The Des Moines Transportation Safety Committee met at 7:30 a.m. February 11, 2020, in the MacCrae Conference Room (Room 129) at the Municipal Service Center, 1551 E Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Those members in attendance were:

Scott Bents  
Tom DeSio  
Blake Hanson  
Meg Schneider  
Robin Witt

Members Absent: Luis Montoya, Anne Pham, and Chad Zimmerman

Staff Present: Steve Naber, John Davis, Jennifer Dakovich, Dave Kamp, Jeff Wiggins, and Michelle Schomer.

Guests Present: Margie L. Brown, 4015 E Sheridan Avenue, Item #2  
Greg May, 3015 Tiffin Avenue, Item #1  
Mark Johnson, 1089 44th Street, Observer

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of November Minutes

MOTION was made by Scott Bents to approve the November minutes; seconded by Meg Schneider. Motion passed 5:0.

2. Other Old Business

There was no Other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. E Tiffin Avenue from E 29th Street to Hubbell Avenue—Proposed One-Sided Parking Restriction

Jennifer Dakovich presented the following item. Greg May of 3015 Tiffin Avenue was a guest present for this item.

Staff received a request from a resident and the Fairmont Park Neighborhood Association to restrict parking on the south side of E Tiffin Avenue between E 29th Street and Hubbell Avenue. E Tiffin Avenue is a two-lane, residential roadway with parking currently allowed on both sides of the street.
Field measurements and data were collected by staff along the corridor. E Tiffin Avenue in this section is 25 feet wide from face of curb to face of curb and carries an average of 620 vehicles per day. A review of the crash data for the corridor in the past five years (2015-2019) shows four crashes. Two of the crashes involved parked vehicles. The other two were related to distracted driving and weather conditions. No injuries were reported.

The City’s Parking Restriction Policy requires that parking be restricted on one side of the street for all streets having a width of 25 feet or less to facilitate snow removal operations and the movement of other service and emergency vehicles. In addition, parking is prohibited on one side of the street on streets with a width between 25 and 26 feet with a volume of 600 vehicles per day or more.

As the request meets the criteria outlined in the City’s Parking Restriction Policy, staff recommended that parking be restricted on the south side of E Tiffin Avenue between E 29th Street and Hubbell Avenue.

Staff collected three comments via phone and email from property owners. Those comments are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Greg May said he was not in favor of the proposed parking restriction. He said speeding is an issue on this section of E Tiffin Avenue and is concerned that speeds would increase if parking were restricted on one side. He told the Committee that one of the crashes listed in the report was his wife backing out of the driveway and striking a parked vehicle across the street. He believes there is one bus per day on this street and the driver does not seem to have an issue with the parked vehicles.
MOTION was made by Scott Bents to add corner clearances on E Tiffin Avenue at Hubbell Avenue and E 29th Street, but not eliminate parking on the south side of E Tiffin Avenue between E 29th Street and Hubbell Avenue; seconded by Tom DeSio. Motion passed 5:0.

2. **Project Information Update for Easton Boulevard Resurfacing From Hubbell Avenue to E 33rd Street.**

City of Des Moines Chief Design Engineer, Dave Kamp, distributed the attached plan sheets (made a part of these minutes) as a handout at the meeting and presented this item as follows. Margie L. Brown of 4015 E Sheridan Avenue was a guest present for this item.

A traffic study of the Easton Boulevard Corridor was completed in June 2019. This study looked at traffic and safety issues on Easton Boulevard from E University Avenue to the east City limits. During the study, a public open house was held to collect concerns from area residents. Based on the data collected, analysis performed, and public comments, the study recommended improvements that could occur as part of already programmed projects or potential future programmed projects.

Projects planned for construction in 2020 are:

- Easton Boulevard Resurfacing from Hubbell Avenue to E 33rd Street. This resurfacing includes changing the pavement markings to provide a three-lane cross section between Hubbell Avenue and E 29th Street.

- Easton Boulevard at E University Avenue Improvements which includes constructing medians to control turning movements.

Margie Brown said she has concerns for eastbound traffic on Easton Boulevard from the entrance to Grandview Park down along the curve to E 29th Street. She said that since the roadway narrows there, it leaves motorists with no place to go.

This item was for information only, no action was required.

3. **Evergreen Avenue Reconstruction**

City of Des Moines Chief Design Engineer, Dave Kamp, distributed the attached plan sheets (made a part of these minutes) as a handout at the meeting and presented this item as follows.

