Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023 @ 6:00pm

602 S. Main St, Joplin, MO 64801, 5th Floor Council Study

Roll Call:

- Members Present: John Bowling, Shawn Hull, James Fleischaker, Richard Schurman, Cassandra Maxfield
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Sergeant Delzell, Traffic Sergeant.

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting.

Discussion Topics:

- High School Crossing
  - Received final design. It will be a crosswalk with a concrete refuge island in the middle and rectangular rapid flashing beacons.
  - It was designed so that a trash truck or school bus could still turn out of the alley.
  - It is to be put as far from the alley as possible before the slip lane starts.
  - New ADA Ramps will be put in.
- Traffic Calming Measures
  - Members are requesting a budget increase be considered for traffic calming.
  - Alternative calming measures could be more feasible with larger number.
  - Internal budget meetings start in May.
- 26th street
  - Speed humps have helped the issue and there haven't been any calls from residents for complaints of speeding in the area.
  - One was hit by a snowplow and has been fixed but it presents a possible problem if they are left there long term.
  - Do not want to remove them without some other measure as there was a speeding problem before the bridge was closed on Range Line
- Traffic at Dover Elementary
  - There haven't been any noticed issues, or anything called in about.
  - Projected to have 170 – 200 pickups and drop offs.
  - Bridge over Railroad on Murphy Blvd that was proposed was a long-term wish list item.
  - Grant was applied for to install a trail from the existing trail along Murphy Blvd that would cross Joplin Creek and go under the Railroad Bridge.
  - There is also a project that is budgeted to cut from one side of Main Street to another under the bridge.
- Traffic Memos and Complaints
  - West 28th St, speeding complaints.
  - A speed study was completed, and speeds were not overly fast. There was some speeding but not enough to warrant traffic calming.

- 32nd Street Project
    - Road section between Crane Road and Arbor Road was nearly complete but asphalt has to wait until warmer weather.
    - At Country Club Road, there are some major cuts and fills to improve visibility.
- Zora Road – Range Line to 249
    - Received a Governor's grant that will help bolster the project.
    - The roundabout and possibly phase 2 (Duquesne Rd to 249) will possibly start in fall.
    - The road will most likely be widened in phase to include shoulders to make it safer for truck traffic.
- 20th Street Widening
    - Originally the project was from Schifferdecker Rd. to Country. Additional money was added by the county to design the project out to State Line Rd.
    - Construction will not go out to State Line Rd.
- Connecticut Ave – 32nd to I-44
    - Will hopefully be bid out soon.
    - Utilities have been relocating.
- MoDOT Projects
    - Overpass on 32nd Street over the railroad. This will include relocating Davis Blvd.
    - Bridge replacement on Main Street over Joplin Creek and the Railroad.
    - Bridge replacement on Main Street over Turkey Creek.
    - All these projects are currently in the 2027 plan.
    - 7th Street is scheduled for 2024.
- Grand Falls and Tin Cup Trail
    - Working on the design of phase 2 of the Tin Cup Trail.
    - Grand Falls Trail is under design.
    - Hope to have both projects under construction this year.
- Traffic Study
    - Funding available through JATSO to look at traffic safety city-wide.
    - Scope is still being developed.
    - Any survey planned? – Not sure at this time but likely to developed into the plan.

Traffic Commission Chair

Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer