

#### TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Monday, December 20, 2021 ◆ 2:30 p.m. Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

## **Agenda**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request of Susan Cheney, 312 Winter Pine Drive, and Whitney Nichols, 440 Winter Pine Drive, for restricted truck traffic on County Road 236 from State Route 568 to State Route 224.

#### 10/18/2021

Susan Cheney stated that she lives in the condos off of County Road 236 between State Route 568 and State Route 224. She has been working from home since mid-March and has noticed the amount of increased truck traffic on County Road 236. She stated that trucks are traveling higher than the speed limit on this road. She is asking that truck traffic be restricted on County Road 236. Director Martin stated that County Road 236 is designated a truck route. Assistant Engineer Rausch stated that the function of the road is doing what it was designed to do. Chief Ring stated that they can do some targeted enforcement regarding the speed of traffic. Stoffel stated that he has data from digital speed limit signs that were put up recently that gather data on number of vehicles and speed of vehicles traveling on the road. Director Martin said that we will review the data and make determinations from that data.

2. Request for review of the Center Street corridor as it relates to traffic flow, speed, barriers for safety as well as sound, and pedestrian crossings.

#### 11/15/2021

Director Martin stated that a group of residents of the Center Street corridor requested a review of the corridor as it relates to traffic flow, speed, barriers for safety as well as sound, and pedestrian crossings.

Kalb stated that he has traffic counts from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for Center Street from railroad tracks to Main Street and Tiffin Avenue from Blanchard Street to the split. Currently getting counts for Center Street. Director Martin stated the plan is to get traffic counts and analyze the data. Then discuss what next steps are. Are there things we can do or do we hire an outside source to do a traffic study? Kalb stated that looking at traffic counts from ODOT, on Tiffin Avenue east of Blanchard Street was 18,000 cars per day, on Center Street between the railroad tracks and Main Street was 8,000 cars per day. Kalb is working on ideas, but waiting for traffic counts to come in first. Director Martin stated that the recommendation is to table the request until we are able to get the traffic counts in and analyze the data.

Motion to table request, by Councilman Slough, second by Kalb. Motion passed 5-0.

Request of Downtown Findlay Improvement District (DFID) for installation of safety mirrors at certain locations downtown.

#### 11/15/2021

List of locations:

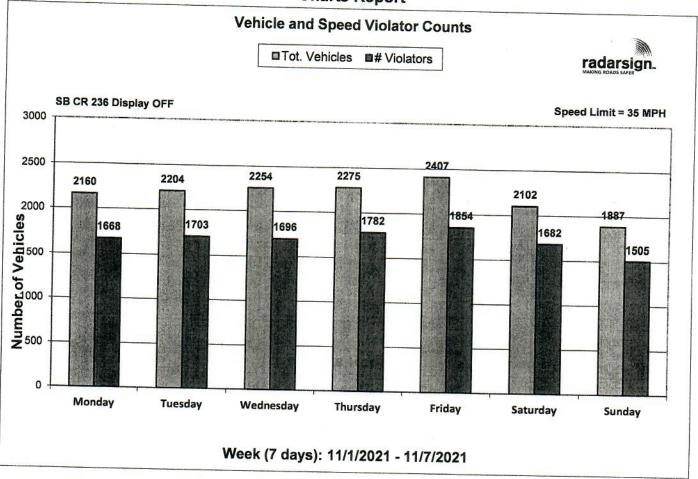
- a. Alleyway from Sandusky to East Crawford by Vivir & JK Juices
- b. Alleyway on LaRiche Property heading onto East Crawford (41.037839703216484, -83.64770733861437)-John LaRiche already approved.
- c. Alleyway onto Sandusky Street off of W. Crawford (41.03712355685654, -83.65124132387736)
- d. Beech Ave North onto E. Sandusky by MPC garage (41.03693586116442, -83.64839981775994)

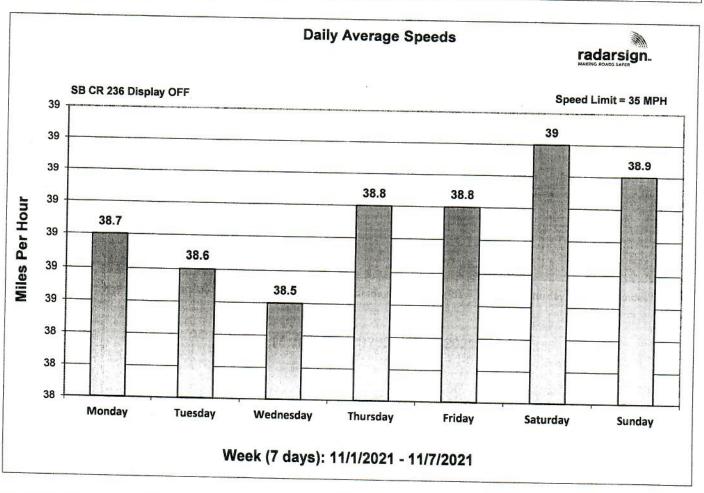
Stoffel stated that he is unsure that permission has been given by the building owners to place the mirrors on the buildings listed. Chief Eberle inquired if DFID should obtain the consent from building owners to place the mirrors on the buildings. He further inquired if the City is just providing the labor to install the mirrors, nothing else. Director Martin are there any accident prone intersections on this list. Chief Eberle inquired if it is sufficient for the Traffic Commission to say it is support of the idea, but put it back on DFID to get approval of the building owners. Director Martin asked if we have known accidents in these areas that this is a value add. Chief Ring stated that he will check in the system, but none of the locations seems to ring a bell for being accident prone. Chief Eberle stated it is a good idea, but doesn't know that it is a Traffic Commission responsibility. Can they hire someone else to put them up? Kalb stated that we support the DFID in the installation of the mirrors and we will develop a Memorandum of Understanding stating that we will install the mirrors only. The City will not be responsible any further. Stoffel will need to know what specific location, height, angle the mirrors should be installed. Director Martin inquired if it is recommended to put back on DFID to get approval from building owners to attach the mirrors to their buildings? Also need to get proposed actual detailed locations

