

CITY OF FARGO
TRAFFIC TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 1, 2015

Members Present: Mike Williams Jeremy Gorden April Walker
 Ryan Erickson Ben Dow
 James Kringlie Nicole Crutchfield

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dean Hulse, Joe Nigg

Commissioner Mike Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

1. Approved Minutes from May 6 Meeting
2. Continued Discussion on Traffic Calming for East Gateway Circle S

Traffic Engineering first collected data on East Gateway Circle S in 2013 at two locations, 1429 and 1612. The findings of around 2,250 vehicles per day, average speed of 27mph and an 85% speed of 32 mph did not meet the Traffic Calming Criteria of an average speed of greater than 30mph or an 85% speed of greater than 35mph. The recommendation in 2013 was to maintain the current enforcement practice and to not add any stop signs or traffic calming items to the street.

In June 2015, Traffic Engineering again collected data on East Gateway Circle S at the intersection of Villa Drive and then at 1612 East Gateway Circle S. The data at Villa Drive showed a volume of 1829 vehicles per day, with an average speed of 23mph and the 85% speed was 27mph. The data at 1612 showed a volume of 2200 vehicles per day, with an average speed of 26mph and the 85% speed was 31mph. Jeremy Gorden's recommendation is to continue with the enforcement in the area and to leave the roadway as it is.

Dean Hulse, who lives on East Gateway Circle S, said that he noticed an all way stop at the intersection of 23rd Street S and Park Boulevard and wanted to know why one was put up there and that if one was put up at this intersection one should be put up at the intersection of Villa Drive S and East Gateway Circle S. Jeremy stated that this stop sign was installed with the 25th Street construction in 2014 and it was at that time he noticed visibility issues at this intersection and decided to leave the stop sign up permanently. Jeremy also stated that he has been out to the intersection of Villa Drive S and East Gateway Circle S and he did not see any visibility issues at this intersection. Dean stated that given East Gateway Circle S curves at the intersection of Villa Dr and that there is a fence on one of the properties that it does have visibility issues. Dean also stated that there is a woman that lives on East Gateway Circle S

just south of the Villa Drive intersection, that when she backs up onto East Gateway Circle from the driveway, may pose a safety hazard, as people driving on East Gateway Circle may not see her in time to slow down due to the curvature of the roadway at that location.

Dean also stated that there is cut-thru traffic that uses East Gateway Circle S to go between 13th Avenue S and 17th Avenue S and feels that if a stop sign was installed at Park Boulevard and 23rd Street S that one should be installed at the intersection of Villa Drive and East Gateway Circle. April said that a 4-way stop sign is not warranted but we will have the police department put out their speed wagon on East Gateway Circle. Jeremy Gorden did offer to meet with Dean at the intersection of East Gateway Circle and Villa Drive look at the intersection and it's sight lines in each direction.

3. Downtown Parking Time Zone Changes

Joe Nigg said the Parking Commission has been working over the last two years to develop an on-street time zone concept and in general, the concept transitions a majority of the on-street parking to 4-hour time zones other than Broadway, Roberts St, 5th Street N, 8th St S and 7th St S which will remain 90 minute zones. In September 2014 the Parking Commission initiated "Phase I" which included the area from 5th Street to the Red River and from the rail road tracks to 2nd Street S. By all accounts it appears the change is working as anticipated. They are also working on a new calendar based sign to more clearly convey the parking restrictions. Joe wants to move forward in changing over to 4 hour time zone and then focus on the new signage.

A comment said that it would make sense to change to the new designed signs and new time zones at once to limit the amount of work involved. The new sign isn't finalized while they are ready to switch over to the new time zones. James Kringlie also said that the re-park ordinance may need to be looked at with the new 4-hour time zones. April made a motion to approve the on street time zone changes as shown in the attached map and to also revisit the language in the re-park ordinance. All approved.

4. Other

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.