

**Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting held on  
Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor  
Training Room at Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois  
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Members Present: Neil Ferrari  
Andrew Hansen  
Barbara Lusky  
Steve Schlickman  
Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members Absent: Amy Panici  
Roger Teal

Staff Present: Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director, Engineering  
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant  
George Carpenter, Police Chief  
Thom Dworak, Traffic Coordinator

Also Present: Mr. Jim Grosh, 2307 Pomona Lane

***Call to Order at 7:32 p.m.***

**1. Review of January 8, 2003 minutes**

*Motion to approve the January 8, 2003 minutes*

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Schlickman*

**Second:** *Commissioner Lusky*

**Discussion:** *None*

**Action:** **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

**2. Relocation of eastbound PACE bus stop on Central Avenue,  
east of Green Bay Road**

- Chairman Swanson introduced Brigitte Mayerhofer who provided an update on this item. Ms. Mayerhofer discussed the meeting that was held between PACE and the Village. She discussed the sketches that were provided in the agenda packets. The sketches indicate that if the bus stop is reinstated next to the Village Hall access, there would still be 12-feet of pavement for vehicles to continue around the bus on Central Avenue. In addition, the field test and

drawing indicate that there is not a conflict with the back of the bus being caught on the railroad tracks.

- A discussion ensued concerning the geometry of the existing roadway and the improvements that were made in conjunction with the Metra Project.

**Motion to reinstate the bus stop to its original position on the south side of Central Avenue, just west of the Village Hall access. This action is contingent upon PACE's concurrence.**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Ferrari*

**Second:** *Commissioner Hansen*

**Discussion:** *None*

**Action:** **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

**3. Metra Cut-Through Traffic on Thirteenth Street, north of Lake Avenue**

- Ms. Mayerhofer provided some background information on the changes to the Metra lot that may have increased traffic on Thirteenth Street, north of Lake Avenue. Ms. Mayerhofer indicated that there were residents who were concerned about increased traffic during the planning stages of the project, but that she has not heard from anyone lately. The Village has promised the concerned residents that the traffic on Thirteenth Street would be monitored.
- The right-in / right-out only access on Lake Avenue prohibits left turns out of the commuter lot. Many commuters use Thirteenth Street as a cut-through to avoid the traffic light at Green Bay Road, or to make a left turn onto Forest to head westbound.
- Ms. Mayerhofer offered the option of making Thirteenth Street one-way southbound.
- Commissioner Ferrari suggested that Thirteenth Street could be made one-way southbound from the alley to Lake Avenue and remain two-way, north of the alley.
- A suggestion was made to make Thirteenth Street one-way southbound only during rush hour periods.
- Chief Carpenter also suggested that there could be left turn restrictions at Forest and the other east / west streets north of Forest.
- Chairman Swanson suggested that staff take hourly directional counts to determine traffic patterns. The Transportation Commission will review the counts at the next

meeting and then invite the residents of the area to comment on some options.

### **3. Preliminary Review of the Bicycle Map**

- Chairman Swanson recognized Linda Reilley who introduced the Wilmette Bike Map to the Commission for comments.
- Some comments from the Task Force include:
  - 1.) Switch the colors of the Green Bay Trail and the North Branch
  - 2.) Move/change some perimeter arrows that direct bicyclists to other communities
  - 3.) Clarify the language under the “Bicycling in Wilmette, Where to Ride”
  - 4.) Add a detailed section of the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Wilmette Avenue.
- The Commission requested additional time to continue review of the bike map.

### **4. Other business**

- Chairman Swanson welcomed Jim Grosh who will be appointed to the Transportation Commission later this month. Chairman Swanson also recognized and thanked Andrew Hansen and Roger Teal who have completed eight years of service on the Commission.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

#### **Motion to adjourn.**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Schlickman*

**Second:** *Commissioner Hansen*

**Action:** **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brigitte Mayerhofer.