

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
Tuesday, May 2, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Roberts, City Council Member  
Mike Bily, Chief of Police  
Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement

The meeting began at 4:06 p.m.

**Additions to the agenda:**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Joe Smith moved to accept the minutes as read. Mike Bily seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the April 2006 meeting.

**Item #1 - Discussion of lighting and lane markings on Airport Road.**

Dennis Roberts requested an update on the suggested safety improvements for Airport Road.

Joe Smith stated that the cost to lease a 250W sodium vapor pole light from Ameren IP for that intersection would cost approximately \$15.92 per month.

Dennis Roberts asked about the size of the area that the light would cover.

Joe Smith stated that the light would illuminate the intersection, but that it would not illuminate the hill. He added that there were similar lights located at Maple Street and University Avenue and at Washington Street and High Cross Road.

Mike Bily asked who would bear the cost of the light.

Joe Smith said that the City would probably absorb the cost.

It was recommended that the Traffic Commission notify the residents living adjacent to the area where the pole light would be installed to receive input from those residents regarding the impact of the light.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the installation of the pole light at the intersection on Airport Road at Landis Farm Road, barring any objections from adjacent residents.

Mike Bily seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

Joe Smith explained that the Engineering Division had designed a plan to paint lane markings on Airport Road from Brownfield Road to Cunningham Avenue, approximately 120 feet of markings. He added that the plan would include the installation of two Do Not Pass signs and two No Passing Zone signs adjacent to the rise to the east of Landis Farm Road. Mr. Smith said that the Engineering Division had been exploring the possibility of lowering the hill. At the time of the meeting, Mr. Smith estimated the cost at around \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Dennis Roberts asked if the project to lower the hill would be included as a capital improvement project.

Joe Smith stated that it would be a capital improvement project. He said that if the hill was lowered, visibility would be improved to allow motorists to see at least 500 feet from the east edge of Landis Farm Road. He added that the project would include the replacement of driveways on Airport Road, regrading of the ditches and adding culverts for drainage. Mr. Smith said that if this option was approved, the township would be approached regarding cost-sharing. He recommended postponing any action on lane markings until a solution was reached.

Dennis Roberts asked if the pole light would remain under this plan.

Joe Smith stated that the light would still remain at the intersection.

Dennis Roberts stated that this item would be reviewed after notifying the residents at the intersection of Landis Farm Road and Airport Road about the installation of the pole light.

Mike Bily suggested that the letter to the residents encouraged them to contact the Traffic Commissioners or to attend the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Item #2 - Discussion of parking restrictions on George Huff Drive, east of Race Street.**

Joe Smith explained that a resident was concerned about visibility on George Huff Drive at Race Street. Mr. Smith stated that motorists were parking close to the intersection and boarding the MTD buses, presumably to go into campus. He added that the vehicles were parked close to the stop sign making a narrow path for motorists turning east onto George Huff Drive from Race Street and for motorists on George Huff Drive turning onto Race Street.

Joe Smith moved to install No Parking Here to Corner signs to restrict parking from the centerline of Race Street to 100 feet to the east on George Huff Drive.

Mike Bily seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

The Traffic Commission members reviewed the STEP reports conducted in March and April. (See attached.) The members discussed items to be placed on the June Traffic Commission agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

The next meeting will be held June 6, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Stiehl  
Recording Secretary