

**City of Lockport
Traffic Advisory Committee
(COLTAB)
Regular Meeting – Official Record**

**Site: Council Chambers
Monday, November 21, 2022 – 3 pm**

Present:

Chairman Lt Anthony Pittman (V)	Highways & Parks, Clayton Dimmick (V)
Deputy Corp Counsel Pat McGrath (V)	Police Chief Steve Abbott (V)
Richard Clark, Citizen (V)	Fire Chief Luca Quagliano (V)
Lusius Brundage (ab)	City Engineer Steve Pump (V)
Michael Tracy (ab)	Mayor Roman;
Roger Pittis (ab)	City Clerk, Sarah K Lanzo
Mike Sobieraski (ab)	

Meeting called to order by Lt. Pittman at 3:04 PM
Quorum was met.

Items of Discussion:

1. Four-way stop signs at Intersection of Locust and Lincoln (and vote)

- Dennis Stachera, Regent St, Lockport. After all these years, why would we change the old model, if it isn't broken, don't fix it.
- Lt. Pittman - Traffic Study Conducted for a three-year period from 2018 – 2021. There were multiple accidents, none involving pedestrians. A citizen sent a letter, which necessitated that the City take a closer look at the intersection.
 - Traffic is heavy at the intersection during the am, and the end of the day, specifically during the times when students are coming to school, for drop off and then at the end of the day.
- Tom Dublinski, Lincoln Ave – I have observed this corner for years. There are at least 500 cars that travel through this intersection each day. I think that the four-way-stop is better, and allows for people to more through the intersection better. People were initially confused, but have done a great job. I live on the corner, and have for over 30 years, I was told that I had to cut back my shrubs, and I have done so at my own expense.
 - I have seen many people speed and who come flying up Locust Street. Would like to see the police set up a “check” at this corner
 - Pedestrian consideration would be to update and add to the striping at the crosswalks as they are currently faded. Additionally, noted that on the South side of Locust that adding a barrier to prevent turning would be helpful
- Alderman Fogle asked if we would need a crossing guard. The response was that there used to be one, and that for the High School age students that there hasn't been one.
- Kyle Lambalzer. Locust Street – In my experience stop signs have been better, other than the two times a day where there is additional congestion. (Beginning and end of

day). Expressed concern that once winter hits, there will be additional parents driving and dropping off and picking up students at the high school. Once winter hits – there are more parents driving. Stated that there used to be a large area painted in the middle of the intersection near the entrance to the circle, marked to show drivers to *not* drive in this area. Wondered if this could be put back?

- Neighbors who live on Euclid and Berkeley asked that the Police survey and review the traffic patterns to see where people are “cutting the corner” and driving too fast in the area of the school, but not directly at the corner.
- Debbie Allport, Lincoln Ave – participated in the Traffic Advisory Committee, and was able to speak to the traffic study which had been conducted, and the detailed discussions which took place prior to the changes being made. Stated best to avoid the corner at 7:30 am and 2:30 pm.
- Pat McGrath – question about the backups at the corner to those who live there.
 - Answer from Mr. Lambalzer – the backup is now to Kings Circle, and they didn’t go back that far in the past, but this is only twice a day.
 - Mr. Stachera – now that there is an additional circle, turn around in the front of the building there is additional relief; people are able to come and go quicker. Would like to see a traffic circle at the intersection.
 - They just rehabbed – school at Beattie and the changes there are great.
 - The proposals in the traffic study are very high cost ranging from 1.42M to 27M
- Lt. Pittman – The Lincoln and Locust intersection is a very different size intersection which presents its own challenges. There are different ideas that we can look in to to update and modify. One option would be to look at creating a “bump out” or barrier. If we decide to keep the stop signs, we can look at adding additional signage to the area.
 - Lt Pittman stated that no matter what investment is made financially; it is important to remember to obey traffic rules:
 - Person to the RIGHT has the right of way
 - Pedestrians have the right of way.
- Mayor Roman mentioned that adding white lines in the middle of the intersection when you make a right turn into the high school.
- Sally, Locust Avenue – expressed concerns that people do not know what a stop sign means. Great deal of “tap and go” traffic that goes through the corner, and stated that many people “fly through” the intersection.
- Dave, Day Rd – as a volunteer fireman who lives near a major four-way stop sign in the Town. Overall, and like the idea of the four-way stop sign. Due to experience as a volunteer fireman, very familiar with many different stop signs and best practices and see this as a good resolution. May be a good idea to put in a “Jersey Barrier” on the South West Corner to allow for additional protection and clarity for people. Spoke with the Town of Lockport, about what they had done on Robinson after several accidents and adding the “Rumble Strips” – suggested that something of the like good be a good option to “warn” people that a stop or something is coming up.

- Lt Pittman– at the same exact time of day, the students who go to Aaron Mossell Junior High School are picked up at the corner of Lincoln and Euclid, which causes additional –backup and/or offer an additional time/change.
 - Motion: Pat McGrath made a motion that the stop signs and the intersection of Locust and Lincoln be made permanent with a possible change to a flashing single red light. Chief Quagliano seconded. 5 Ayes. 1 No – Steve Pump.
2. Complaint of no stop sign at Elm and Grigg Lewis –
 - Motion: Made by Lt Pittman to add stop sign at the corner of Elm and Grigg Lewis. Seconded by Clayton Dimmick. 6 Ayes.
 3. Board will vote on converting seven parking spaces in the Main St and Pine St lots to Handicapped permit spaces for residents of 77 Main.
 - Motion: Made by Chief Quagliano to approve seven parking spaces for those with handicap permits to be converted. Parking will be \$25/each handicap permit.
 4. On street parking application for:
 - 21 Cave St – no longer needed.
 - 47 Waterman - denied
 - 22 Van Buren - denied
 - 41 East Ave, - denied
 - **292 Niagara St. – approved**

4:06 PM: Motion made by McGrath to adjourn. Seconded by Chief Abbott. Ayes.

The next scheduled meeting of the City of Lockport Traffic Advisory Committee is Monday, December 19, 2022 – at 3 pm.