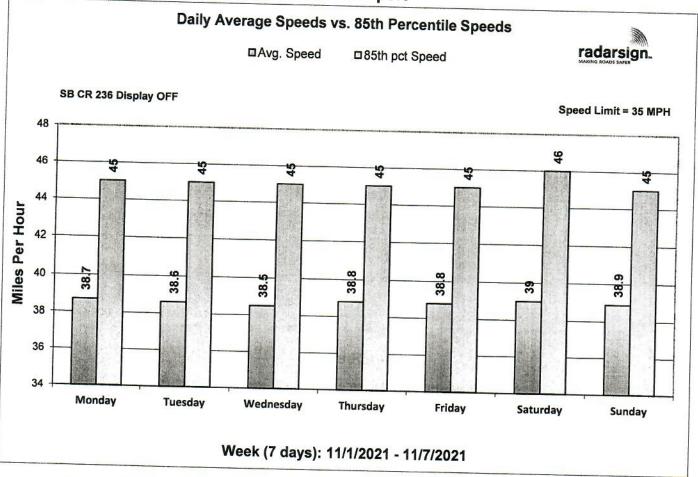
Motion to table until liability of the City can be determined and DFID provide approval by building owners, actual detailed locations, and maintenance and replacement details, by Kalb, second by Chief Ring. Motion passed 5-0.

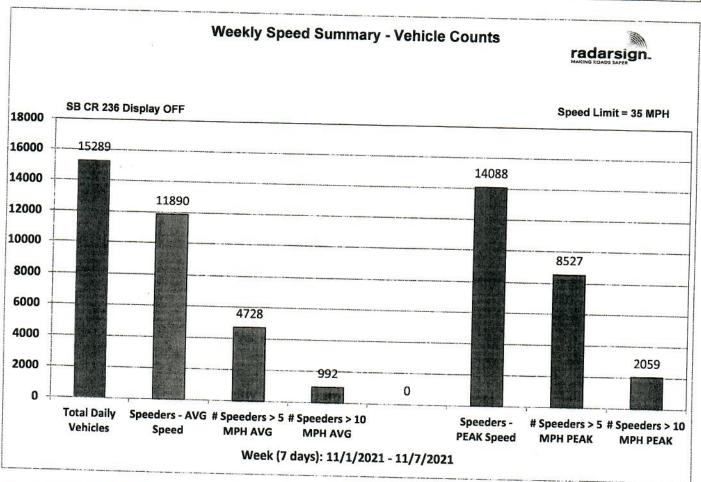
#### **NEW BUSINESS**

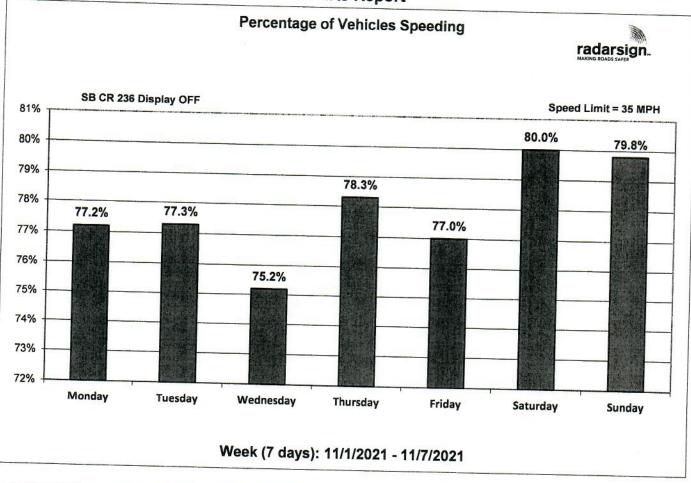
1. Request for a No Outlet sign on Scarlet Oak Drive at the Heatherwood Drive.

