

LTAC – Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

Welcome

7:01pm – called to order

Attendance and Introductions

Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC) Members:		
Sgt. Scott Jones	Dave Tomko	Matthew Johnston (Matt)
Doug Rowe		
GUESTS:		
Dean Logan, Police Chief	Andrea Susten, Asst. Twp. Mngr.	

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Jones, the meeting minutes dated August 16, 2023, were unanimously approved.

Visitor Comment (Non-agenda items)

There was no public comment at this time.

Old Business

The members discussed the Doylestown Township Police Department Turk Road Stop Warrant Analysis, dated October 25, 2023, Sgt. Jones’s review of Act 31 Truck Restriction Study, dated November 9, 2023, and Mr. Johnston’s review of the Turk Road Truck Restriction Study dated November 8, 2023.

Mr. Johnston stated that he agrees with the Doylestown Township’s Police Department Stop Warrant Analysis and stated that the Township does not meet the warrants for a multi-way stop sign at Turk Road.

Sgt. Jones summarized the recommendation of the Act 31 study and recommends the restriction of trucks 30 ft. or more in length, except for local deliveries. The members discussed the conclusions of the study and the 30ft. truck was the only truck able to make all turns at the studied intersections without going into the opposing travel lane.

Mr. Tomko stated he communicated with the Warrington Township’s manager, Mr. Luber, who has expressed support for the truck restriction.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Tomko, seconded by Mr. Rowe, the committee unanimously approved the recommendations of the Doylestown Township Police Department, Turk Road Stop Warrant Analysis, dated October 25, 2023, the Doylestown Township Police Department Act 31 Truck Restriction Study, dated November 9, 2023, and the Pennoni Turk Road Supplemental Truck Restriction Study, dated November 8, 2023, contingent upon the approval Warrington Township.

New Business

The committee discussed the current traffic calming policy with the current criteria for study being 70%. Mr. Johnston stated that there is not consistency in the criteria for the study and implementation and that he will add PennDOT's criteria to the comparison chart. The members discussed that Warrington's criteria for a study is 50% with 70% for implementation.

Mr. Tomko asked the members if there was a need to hold public meetings to discuss traffic calming. Mr. Logan stated that the process has been effective, and that the Township should focus on looking at the percentage for the criteria of the study.

Mr. Rowe stated that he believed 70% is extreme and should be lowered. Mr. Johnston stated he is not opposed to lowering the percentage of the study criteria but stated concern with a lower percentage, and not being able to reach the threshold for implementation.

The members discussed that do not think there will be a problem reaching the percentage need for implantation as public participation typically increases when people are not happy.

The members discussed lowering the percentage of criteria to 50% which would be in line with the surrounding municipalities.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Tomko, seconded by Mr. Rowe, the committee unanimously approved to change the Traffic Calming Policy approval percentage for criteria for the study to 50%.

Next Meeting

December 12, 2023, at 7pm.

Adjournment

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Tomko, seconded by Sgt. Jones, the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm