

TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Present: Gail Gallerie, Tom Weiner, Allan Bowdery, Harry Ellis, Stacy Delarede, Mark Sherman, David Gilmour

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Harry, seconded by Allan to accept the minutes of the September 15 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

Chair's Report

Gail reported that Tom Rocco, Village Trustee, and Daniel Torres, Town Councilman, to act as liaisons between the village and town boards. She also said that Shelly Wright was no longer a member of the TIC. She had to resign due to a heavy workload. Sally Rhoads had been seriously ill for the last two months, hopefully she'll soon be on the road to recovery. Ariana has not responded to calls asking if she had any interest in remaining on the TIC.

Gail reported that she had discussed the funding commitment for the Main St./Manheim improvement project with past and present Village and Town Officials. Jason West, the past village mayor was not aware of any recent discussion and said that the topic was not brought to light in the most recent term. Susan Zimet, Town Supervisor was not aware of any discussion related to the Main St./Manheim improvement project. Gail noted that she had repeatedly raised this issue with both.

The recent article written by Paul Brown in the New Paltz Times has brought to light the frequency of accidents at intersections along Rt. 299. The Main St./Manheim intersection had one of the highest frequencies of accident along that route.

Tom Weiner mentioned that there was funding available for work on that intersection as soon as plans were submitted and the approvals were given for a project. STP federal flex funds, TIP transportation improvement programs have been designated for possible funding to correct issues that exist at that intersection.

Funding for new transportation and public works projects may come from the Unified Planning Work Program. A five year program, that has an eight million dollar funding with seven million dollars designated for construction. Projects and designs must be submitted to acquire this funding.

Transportation Hub

The Transportation Hub report has not been completed. There is nothing new related to the relocation or rebuilding of the Trailways Bus Station.

Bicycle Committee

Bill Weinstein has stepped down as the chairman of the Bicycle Committee.

Loop Bus Report

Allan questioned the \$20,000 dollars/ year that was relegated for repairs and maintenance. He thought that this figure was excessive and should be investigated. Stacy said that she would look into this concern.

UCAT has a new (app.) that alerts passengers if there are any problems and if the buses are running on time.

Carmine Liberta Bridge Reconstruction

Nothing new to report as far as the actual construction. Stacy suggested that as soon as they begin construction on the new bridge that Water St. should be made a one way, heading south only. Two other issues of concern were the telephone pole needed to be removed at the end of the bridge. What do they do with the water main that is located under the bridge?

Bus Shelters

Chris Marx has assured Gail that there will be a new bus shelter at the teen center before the snow falls.

Issues with Lights and Arrows

Left arrow needed on North Manheim heading South on to Main St.

Concerns with Stop and Shop red on right light.

Lights and arrows needed on North Front Street heading on to Rt. 32 North, agreed upon by board.

Removing Parking Space in Front of Likwid on Main St.

As of this meeting nothing had been done.

New Business

Dave Gilmour stated that there is a frequent tie-up of traffic at the Waldorf School. He suggested that Hasbrouck to Innes be made one way streets. As well as Elting be made one way, down by the school. Committee member suggested consideration of eliminating left turns off of Innes Ave. as an alternative to the one-way proposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Ellis