



CITY OF ALBANY  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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**MINUTES**

Monday, August 3, 3030, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Approved: September 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Green, Chuck Kratch, Nolan Streitberger, Peter de Carteret, Jarrette Bishop, Steph Nappa, Carol Canham

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

STAFF PRESENT

Transportation Systems Analyst Ronald G. Irish and Senior Administrative Supervisor Kindra Coggins

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

10:06 a.m.

Steph Nappa and Carol Canham, respectively, introduced themselves to the commission.

EIGHTH AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING REQUEST

10:11 a.m.

Ron Irish provided information and guidelines about the traffic calming program. Irish discussed the request and discussed options. The commission discussed different options and questions; Irish provided additional information. Irish discussed the process if the commission were to recommend this project and discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Kratch made a motion to accept the request and authorize the homeowners to continue researching options. Commissioner Streitberger seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-0.

HIGHWAY 20 SAFETY PROJECT

10:30 a.m.

Irish provided information about the safety project on Highway 20, extending from North Albany Road to Corvallis. The project is split between three phases. Irish discussed each phase and a meeting with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Irish discussed the possibility of a turn lane, bike paths, and walking paths. Irish told the commission that it is likely in the next few months ODOT will share presentations before going public. Commissioner Kratch inquired about timing and design; discussion ensued. Commissioner Nappa provided information about an ODOT website with more information. Commissioner Kratch inquired if ODOT could attend meetings once a year with an update on projects, commission members agreed, and Irish will discuss with ODOT.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANTS

10:39 a.m.

Irish described the Safe Routes to School Grants program and its requirements. Irish described and discussed the two applications that are being taken to the Albany City Council on August 10: Geary Street infill and Queen Avenue multi-use path. Irish noted ODOT is asking the City to rank the projects. Irish provided information on the application process. The commission discussed the right-of-way on Geary Street. Commissioner Kratch suggested the commission approve the lower dollar amount due to the potential in budget cuts over the next few years; Irish provided information. Irish provided information on when Geary

Street may be reconstructed. Discussion ensued between commissioners. Ultimately, the commission generally decided their support towards the Geary Street project.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

11:05 a.m.

Commissioner Kratch inquired about the signal status in North Albany and the status on the bridge project. Irish provided information.

Chair Green encouraged the commission to think about streets that could be closed to through traffic to provide for more pedestrian traffic.

**NEXT MEETING**

11:09 a.m.

Green inquired about having a monthly meeting. The commission decided to schedule a monthly meeting, which could be canceled if no agenda is warranted. Irish will discuss with ODOT to see their availability. Staff will be in touch with the commission on next meeting date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

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Kindra Coggins  
Senior Administrative Supervisor

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