

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
TRAFFIC (AD HOC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Committee Chair John Janowski called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Gil Geldon, John Janowski, Mike Trentadue, Norm Montigny, Carol Stevenson. Frank Weisgerber, Chief Troy Crowson, Town Manager Melvin Cusick, Mike Somers (DeIDOT Senior Transportation Planner)

The Traffic Committee met September 14, 2016.

Minutes from the August 3, 2016 Traffic Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Status reports included:

1. **Turning Restrictions/Barricade** at Kent Ave./Black Gum Dr. intersection. Public Safety reported that the number of violations were down. Data from the Speed Signs indicated that the average speed on Black Gum Dr. is well below the posted 20 mph speed limit, the percentage of southbound (SB) traffic on Black Gum Dr. during the barricade period has dropped from 28% of the average daily SB volume before the barricade to 3% with the barricade. Traffic increases at a high rate following the restriction period. The barricade will be lifted for the season on September 15.
2. DeIDOT completed the **Turning Movement Study** (July 8-9, 2016) at the intersection of Canal Dr./Tamarack Dr. The report is available on the Town's website. Although a warrant for a 3-way stop sign control was not met, DeIDOT is still considering the possibility of a warrant if certain traffic calming measures are completed. DeIDOT will report more on this at the October Committee meeting.
3. Although official estimates are not yet available for a hardscape versus landscape design for a **conceptual realignment of the above intersection**, DeIDOT believes there would not be a significant difference, probably \$2,000 to \$3,000 at most. The estimate for the former improvement is \$30,000.
4. Seven **existing speed humps were upgraded** on all study corridor roads except Evergreen Road where the two humps meet DeIDOT standards. **The temporary speed hump on Black Gum Drive was replaced with a permanent hump.** All this was seamlessly constructed following Labor Day.
5. **Painted white-lines** on Cat Hill corridor roads (not including Canal Dr.) were completed.
6. **ROW survey estimates** for streets that define the study corridor are being received. In addition to corridor streets the west segment of Evergreen Rd., Pine Rd. and a **municipal boundary survey** with Middlesex Beach west of Ocean Highway are included. One estimate is for \$66,500, another for \$35,000.
7. A **Title Search for Pine Rd.** is supported by the Committee and DeIDOT. The Mayor will ask Town Council for approval.

8. The **Road Inventory** for the study corridor needs to be updated and an excel spreadsheet created for data entry.

The Committee continued to fine tune the scoring matrix which lists over a dozen alternative measures and projects designed to improve traffic and safety conditions in the study corridor. The columns or X axis was the focus of review. Each column includes an impact from which each alternative will be scored. Additional impacts were added and some existing ones were questioned and possibly deleted. The scoring method used to prioritize the alternatives is still being discussed and not finalized, but the Committee is leaning towards using a -5 to +5 scale. This will be finalized at the October meeting. Each alternative has yet to be discussed in detail. Once each alternative is understood it will be scored and prioritized. The Committee will seek advice and hopefully assistance from DeIDOT if needed during this process.

Public comment was heard at the conclusion of the meeting. Comments included the realization that traffic issues are regional and the State and County and other municipalities should be involved and that South Bethany's neighborhood streets should not be used to connect two major State roads.

Motion to adjourn was passed.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Town Hall.