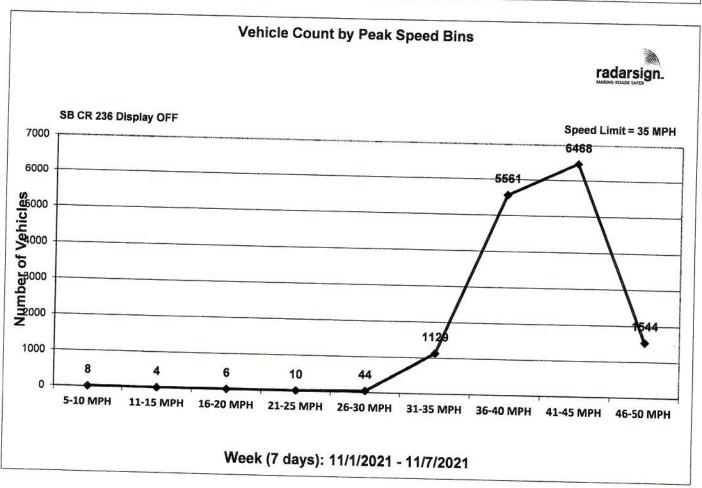


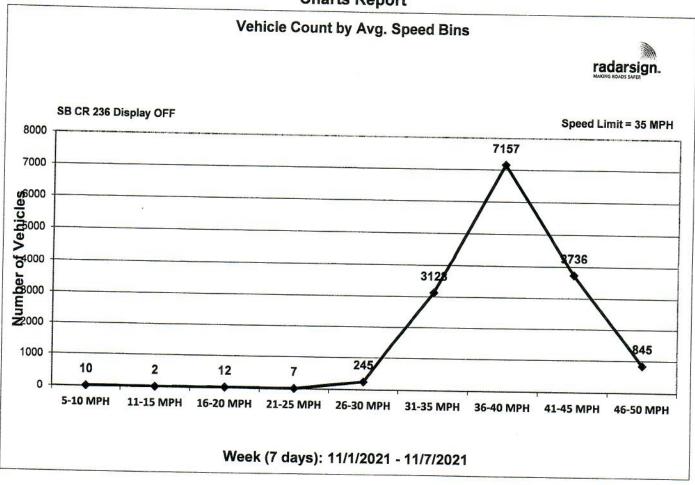


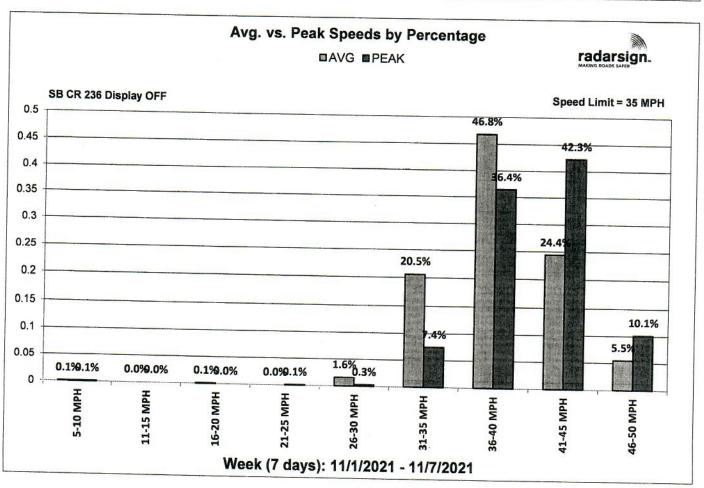


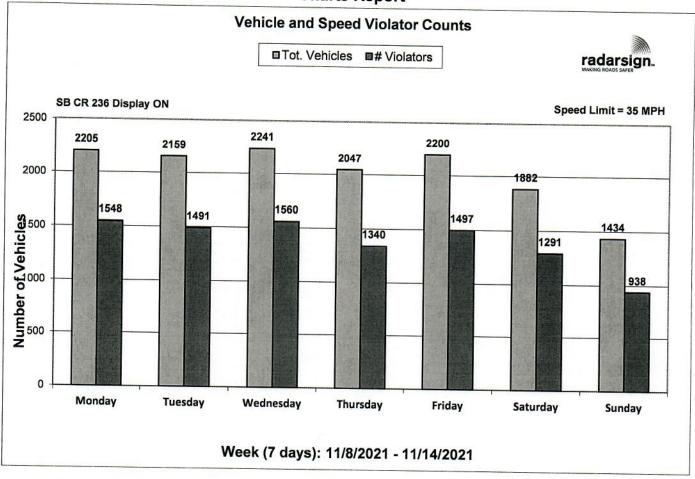


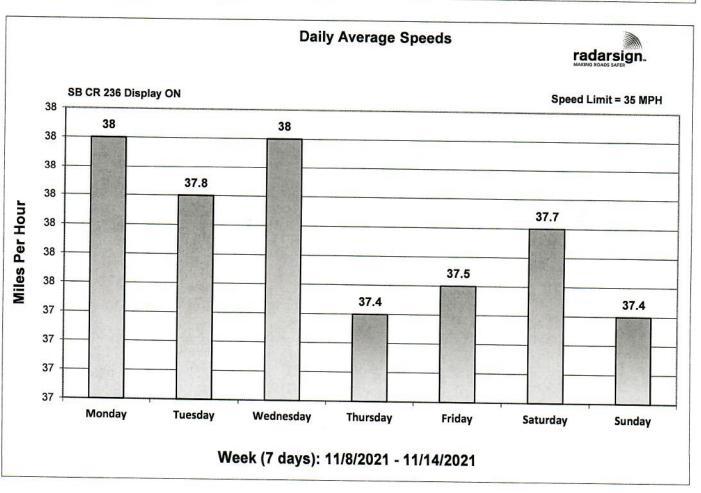


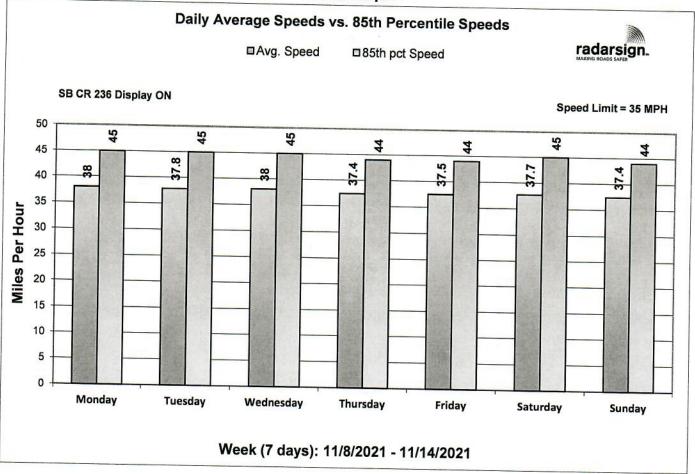


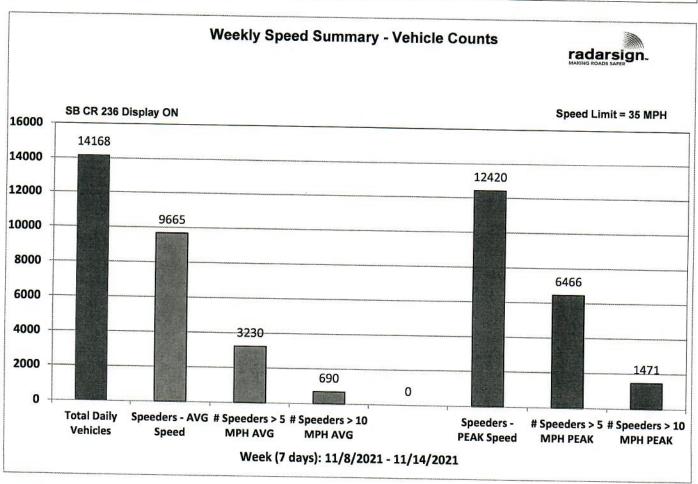


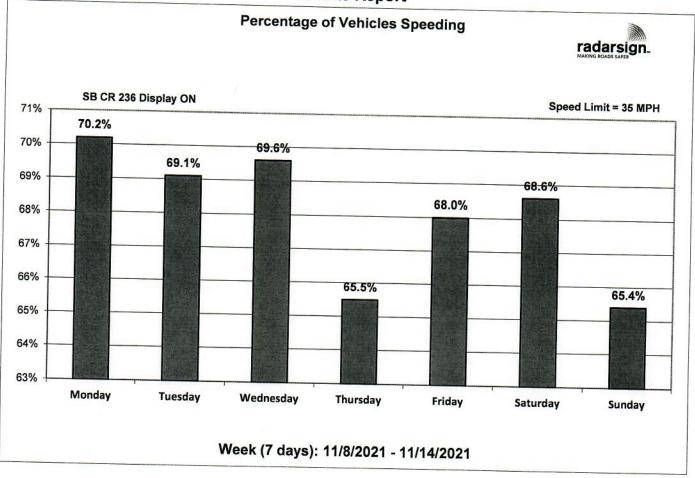


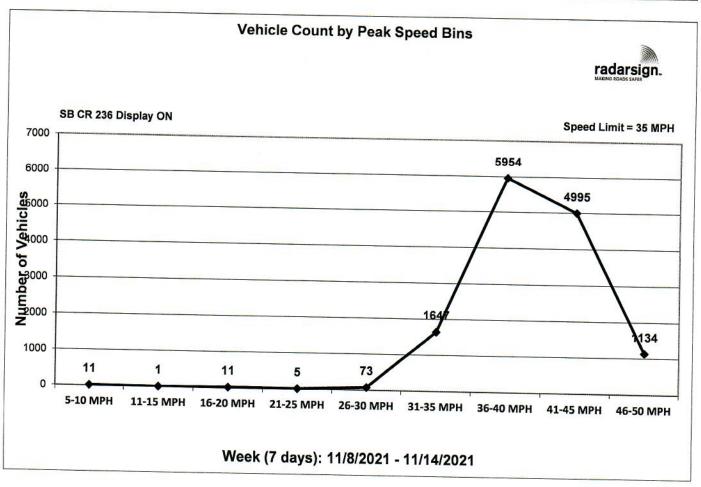


