new school. Now they have to be higher. There is a constant stream of traffic in both directions!

Isn't the safety of EVERY student important. Even one student killed or seriously injured as a result of school policies forcing these children to walk or cross these busy corridors, with NO warning signs or reduced speed signs, is one student too many.

I plead with you and the School Board, to take action to make further observations of students walking, vehicle traffic, crossing safety issues, safe walkways, and work with the City of Goshen and the Indiana State Highway to make this corridor and others in the City of Goshen safe for all walking and bicycling students.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Mackowiak