

**Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting held on
Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor Training
Room at Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Members Present: Neil Ferrari
Jim Grosh
Amy Panici
Steve Schlickman
Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members Absent: Ed Gubman
Barbara Lusky

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

Also Present: Jim Griffith, Village Trustee

Call to Order at 7:31 p.m.

1. Review of February 12, 2003 minutes

Motion to approve the February 12, 2003 minutes.

Motion by: *Commissioner Schlickman*

Second: *Commissioner Panici*

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 with PACE in which they agreed to reinstall the bus stop, contingent upon adding a striped area directing cars to the interior eastbound lane as they approach the bus stop location from the west. The bus stop sign will be installed shortly and the striping will be completed by Public Works. Mr. Peck has been informed on the progress and is pleased with the outcome.

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

- Ms. Mayerhofer summarized the traffic counts that were taken on 13th Street.
- Chairman Swanson and Commissioner Panici noted that the northbound automatic counts do not coincide with the trends of the manual counts, suggesting an error in the data. Commissioner Panici also stated that the speed data did not register for several hours, also indicating a possible problem with the counters. Staff will retake the counts in three or four months.
- A general discussion ensued concerning the traffic flow of vehicles leaving the station during peak times. Ms. Mayerhofer and Ms. Reilley indicated that the majority of the cars travel north on 13th Street and appear to do so safely and efficiently.
- Ms. Mayerhofer asked if the right turn out of the Metra lot and left turn onto 13th Street was an illegal turn. Chief Carpenter stated that such a turning movement would be difficult to ticket.
- Commissioner Schlickman asked if there is a conflict with vehicles traveling eastbound over the railroad tracks. Ms. Mayerhofer expressed there is enough gap in the traffic to let cars proceed across Lake Avenue. If not, cars queue in the parking lot until there is a gap.
- The Commissioners agreed that the volume of cars was not great enough to consider restricting traffic on 13th Street at this time. They asked staff to continue to monitor the intersection.

3. Final Review of the Bicycle Map

- Chairman Swanson recognized Linda Reilley who summarized the recommendations made by the Commission.

Motion recommending the Village Board adopt, print and distribute the Bike Map.

Motion by: *Commissioner Ferrari*

Second: *Commissioner Panici*

Action: **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

4. Other business

- Ms Mayerhofer briefly discussed the request from a resident for mirrors at alley locations where site distance is poor. Suggesting that this was not a practical solution, The Commission suggested “Watch for Pedestrian” signage as an alternate option.
- Ms. Mayerhofer discussed a letter from a resident who requested that the stop signs on Laramie at Wilmette Avenue be removed, or made to a four way stop. The south leg of Laramie is in the Village of Glenview and the north leg of Laramie is in Wilmette. Neither the Village of Glenview nor Wilmette knows who initiated placement of the existing stop signs. After some discussion, the Commission recommended the signs remain, even though they may not be warranted.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 14, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: *Commissioner Schlickman*

Second: *Commissioner Grosh*

Action: **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brigitte Mayerhofer.