

Minutes of the Lutherville Community Association
Traffic Committee Meeting, April 29, 2009

Attendees: Ken Jackson, Allen Adams, Fran Raley, Marcia Hettinger, Laurie Hooper, Jeff Dier, Bill Hettinger

1) Feedback on speed humps – Fran emailed Keith Link of the County Traffic and Engineering Department about adding a third speed hump to Division Ave. around the bend. The speed is high at this point and many more children are left off for school at this point because of the construction on York Road. A counter was installed for less than 48 hours. Keith said there are 30 County streets pending evaluation. Fran should hear back in early May. Fran will email Jeff Dier a draft message to send to Keith Link. The 300 block of Morris Avenue is another block that may be suitable for another hump. The feedback from Keith Link is that Clarke Avenue is not long enough to qualify for speed humps.

2) Greenspring Ave. – We are awaiting feedback from Jeffrey Natterman of Greenspring Avenue who volunteered at the November meeting to draft a message to Keith Link outlining our concerns about speed and danger, particularly to children.

3) Bellona Ave. –At the November meeting, we arranged for Ken Jackson and Allen Adams to meet with Keith Link to show him their safety concerns. Mr. Link has not been able to reach them to set up this session. The middle portion of Bellona, between Seminary and the roundabout, is a County road. We discussed that the recently enacted speed camera legislation may apply to this stretch because there is a work site nearby. The section may also be within a half mile of a school. We will ask State Senator James Brochin, who will speak at our next General Meeting. We also talked about a possible flashing light at the church and the fact that a blind person lives here.

4) Francke and Kurtz – We will investigate the possibility of speed cameras on these one-way, fast paced streets.

5) Lutherville Station – The visibility at the sign has been improved since the County recently marked the right lane of Ridgely Road as a right-turn-only lane heading into the access road at Old Navy. We talked about the installation of a physical barrier, but the consensus was this was not feasible. The hedges in the middle of the sign should be trimmed.

6) Kurtz and North – The Hettingers described a problem at their property of insufficient space to make a left turn off of North Avenue onto Kurtz. Buses, in particular, travel over their property. A regular cement curbing is needed. Jack Cronin also installed railroad ties on his property about 1-½ feet into the street.

There was discussion that the County investigated this issue some time ago and determined that the ties should not be removed. Bill Hettinger will email me a draft message to send to Keith Link.

We discussed that Kurtz Ave. does not have a curb on one side and trucks run over the berms. Owners insert barriers on the berms to prevent vehicles from driving on them.

7) Charles Street – There is no yield sign at the divider of the entrances from North and South Charles Streets onto the east Beltway. I will email SHA. We also discussed that SHA has informed us that the trees removed for the project can be replaced elsewhere in the County. I will send a message to SHA to ask if the replacement can be in our neighborhood.

Assignments:

1. Fran Raley will email Jeff Dier a draft message to send to Keith Link regarding another speed hump for Division.
2. Bill Hettinger will email Jeff Dier a draft message to send to Keith Link about the insufficiency of space for a left turn from North onto Kurtz and concerns about the railroad ties at the Cronin property.
3. Jeffrey Natterman will send Jeff Dier a draft message to Keith Link about traffic and safety concern on Greenspring and suggested remedies. Mr. Link has indicated a willingness to meet with neighbors to get a first hand view of concerns.
4. Ken Jackson and Allen Adams will set up a meeting with Keith Link to show him their concerns about Bellona Avenue.

Next Meeting: the new chairperson of the committee beginning in the fall will arrange bimonthly meetings. In the meantime, members can communicate by email regarding pending issues.