

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1059
Agenda
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
March 12, 2020

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from Traffic Board Meeting 1058, held on **February 13, 2020**

Items Considered

33 South Washington Street. Mr. Correll is concerned because there is an outside commons area near here. Mr. Pritchard said it would not impact the park area because of the ingress and egress locations. Mr. Correll is also concerned about the gas tankers and how they would be entering the property because of the outside commons. Mr. Pritchard said they could place restrictions on the times of deliveries, etc. Ms. Paddick is concerned about the type of pavement used in this area and if it can handle trucks of this size with the additional traffic. She is also concerned about there being enough parking without using city parking. Mr. Martinez noted that there is sufficient on-site parking. Mr. Kraham is concerned about changes to the open commons area and making sure it works if this project goes through. Ms. Paddick noted that there are still concerns about the internal traffic and the drive thru. The other concern is the gas tanks being installed underground and the environmental impact. Mr. Kraham noted that one of the questions regarding the plan was the use of Mary Street and the turning radius of the trucks. Ms. Paddock noted that they could alleviate some of the traffic by changing the traffic signal timing but the DOT doesn't want to do that. She further stated that the traffic impact study indicated that the plans will work out fine. The other thing is that on the plans it shows pavement striping rather than an actual sidewalk. Mr. Kraham also noted that another problem is people parking there and going elsewhere and using it as a parking lot. Mr Standish noted there should be another on-site crosswalk from proposed bank to Number 5 building. The board prefers that all traffic be on Mary Street. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

Overland Drive. Road concern. Complaint from John and Diane Bennett because this street is essentially non accessible. During emergencies, vehicles cannot get through on this road. If the other roads are blocked they have no way to get to their home. They are requesting that Overland Drive be reopened and properly maintained. Mr. Correll's concern is that since it on the border of the city and town of Binghamton, who maintains it and who will be responsible for it. Traffic Board decided to install road closed signs on both ends of the street. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. Traffic flow concerns. Ms. Grace noted her concern that when crossing her 3 kids across Grand Blvd, people are not stopping at the crosswalk even when the crossing guard has the sign up. Ms. Lucretia Hesco is concerned about the traffic congestion at Thomas Jefferson. She noted that it is very dangerous because parents are double parking and also two city buses are causing problems as well. They are requesting that Minerva be considered for a one way street. They would also like 2 new flashing light signs installed indicating that it is a school zone. Mr. Kraham noted that in regards to the crosswalk at Grand Blvd. Traffic will look into a better stop sign. Helen and Schubert and Schubert and Minerva also has issues because if a crossing guard calls in, the BPD is arriving too late because of shift change. Mr. Kraham recommended that perhaps the city can work with the PTA and find another way to get crossing guards since it is difficult to hire them because not a lot of people apply for the job. Lucretia Hesco noted that their main concerns are high volume of traffic, speed and the city buses. Mr. Correll noted that another parent stated that the school zone signs need to be replace. Mr. Correll noted that another parent stated that Helen and Schubert, the crossing guard is not wearing a vest or holding their sign. The parents are parking illegally in the No Parking zone causing congestion when the buses try to turn. Mr. Kraham stated that traffic board will look into this further and get back in touch. In the meantime, the signs will be replaced. Officer Lescault noted that the parents are the biggest problem because they are leaving their cars to walk their kids up to the school. Mr. Kraham will reach out to the school with recommendations. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

Charles Street Parking. Some residents would like the street changed back to the way it was originally because the woman who the street was changed for has passed away. Officer Lescault noted that there has been some complaints about equipment being left on the street. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

Culinary School Parking. Request by Broome Community College to have four spaces on Exchange in front of the Culinary Building. (3 regular spaces and 1 handicapped space)

North Street. Councilwoman Riley submitted a request on behalf of several residents in the third district. Residents are requesting that additional stop signs be placed on North Street between Oak Street and Edwards Street.