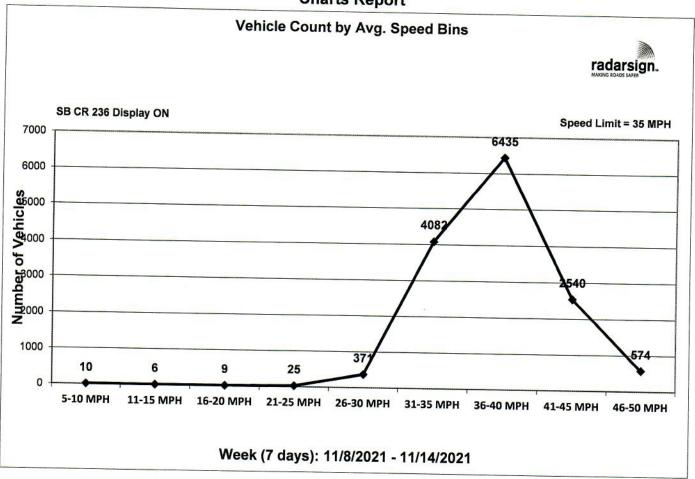


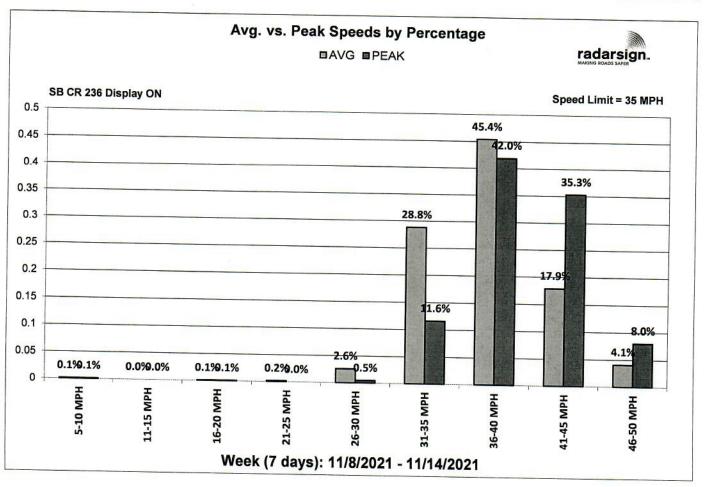


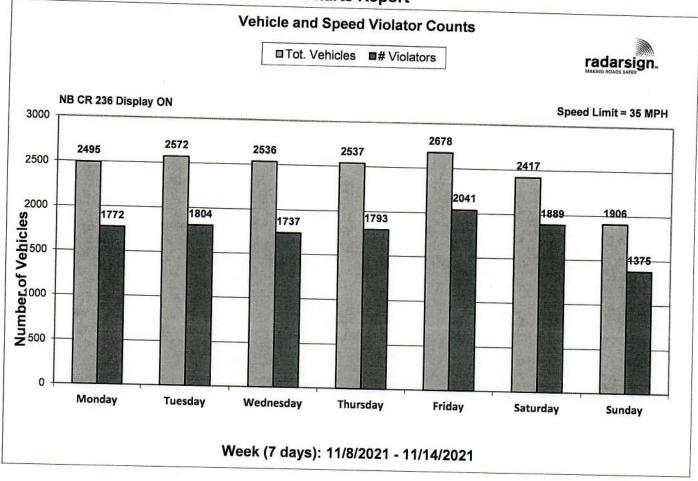


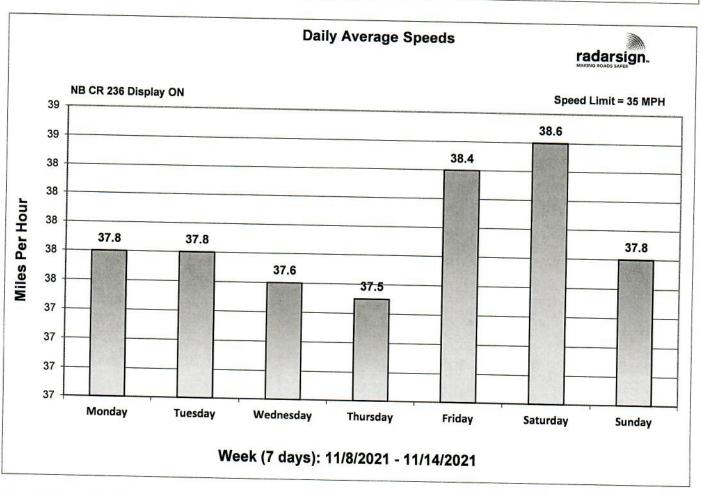


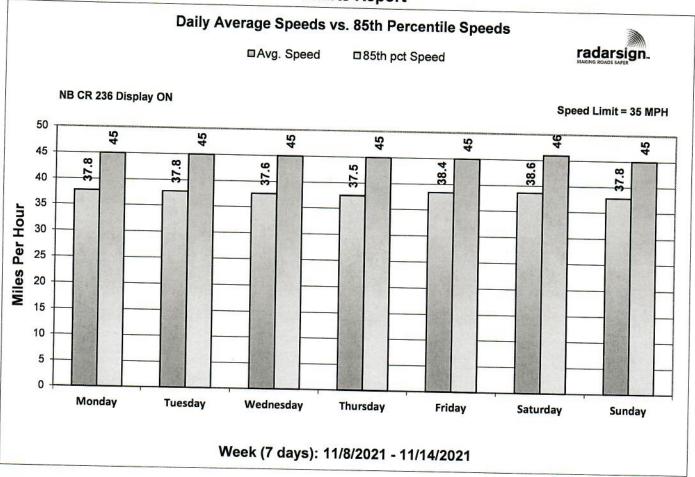


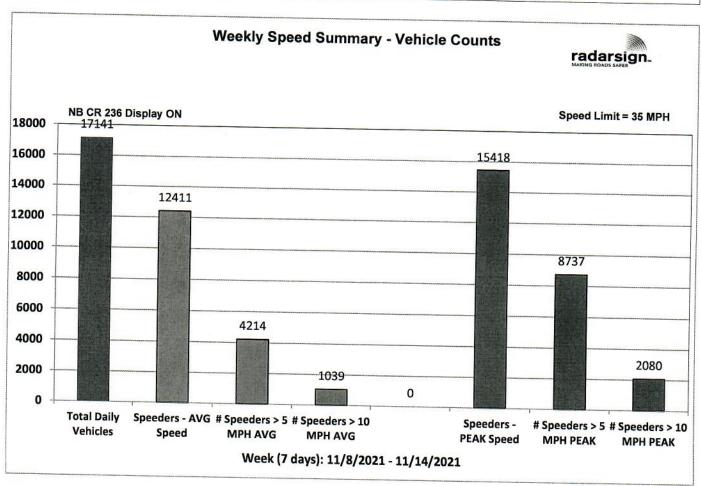


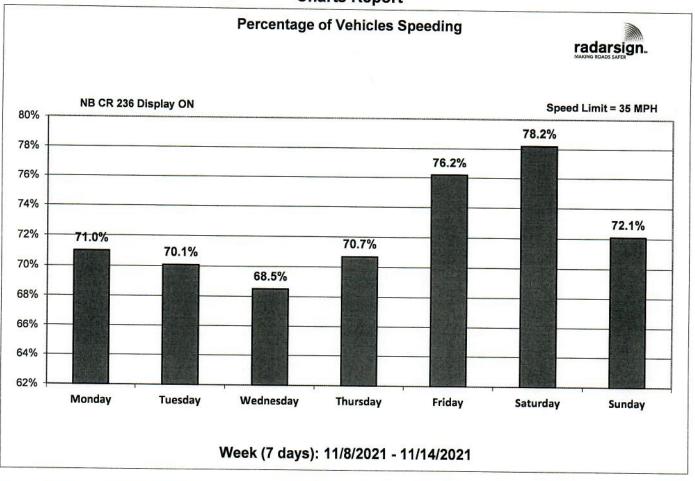


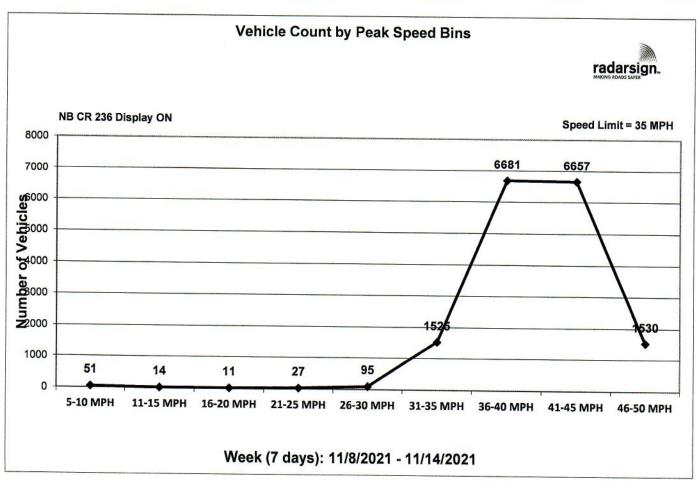


