

## Traffic Safety Committee, Meeting Minutes, 9-17-21

### NEW BUSINESS

#### West Street Turn Lane

Committee discussed the West Street/Merchants Row intersection signalization. Request was to change the configuration to combine right turn lane with straight lane. Committee discussed issues with space due to the on-street parking spaces on the North side of street. The committee agreed that no change is warranted at this time, without significant changes to the roadway configuration.

#### East Center Street Signage

Committee discussed relic signage on East Center Street that denote, "TWO WAY TRAFFIC AHEAD" near the Chaffee Art Center. Committee agreed to remove confusing signage.

#### Center Street Sign Package

DPW Commissioner provided a signage package for the Center Street repaving project from US-7 to Court Street. Committee agreed to the signage package with the addition of gate-posted pedestrian crossing signage across Center Street at the Court Street crossing.

#### Downtown Pedestrian Crossing Signage

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### OLD BUSINESS

#### Lincoln Ave Traffic Study

RPD deployed traffic counter on Lincoln Avenue for 2 weeks. The count reported an average speed of 23 MPH, an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 29 MPH, with only 11% of traffic reported above the speed limit of 30 MPH. The traffic volume was reported to be 20,759 vehicles for a two-week period. The traffic committee voted to keep the posted speed limit of 30 MPH.

#### Pavement Markings Update

DPW Commissioner provided updates to the committee about updating pavement marking program. DPW is determining which areas of the city could be targeted for epoxy paint. Considering Downtown and Main Street. DPW will be laying out US-7 from Woodstock Avenue to West Street.

#### US-7/4 Scoping Study

Alderman Neary provided an update to the scoping study. Referral was made to DPW committee. Meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss study and funding from VTrans Transportation Alternatives (TA) program.

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