Evergreen Avenue is being reconstructed from just east of Marion Avenue to SE 30th Court due to poor pavement condition. An urban curb and gutter cross-section will be constructed from the west end of the project to just east of the Living Hope Community Church (east of SE 26th Street). A rural section with gravel shoulders will be constructed from east of the Living Hope Community Church to the end of the project at SE 30th Court. The project includes extending the existing sidewalk on the north side of Evergreen Avenue from where it currently ends at SE 23rd Street to the new trail under construction east of Living Hope Community Church.
Scott Bents asked how a project like this fits in with the Complete Streets Program.

Dave Kamp and Steve Naber responded that with reconstruction projects there is opportunity to fit in as much as is feasible regarding the Complete Streets Program. In this particular case, sidewalks were added to accommodate pedestrians along this area of Evergreen Avenue.

Jeff Wiggins added that this area is being looked at as a high priority sidewalk gap section.

This item was for information only, no action was required.

4. **Organization of the Committee—Election of Officers**

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Transportation Safety Committee elects a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson to serve for that year. The 2019 officers were Carl Voss, Chairperson, and Blake Hanson, Vice-Chairperson.

Staff recommended that a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson be elected for the 2020 term.

**MOTION (A)** was made by Tom DeSio to nominate Blake Hanson as Chairperson of the Transportation Safety Committee; seconded by Meg Schneider. Motion passed 5:0.

**MOTION (B)** was made by Robin Witt to nominate Scott Bents as Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Safety Committee; seconded by Meg Schneider. Motion passed 5:0.

5. **Other New Business**

Scott Bents asked about the Complete Streets Report. Jeff Wiggins responded that the Complete Streets Report is presently in development and will be released soon. Since this report is the first one for Complete Streets, staff is still working on the
baseline. Once complete, the report will be brought to the Transportation Safety Committee prior to presenting the final report to the City Council.

John Davis said that the Franklin Avenue project from Merle Hay Road to Beaver Avenue and also the SW 9th Bridge over Middle Creek project will be discussed at the Transportation Safety Committee meeting in March.

Adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Schomer
Recording Secretary

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TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

GUEST ATTENDANCE
MacRae Conference Room
1551 E Martin Luther King Jr Parkway, Room 129
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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From: Schomer, Michelle I.
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Davis, John; Dakovich (Rouse), Jennifer L.
Subject: PHONE MESSAGE from Greg May of 3015 E Tiffin Avenue RE TSC Parking Restriction Item

John and Jennifer —

Greg May of 3015 E Tiffin Avenue (515-975-2110) called today with his comments regarding the proposed parking restriction on the south side of E Tiffin Avenue between E 29th Street and Hubbell Avenue.

Mr. May said he is against the proposed parking restriction because he believes removing parking from one side of the street will increase traffic speeds.

He said that if the proposal to restrict parking is approved by the Committee, he asked that the Committee consider the restriction for the north side of the street instead of the south side.

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Schomer, Michelle L.

From: Baumgartner, Laura L.
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Schomer, Michelle L.
Subject: FW: Email the City of Des Moines

Request for Traffic below. Laura

From: website@dmgov.org [mailto:website@dmgov.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 6:42 PM
To: CCRS <CCRS@DMGOV.ORG>
Cc: CMO-AC <CMO-AC@dmgov.org>
Subject: Email the City of Des Moines

Name = Jean Collins
Address = 2921 E Tiffin Ave
City_Town = Des Moines
Stat_Prov = IA
Zip = 50317
Phone =
Email = j.m.colli@yahoo.com
Request Information type = Comment
Message = Proposed parking restriction on the south side of E Tiffin Ave between E 29th and Hubbell -- do it!
Client IP = 173.31.29.153
From: Schomer, Michelle I.  
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 12:25 PM  
To: Davis, John; Dakovich (Rouse), Jennifer L.  
Cc: Agan, Toni L.  
Subject: Comments for the Transportation Safety Committee RE E Tiffin Avenue from E 29th Street to Hubbell Avenue  

John and Jennifer — FYI

Todd Adamson, a business owner at the corner of Hubbell and E Tiffin (515-266-8888), called to say he is in favor of the proposed parking restriction on the south side of E Tiffin Avenue from E 29th Street to Hubbell Avenue.

In addition, Mr. Adamson asked if corner clearances could be added on the north side of E Tiffin Avenue at both E 29th Street and at Hubbell Avenue. He cited turning difficulties from Hubbell to westbound E Tiffin and the parking issues that are caused by the Junior High School pickup time (3:00 p.m.) on the north side of E Tiffin at E 29th. Please call Mr. Adamson if you have any questions regarding this request. Otherwise, he would like our office to convey his approval of the proposed parking restriction on the south side of E Tiffin Avenue since he wasn't sure he would make it to the Transportation Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 11.

I am including Toni Agan on this email for review of the request for additional corner clearances.

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