

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Monday, November 20, 2017 ◆ 2:30 p.m. Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Councilman Ron Monday to review the left turn signalization from Fostoria Avenue onto Tiffin Avenue.

05/15/2017

Councilman Monday stated that a constituent had expressed to him that the directional signage on Fostoria Avenue at Tiffin Avenue is confusing. Discussion ensued regarding the left turn signal activation of the traffic signal. Schmelzer inquired why the hashes on pavement along the island along the eastbound lane are in place? Can it be changed to a lane of traffic to open up the intersection to allow for a dedicated left turn lane?

Motion to table to research history of hashes on pavement, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 5-0.

10/16/2017

Director Thomas stated that he is waiting to hear back from the Ohio Department of Transportation. No action taken. Item remains tabled.

2. Request of Councilman Grant Russel to change the direction of the angle parking on South West Street on the east side to reverse angle parking.

Councilman Russel stated that changing the direction of the angle parking on South West Street to reverse angle parking is a move toward safety and consistency Downtown. Director Thomas stated that the road is scheduled to be paved prior to next Traffic Commission meeting, but would like to see how many parking spots we would have with the reverse angle parking. We can stripe the area with the existing parking structure with temporary pavement marking, until we get further information. Chief Eberle thinks that we should explore.

Motion to table request until further information can be gathered, by Director Thomas, second by Chief Dunbar. Motion passed 4-0.

 Request of Don Rasmussen to change parking restriction on Heatherwood Drive from County Road 236 west to driveway of Findlay Evangelical Free Church (2515 Heatherwood Drive) to No Parking Any Time or No Parking on Sundays.

Rasmussen stated that each Sunday vehicles park on Heatherwood Drive in front of the church and it backs up traffic on Heatherwood Drive at County Road 246. Councilman Monday suggests that we post this area "No Parking Any Time." It was suggested to reach out to the pastor of the church to have him/her make an announcement to not park on the street during church services. If parking on the street continues, then bring back to Traffic Commission for action.

Motion to table until the church has made an announcement to its congregation about not parking on Heatherwood Drive during church services, by Councilman Monday, second by Director Thomas. Motion 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Request of Marathon Petroleum Company to permanently remove nine parking spaces on the east side of South Main Street directly north of East Lincoln Street.
- Request of Tom DeMuth, City of Findlay Traffic Signals, to review the signals at the intersection of Western
 Avenue and Lake Cascades Parkway to determine if they are still needed due to increasing maintenance and
 upgrade costs.



Marathon Petroleum Company LP

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October 30, 2017

City of Findlay, Traffic Commission Municipal Building Findlay, Ohio 45840

Members of the Traffic Commission:

Requested for your approval is the removal of the nine remaining parking places along the east side of South Main Street, between East Lincoln Street and East Hardin Street, in front of the Hancock Hotel, which is currently under construction. This action was previously requested of the Traffic Commission in February 2016, at which time the request was tabled due ongoing MPC campus construction and the associated impacts with downtown parking. The MPC campus renovation work has been completed and the previously impacted parking areas have been returned to their normal status.

The elimination of the spaces is needed to support hotel operations, specifically the management of guest arrivals and the valet service, especially during peak arrival/departure times. The request is consistent with the approved site plan for the hotel in which this planned request was discussed during the review process.

Marathon Petroleum Company has added more than 1,000 parking places to its campus, greatly reducing the pressure from employee and visitor on-street parking. Parking for the hotel will be supported with on-campus parking facilities. There are no retail businesses located on the east side of South Main Street, to the immediate north or south of the hotel. Continuation of open public parking immediately in front of the hotel will be harmful to the operations by causing additional vehicular congestion, potentially extending onto the northbound traffic lanes of South Main Street.

Please consider and approve this request. If you have any questions, contact me at 419-306-5293. In addition, please advise of the hearing date so that I can attend on behalf of Marathon Petroleum Company.

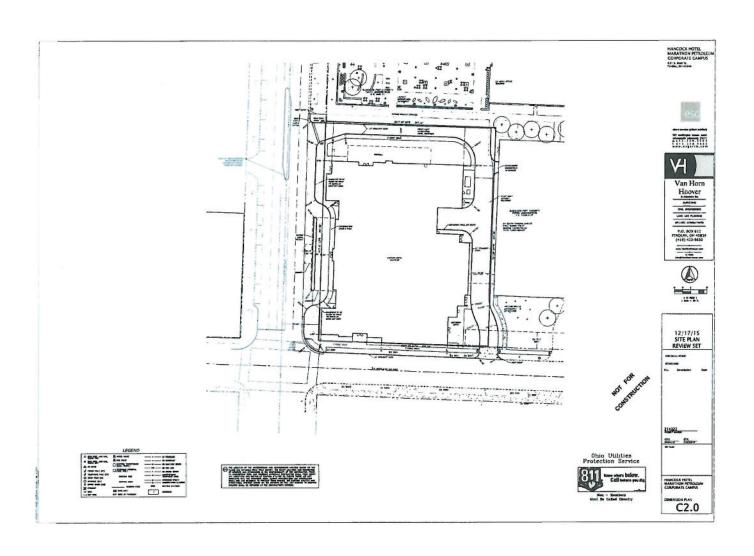
Sincerely,

Donald R. Malarky MPC Project Manager

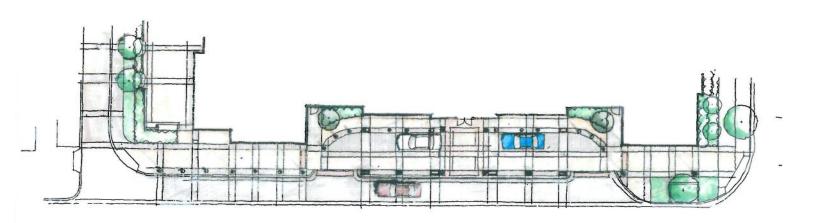
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Attachments included











Kathy Launder

From: Tom Demuth

Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 9:06 AM

To: Traffic Commission

Subject: Western Ave & L Cascades Blvd

Dear traffic commission members,

The intersection of Western Ave & L Cascades Blvd is starting to be a constant maintenance issue. I would like to have this intersection looked at to see if its existence is necessary. This intersection was installed in 1993 along with the relocation of Western Ave. At the time I do not know if there were any studies or warrants done for this intersection. It does not appear to be a high usage intersection especially since the bank is just an ATM bank. This intersection could require \$40,000 to upgrade the signals that are in poor condition, the cabinet and equipment that are out dated, the vehicle detection that is failing, and the cable that is 25 years old. I would like to have this intersection removed and stop signs installed for L Cascades and the bank exit.

Thomas DeMuth Findlay Traffic Signal Dept. 419-348-3170

Hancock County GIS



Notes

Request of Tom DeMuth to review intersection of Western Avenue and Lake Cascades Parkway