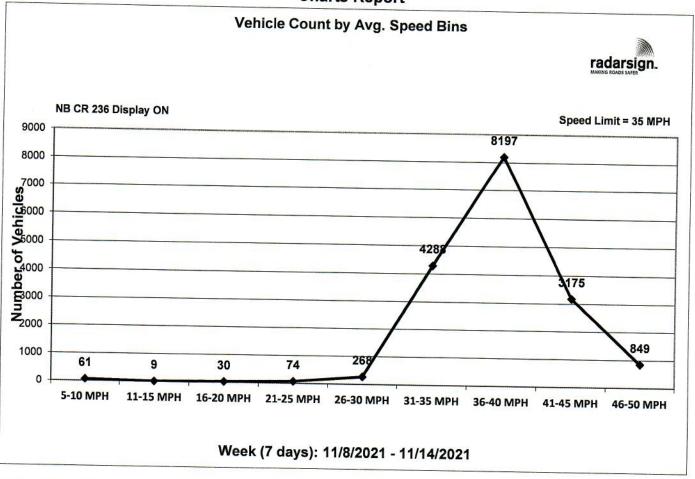


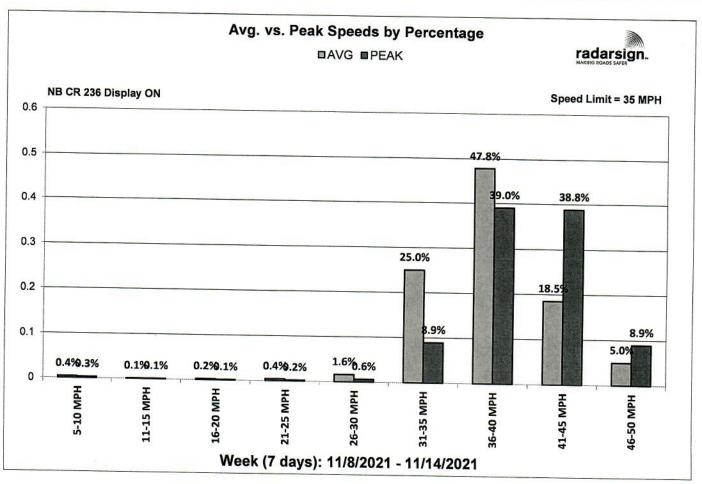


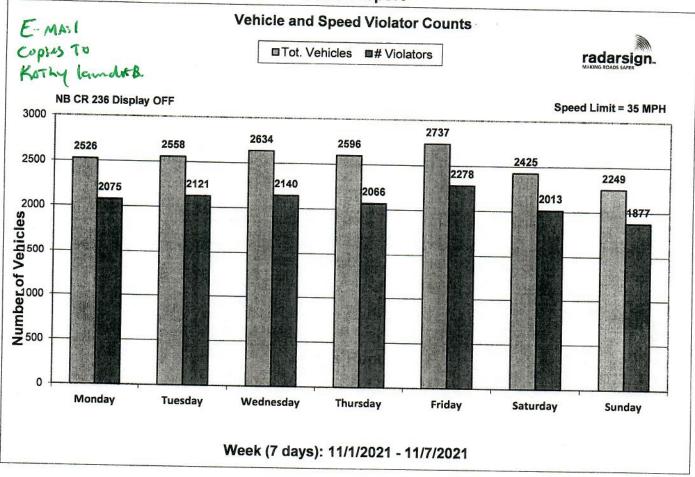


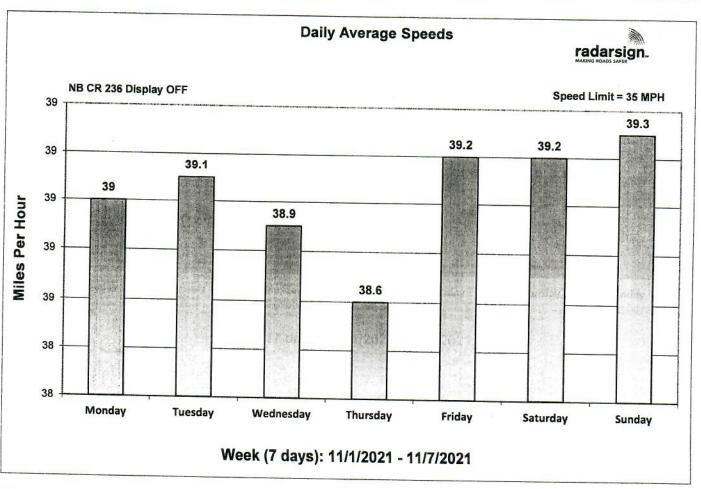


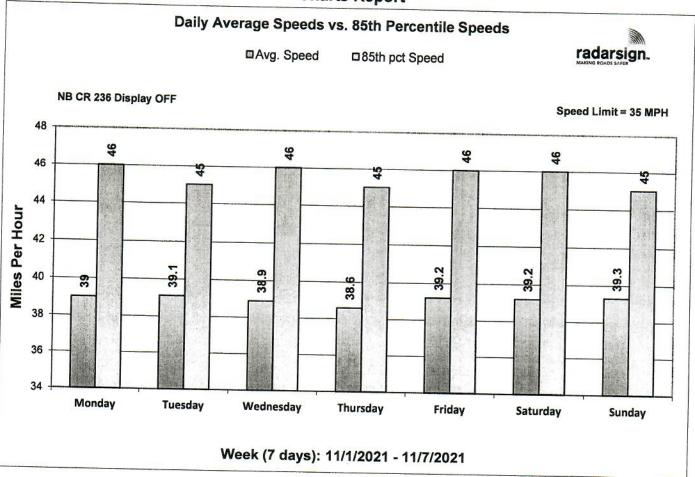


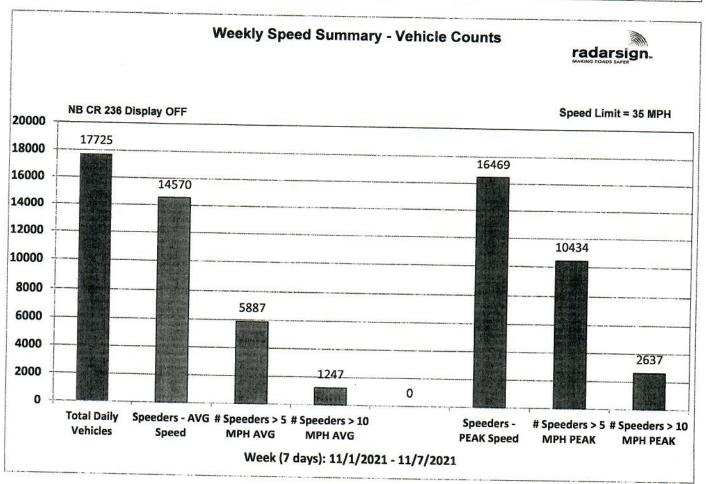


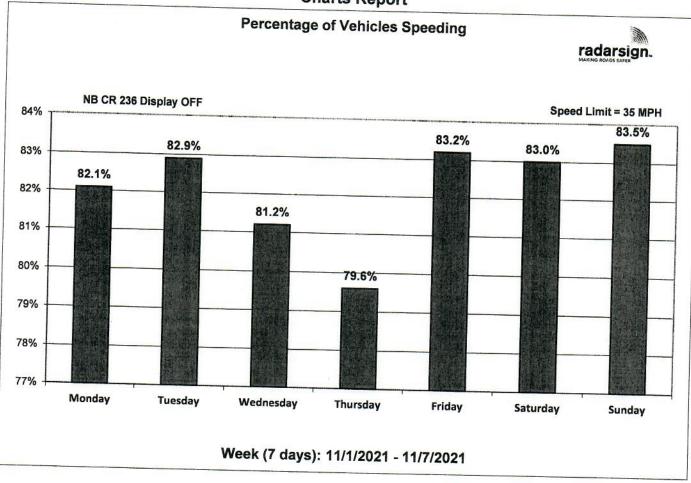


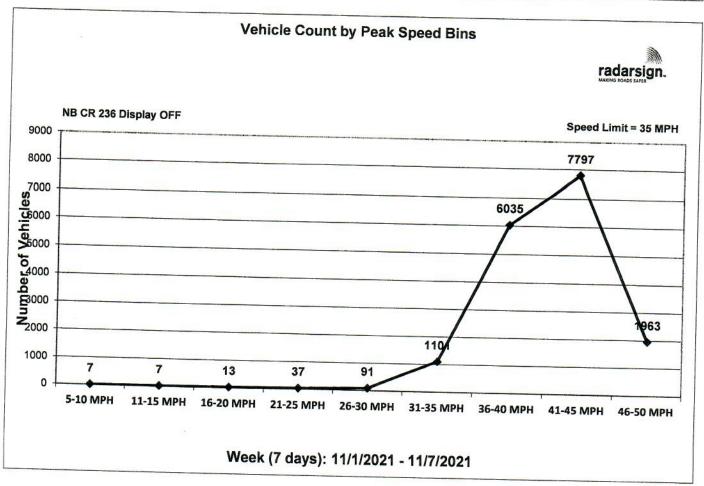


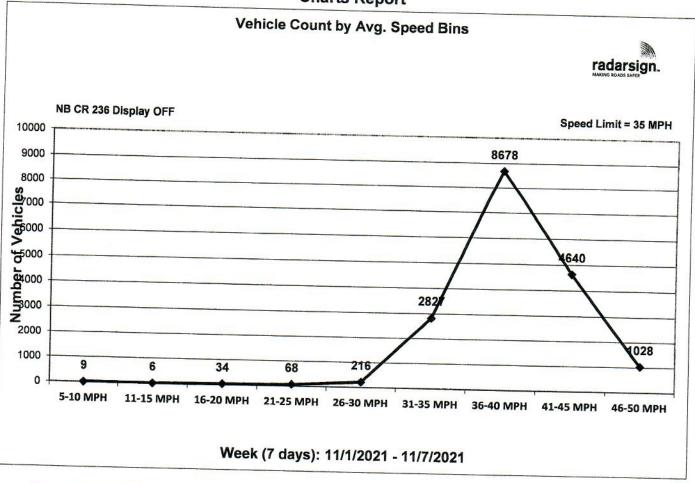


