

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

**7:00 PM**

**Thursday**

**April 21, 2011**

Chairperson McGowan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** McGowan, Reynolds, Chiara, DeCorte (ex-officio), Schulz (ex-officio)

**ABSENT:** Leppanen

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Chiara, to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2011. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Farmington Road Study

The board members had little to discuss about the situation. Chairperson McGowan's only concern at this time was vehicles approaching from opposite directions merging into the left turn lane.

There was additional discussion about the number of driveways in that section of roadway and if there were plans to close any of them. The director noted at this time it had not been formally reviewed.

Mr. Reynolds then made a motion to approve the balance lane model and "No Left Turn" from State Street onto Farmington Road. Chiara seconded the motion and it was approved by all board members.

B. Drake Road – "Hidden Driveway"

The director reported that approaching vehicles could be observed at about 350'. Mr. DeCorte then provided further guidance that the distance measured should be from a heights of 3 ½' at both points (driveway-roadway). In addition, it is recommended that there be 10' for each mph for determining sight requirements (i.e. 250' if 85% speed is 25 mph).

With this new information, the director will conduct further testing in the area and report back in May.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Farmington Road and State Street – “No Left Turn”

As part of the traffic study for Farmington Road, a traffic crash pattern was noticed at the intersection of Farmington Road and State Street. Eleven traffic crashes occurred at this intersection involving vehicles turning during a three year period. Three of the traffic crashes resulted in four people being injured.

As a result of this information, Mr. Chiara made a motion to immediately prohibit left turns from eastbound State Street to northbound Farmington Road. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

The director will notify the city manager of the request and author a staff report supporting same. Once approved, the public works department will post the signs and a “Temporary Traffic Control Order” will be authorized.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Chairperson McGowan expressed that the Traffic and Safety Board members were deeply sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Demetra Mehas after all her years of service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Chiara and seconded by Reynolds to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Schulz  
Public Safety Director