

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
Mani Poola
Veera Karukonda
Captain Bill Mullin
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Captain Thomas Wuennemann
Captain Brian McElligott
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Doug Hoyt
Paul Montanaro
Dan Colleluori

Guests: Thomas Hynes – Shippan Turkey Trot

Ulisse Cataldo – RPPP Wright Street

Anuj Mathur – CL&P Stamford Reliability Cable Project

Peter Novak – CL&P Stamford Reliability Cable Project

Mary Shanahan – Shippan Turkey Trot

Carm D’Agostino – RPPP – Wright Street

Chris Guillereault – Hope Street Project

Jeff Polley – Washington Blvd. Pedestrian Bridge Project

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

Kerri Hagan – Stamford Department of Health and Social Services – 3rd Annual Turkey Trot – 5K Walk/Run – Thursday, November 28, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. – Approximately 500 People.

➤ Route is as follows:

- Start at Commons Park.
- Exit park by taking right on Washington Boulevard.
- Take immediate left (in between buildings, after Exhale Spa).

- Proceed down street, around circle, up the steps onto boardwalk.
- Follow boardwalk to end and make left through Costal Gardens loop.
- Take right on Dyke Street.
- Take left on Elmcroft Road.
- Take left on Woodland Place.
- Take left on Pacific Street.
- Right onto Washington Blvd.
- Loop it again and end at Commons Park for finish.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Captain Bill Mullin and passed unanimously to approve the 3rd Annual Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 28, 2013.

Thomas Hynes – Shippan Turkey Trot – Thursday, November 28, 2013 – Shippan Turkey Trot – 2.4 Mile Race to Raise Funds for Stamford Homeless – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 9:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m. – 75 Adults and 25 Children.

- Event starts and ends at 280 Ocean Drive East.
- People will park on the property and on Ocean Drive East.
- They will be using Ocean Drive East, Ocean Drive West and Ralsey Road.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve the Shippan Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 28, 2013 with the condition that Mr. Hynes gets a sign off from the Police Department.

Carm D’Agostino – Residential Parking Permit Program for Wright Street.

- Mr. D’Agostino stated that Wright Street is a small street with multi-family homes. Between the construction going on at Stamford Hospital and the hospital workers themselves, they take up the entire street during week days, even weekends because construction is going on. Mr. D’Agostino has approached the hospital several times, he has left messages, but the person in charge of facilities has not responded to him.
- Captain Mullin stated that he spoke to someone from the hospital and was informed that the employees have parking at UCONN and are not supposed to park on Wright Street.
- Mr. Orgera explained how the Residential Parking Permit Program works. Mr. Orgera also explained that a survey needs to go out to all of the residents on the street, if the return is positive over 65%, then there will be a Public Hearing, if there is no opposition at the Public Hearing, then the program will be instituted.
- Traffic Engineering will start the process.

Chris Guillereault – Waters Construction Co. – Daytime Milling and Paving for Hope Street Project.

- Mr. Guillereault requested an allowance for daytime paving and night time milling before the end of the year for the Reconstruction Hope Street Project. Mr. Orgera is fine with the request as long as bi-directional traffic is maintained and work ends before school starts.
- Night time work will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Mr. Guillereault also requested to be permitted to mill the surface for up to three weeks. They would like to start milling next week.
- They will have transitions at all the driveways and will temporarily stripe the road.
- They will shut down for winter by the first week in December.
- Project will be from Camp Avenue – South.
- Mr. Orgera agrees with the request and stated that if we receive many complaints at night, Mr. Poola will give Mr. Guillereault a call.
- Mr. Guillereault requested permission to do permanent restoration at night. The work will take under a week to be completed. Mr. Poola requested that the work starts at 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

CL&P – Stamford Reliability Cable Project – Traffic Management Plan.

- Mr. Peter Novak presented to the Traffic Advisory Committee the Stamford Reliability Cable Project that was proposed before the Connecticut Siting Council. The Connecticut Siting Council has approved the project and now CL&P has the Traffic Plan to go with the project.
- The project is an underground 115-kV Transmission Line that is going to extend to from the South End Sub-Station near Manhattan Street up to the Glenbrook Sub-Station up near Hamilton Avenue. It is a mile and a half, the primary route is going to be along South State Street, cross over East Main Street and then pick up on Culloden Road residential area. Cross underneath the railroad tracks and on to Lincoln Avenue.
- They plan to do the South State Street work at night to limit impact on traffic. They plan to do the work during the day at Culloden Road because it is residential.
- They will maintain traffic flow in these areas. There will be a closure at Culloden Road for a day. Mr. Poola stated that during the closure of Culloden Road, they

have to make it accessible to the property owners.

- Construction of the road work will take four to six months to complete.
- There will be traffic flow on South State Street at all times.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve the proposed Stamford Reliability Project.

Carolyn Foston and Jeffrey Polley – CT DOT Project 301-149 – Washington Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Project – Street Closure.

- Mr. Jeff Polley stated that he is with Waters Construction and they are working on the Pedestrian Bridge Project at Washington Boulevard to connect from the new high rise complex being built over by the train station.
- Mr. Polley requested an allowance for a detour closure of Washington Boulevard for three separate weekends at where they will need to erect the bridge structure and do the different miscellaneous work to complete the project. They are looking at a window from December 1, 2013 through May 1, 2014, where they would basically be allowed to take the three weekend closures of Washington Boulevard from South State Street to Station Place, the entire intersection will be closed so they can erect the bridge.
- The first projected closure for that weekend would be the weekend of December 6th and will probably follow with the second closure the following weekend, December 14th, but those are not definitive firm days, it is contingent on the bridge itself which may push a week.
- Their contract stipulates that they can close 9:00 p.m. Friday night and they will have to re-open the traffic by 6:00 a.m. Monday morning.
- Detour Routes: There will be VM Boards on I-95 to alert traffic and traffic will be detoured around the intersection. They have a full MPT Plan through DOT already in place. As far as pedestrian traffic, their plan is to route pedestrians through the train station around the intersection.
- South State Street will remain open. Access to Station Place will have to be from either Atlantic Street or south side of Washington Boulevard.
- Veera Karukonda requested that the traffic re-opens at 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning.
- There will be advanced signage letting people know that the road will be closed.

- Captain Wuennemann requested that Police Department be notified ahead of time before the first weekend closure.

Motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Vera Karukonda and passed unanimously to approve the Washington Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Project.

Mani Poola – South State Street Closure – I-95 Bridge Pier Replacement.

- Mani Poola stated that the State DOT is looking to close South State Street for five to six months to do work on Bridge #32 for I-95 bridge pier replacement.
- Captain McElligott stated that Manual Traffic Control will be needed.

Motion was made by Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Captain Bill Mullin and passed unanimously to approve request to close South State Street for five to six months to do work on Bridge #32.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
November 4, 2013