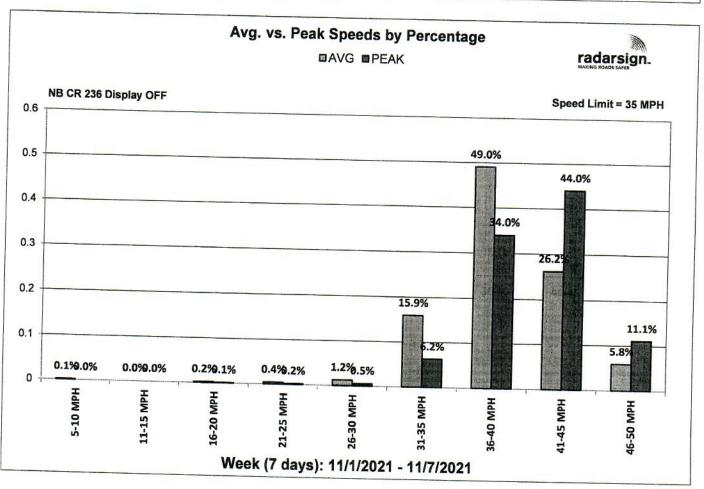












From: Cheney, Susan E. <secheney@marathonpetroleum.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:13 AM

To: Traffic Commission Cc: Cheney, Susan E.

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]CR 236 Expansion Project - Traffic

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

**Due By:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:00 PM

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#### City of Findlay Traffic Commission:

Since the completion of the expansion project on CR 236, I have noticed an increase in traffic especially with semi-trucks. It is my understanding that this route is not designed for semi-truck use.

