



Citizens Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2021

A regular meeting of the Royal Oak Citizens Traffic Committee was held remotely on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, broadcasted from city hall, 203 S. Troy Street, Royal Oak.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Karlowski at 7:03 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:**

Present

Mark Steiner  
Amanda Morris-Smith  
Richard Karlowski, Vice Chairperson  
Thomas Allen

Also Present

Holly Donoghue, P.E., City Engineer  
Stephen Pernal, Civil Engineer III  
Jennifer Caudill, Municipal Clerk III  
Lt. Richard Millard, Police  
Lt. Patrick Stanton, Police

Absent

Dan Godek, Chairperson  
Belem Morales  
Blaine Tillander  
Andrew Kowalkowski

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**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Mark Steiner

Supported by: Thomas Allen

Motion adopted unanimously

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**4. Approval of Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021**

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Supported by: Amanda Morris-Smith

Motion adopted unanimously

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**5. Public Comment**

None

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## 6. Rescheduled Items/Old Business

City Engineer, Holly Donoghue, updated the committee on the city commission resolutions from the previous traffic committee meeting and recommendations.

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## 7. Business Items

### 7.A Request to add yellow centerline where Marywood Avenue turns into Austin Avenue

A request was received from Jessica Valovick of 404 Austin Avenue to install a yellow center line at the corner of Marywood and Austin to separate the lanes of traffic. She notes that cars going southbound on Marywood turning onto Austin nearly always cut the corner and drive into the lane of traffic on Austin heading westbound turning onto Marywood, and the house at the corner has hedges that make it difficult to see if a car is coming around the corner.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Holly Donoghue, P.E.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

- Jessica Valovick spoke about the site distance issues coming around the corner and how you cannot see the crosswalk until you are upon it. Agreed with staff recommendation.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends the installation of four directional arrow signs (W1-1L, W1-1R, W1-6R, and W1-6L), two reduced speed limit plaques (W13-1P-5), and 315 LF of a double yellow centerline at the intersection of Austin Avenue and Marywood Drive.**

Moved by: Amanda Morris-Smith

Supported by: Thomas Allen

Motion adopted unanimously

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### 7.B Request to install Stop signs at intersection of Tufts Avenue and Wellesley Avenue

A request was received from Morgan McCann of 716 Wellesley to install a stop sign at the intersection of Wellesley and Tufts. She states no stop sign has ever existed here and working from home she has noticed how many vehicles almost collide at this intersection since neither road has the right of way.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Holly J. Donoghue, P.E.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends the installation of one stop sign (R1-1) for westbound Tufts Avenue at Wellesley Avenue and one stop sign (R1-1) for westbound Yale Avenue at Wellesley Avenue.**

Moved by: Amanda Morris-Smith

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Supported by: Mark Steiner

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Motion adopted unanimously

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### **7.C Request to evaluate speeding on Durham Road between Chester Road and 13 Mile Road**

A request was received from John Dyer of 3508 Durham Road to evaluate speeding issues on the block. He states there are many kids on the block and a lot of traffic. The street is wide and long, and vehicles speed down the block.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

- John Dyer spoke regarding the speed trailer data he received from the police and how the data conflicts with the traffic study results, and shows a lot of speeding on Durham in the middle of the day. He requested a second study be performed to verify the speeding conditions.

Lt. Stanton informed the committee that the speed trailer was set up in mid-May and discussed the additional enforcement the police have been adding when officers are available. They will continue this enforcement for an additional week or two.

Engineer Pernal spoke regarding the nearby Crooks Road construction and noted that Durham is likely be used as cut-through route for drivers. Any traffic studies performed on Durham while Crooks is still under construction may not reflect the 'typical' conditions of the roadway use and suggested a re-study next year if the problem persists.

Member Thomas Allen motioned for a new traffic study to be performed. There was no support, motion failed.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends no changes at this time.**

Moved by: Mark Steiner

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Supported by: Amanda Morris-Smith

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Motion adopted unanimously

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### **7.D Request to install signage on Bauman Avenue for hearing impaired child**

A request was received from Hannah Hardy of 901 Bauman Avenue to install a warning sign on the block for her hearing-impaired child as recommended by their doctor.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends the installation of two (2) "Hearing Impaired Child" signs, one at each end of Bauman Avenue between Rochester Road and Ferris Avenue, until 2034. The property owner shall notify the City in writing should they ever move, or the status of the impaired individual changes in any way.**

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Supported by: Mark Steiner

Motion adopted unanimously

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## **8. Information Only Items**

City Engineer Holly Donoghue notified the committee about tentatively planning to return to in-person meetings beginning in July. The present committee members had no objections.

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## **9. Adjourn**

Upon the motion of Mark Steiner, seconded by Thomas Allen, and adopted unanimously, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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**Cc:** Traffic Committee Members, Inc. Ex-Officio Members:  
Shelly Kamp, Chamber of Commerce  
Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Royal Oak School Superintendent  
Candi Drouillard, PTA Council President  
Corrigan O'Donoghue, Police Chief  
Lieutenant Chris Annetta  
Dave Cummins, Fire Chief  
Tim Thwing, Director of Community Development  
Aaron Filipski, Director of Recreation and Public Services