

Transportation Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2020

10:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes

1. Review and Discuss list of “Bridgewater Most Hazardous Intersections 2017-2019”
  1. Committee requested adding Plymouth/High/Pond and Mt. Prospect/Center Street intersections to the OCPC list of dangerous intersections.
  2. Committee discussed making immediate changes to Grove/Bedford intersection. Chief Delmonte recommended reversing the direction of Grove from Bedford to Cedar from west bound to east bound only. This would prevent cars from negotiating the intersection to get to South Street, thereby preventing cars from crossing Bedford. Michael will recirculate the Road Safety Audit for additional comment from the committee and develop a proposed action plan based on feedback.
2. Update and Discussion on Central Square
  1. Committee was asked for any feedback prior to going to the Council for funding of the next step of the engineering for a “2-way” on the east side option. Committee had no additional comments.
3. Discuss concerns from residents regarding the Intersection of High Street/Hayward Street/ East Street
  1. Committee reviewed Plymouth/High/Pond intersection complaint. This is the second complaint generated from this intersection in the past year. Committee re-discussed the safety issues concerning this intersection including possible sightline encroachments, speed, and intersection layout. Since the intersection will be added to the OCPC Hazardous Intersection list for further study and safety audit, the Committee recommends the Roadways Department review for possible additional lit signage.
  2. Committee discussed High/Hayward intersection. Roadways Superintendent Ladue pointed out that the intersection is open and sightlines were good, however cars heading westbound on High frequently plow through the intersection and ignore the stop sign. Committee recommends that Roadways Department review for possible additional lit signage.
4. Discuss Resident request for traffic light and crosswalk at Route 18 and Flag Street.
  1. Committee noted that Route 18 is a state highway and that a crosswalk would not be appropriate without sidewalks on either side. Town Manager committed to forwarding the issue to MA DoT District 5 for its review and any followup.