The road divides the Fox Run and Lakeview/Winter Woods subdivisions, which is primarily residential with a 2-lane road and a turning lane. Not only has traffic increased but so has the noise. Often times, the noise is so loud my house and windows vibrate. Extended exposure to vibration over a period of time can yield more potential for densification resulting in more settlement of the soil. There are well known resources establishing vibration threshold limits which can cause damage to various building materials such as plaster, concrete and masonry.

I have been in contact with Jeremy Kalb, City Engineer, who set up traffic counters. The results of those counters showed there has been an increase in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) in the last couple years. The ADT that was measured at the end of August has went up to 21.5% from the 2020 traffic counts. The distribution of vehicles has remained pretty much the same, but there is an increase in the amount of vehicles that are using CR 236 on a daily basis.

As a homeowner, my concern is the possibility of adverse long-term effects. I am requesting a restriction added for truck use on CR 236 between SR 224 and SR 568.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Susan Cheney 312 Winter Pine Drive Findlay, OH 45840 419-619-8836

From: Nichols, Whitney <wnichols@marathonpetroleum.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:42 AM

**To:** Traffic Commission

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]CR 236 Truck Traffic Concerns

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The road divides the Fox Run and Lakeview/Winter Woods subdivisions, which is primarily residential with a 2-lane road and a turning lane. Not only has traffic increased but so has the noise. The removal of the trees at the back of our property along 236 for this expansion project completely removed our sound barrier. Between the noise from the traffic and the intrusion of hundreds of people walking down the path (that is so close to our property and private space it feels like they are walking through our yard – our dogs agree) and driving by, our time in our backyard has been severely negatively impacted. We have also been financially impacted as we had to replace our fence to attempt to block some of the noise. While we had planned to replace it, we were not planning to do it as soon as we did or add a \$5,000 privacy fence facing the road. It has worked pretty well for passenger vehicles but has done nothing for semi's and dump trucks.

My colleague and neighbor, Susan Cheney, has been in contact with Jeremy Kalb, City Engineer regarding the traffic. There were traffic counters set up and the results of those counters showed there has been an increase in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) in the last couple years. The ADT that was measured at the end of August has went up to 21.5% from the 2020 traffic counts. The distribution of vehicles has remained pretty much the same, but there is an increase in the amount of vehicles that are using CR 236 on a daily basis.

As a homeowner, my concern is the increasing inability to enjoy my backyard, to allow my kids to play freely around my property, to live peacefully with windows open without being startled awake when a truck comes screaming down 236. I am requesting a restriction added for truck use on CR 236 between SR 224 and SR 568.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Whitney Nichols 440 Winter Pine Dr Findlay, OH 45840

From: wrmt2000 <wrmt2000@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:39 AM

**To:** Mayor (website)

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urgent Request from Lakeview Property Owners, Lakeview Park 1st Addition

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#### DEAR MAYOR CHRISTINA MURYN:

### Re: Sidewalk/Bike Path Markings/Lakeview Parkway and C.R. 236

Recently, a Lakeview Property Owners Association Board member (LPOA) talked with the Findlay City Engineer's office about sidewalk / bike path markings for the very busy newly repaved Lakeview Parkway / Hancock County 236 entrance. Several LPOA homeowners have expressed concerns about the lack of needed crosswalk / bike path markings. We understand that there are no plans for needed sidewalk / bike path markings for this extremely busy Lakeview Park Estates entrance.

It is clearly known that the Lakeview Parkway Route 236 entrance has a very high volume of traffic for hundreds of homes and traffic speeds can be, and are, excessive. Further, roadway users also drive through Lakeview Park from Route 237 to connect with Route 236. Consequently, the junction connecting Lakeview Parkway, Foxtail Drive, and Route 236 has become extremely busy and dangerous.

We are requesting that appropriate markings be installed to reduce the risk of accidents to motorists, cyclists, and walkers (including school kids) in this area. Further, we strongly recommend traffic lights be installed at this four-way roadway.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Yours Truly,

The Lakeview Property Owners, Inc. Board

John Selick, President Matt Cordonnier, at Large

Pauletta Welshimer, Secretary/ Treasurer Ned Seppi, at Large

Nigel Snelling, Vice-President Jason Teter, at Large

From: Andrew Giles <gilesrellc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 5:28 PM

**To:** Mayor (website)

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]No outlet sign request

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Just sending you a reminder email as I was instructed to for my request for a no outlet sign on scarlet oak at the corner of heatherwood.

Please let me know if you need any additional information from me.

Thank You Andrew Giles

421 scarlet Oak Dr

419-721-3867

**From:** Christina Muryn

Sent:Monday, November 22, 2021 10:00 AMTo:Robert Martin; Kathy Launder; Matt StoffelSubject:RE: [EXTERNAL]No outlet sign request

Good by me for it to go to Traffic Commission. I had told him I thought it would need to. There is no other communication document. The gentlemen spoke to me at the coffee shop the other day. He lives on Scarlet Oak in the cul de sac portion and he said they get a fair amount of traffic thinking it goes through and then they turn around. He would just like a sign to help diminish this.

Sincerely,

#### **Mayor Christina Muryn**

City of Findlay, Ohio Phone: 419-424-7137 www.findlayohio.com

From: Robert Martin

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 9:54 AM

To: Christina Muryn <cmuryn@findlayohio.com>; Kathy Launder <klaunder@findlayohio.com>; Matt Stoffel

<mstoffel@findlayohio.com>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] No outlet sign request

I think so.

Mayor, are there any other correspondence with more details for this request?

Kathy can you please add this to the agenda for the next TC meeting?

Thanks! Rob

### Rob Martin BSN, MBA Service Safety Director

City of Findlay, Ohio
Phone: 419-424-7119
www.findlayohio.com



From: Christina Muryn

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 9:45 AM

To: Kathy Launder < klaunder@findlayohio.com >; Robert Martin < rmartin@findlayohio.com >; Matt Stoffel

<mstoffel@findlayohio.com>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]No outlet sign request

Thoughts? Should this go to Traffic Commission?

#### **Mayor Christina Muryn**

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