

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2024

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2024, in the City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom, as well as virtually via Teams.

Attendance

Those in Attendance in Person:

Mayor Bob Young

Cheri Andres, Recording Secretary

Blair Martin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance

Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services

Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

Chelsey Iles, Engineering Project Manager

Councilor Laura Tillack

Sgt. Bill Weatherdon, RCMP

Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

With Regrets

Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services

John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer

Ed Barden, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant

Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering

Public

Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Kyle van Steenoven called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following emergent items were added to the agenda.

Under New Business Items:

11. Request from Transit to add Virtual Bus Stop Along 43a Ave East of the McDonald's Access (Kyle van Steenoven)

12. Request to Extend the Left Turn Bay for Eastbound Traffic on 50 Ave Turning Northbound onto 50 St (Blair Martin)

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

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Background

**1. Speeding Concerns in Edgewater Circle (Edgewater Circle & Sheppard Blvd)
(Shawn Olson)**

Resident expressed concern with regard to speeding while entering Edgewater Circle. They are requesting a reduction in speed to 30 kms/h and a sign be posted. As you enter Edgewater Circle, there is a very tall fence that makes it very dangerous to see any pedestrians crossing the street. She has seen small children almost hit several times.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install a speed awareness sign to capture the data and bring back to next meeting.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data. The data showed the average speed is 25 km/h with an 85 percentile of 30 km/h. This is below a threshold where it would merit engineering control.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that no further action be taken.

Action

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background

2. Traffic Signal Concern West Haven Dr & Black Gold Dr (Shawn Olson)

Resident has expressed concern for more attention to be drawn to intersection at West Haven Dr and Black Gold Dr as the sunlight/trees are an added factor to already distracted drivers when driving west on Black Gold Dr. Resident suggested rumble strips as possible solution.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and concluded that a 4 way stop would impede traffic flow, especially during school drop off and pick up times. Enforcement services to monitor the area for distracted drivers. Install speed awareness sign to capture west bound traffic and bring data back to the next meeting.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data from the west bound sign on Black Gold Dr. The average speed is 46km/h with an 85 percentile of 51 km/h and a high of 110km/h. TAC will change the speed awareness sign from covert to flashing and continue to gather further data over the next six months. Data to be brought back to a future meeting to discuss results and possible solutions at that time.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that the speed awareness sign be changed from covert to flashing and continue to gather further data over the next six months and then discuss results and solutions at a future meeting.

Action

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

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Carried

Background

3. Traffic Signal Concern at Ohpaho Secondary School & 69 St (Kyle Van Steenoven)

The Principal of Ohpaho Secondary School is requesting the stop sign at the South entrance to the school parking lot be changed to a yield sign to improve traffic flow out of the student parking lot as this is the entry/exit for all the student parking and with students trying to obey the stop sign, traffic gets backed up and it takes a considerable amount of time to get students out at the end of the day.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will wait to see if the continuation of 69 St South to connect with Black Gold Dr is approved in the budget discussions in October. If the road extension is approved in the budget, the sign will remain a stop sign as the through road will follow imminently and its poor practice to change road signs frequently. If the intention is not to connect the road in the short term, the sign will be changed to a yield sign until the road is extended in the future.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC noted that the budget discussion regarding the continuation of 69 St south resulted in an unknown timeline for its completion. Therefore, TAC will allow the school to replace the stop sign with a yield sign.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that the stop sign on 69 St S at the south entrance of the Ohpaho parking lot be changed to a yield sign.

Action

Public Services to replace stop sign with yield sign

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the principal

Remove from agenda

Background

4. Speeding Concern Along Blackstone Blvd (Shawn Olson)

Resident is concerned about speeding along Blackstone Blvd. Signage for speed limits and flashing speed limit signs are only up in one direction going into the suburb. There are no signs when people are driving west. No signs are up by the children's playground. The building site is a frenzy of hundreds of workers and trucks in and out daily and passing the children's park at double or more the speed limit. Resident has almost been struck herself. Can we please get this addressed before a life is lost? Kids are kids running across the road into the park sometimes without pressing the pedestrian crossing button. Doing 20 may be a broken bone if a kid is struck, but 80 is a death sentence.

Please let's be proactive, this is getting out of hand with the builders.

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September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data and the average speed is 34 km/h with an 85th percentile of 40 km/h. The speed awareness sign will be installed on the opposite side of the road to record data and be brought back to next TAC meeting.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data for westbound traffic and the average speed is 36km/h with an 85th percentile of 44km/h and a maximum speed of 85km/h. This is below a threshold where it would merit engineering control. However, the project manager for this area will contact the developer to remind construction companies to obey traffic laws.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** no further action be taken.

Action Samantha Folster to contact developer to discuss with construction companies

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **5. Request for Increased Security as Street Lights are Inoperable due to Construction on 57 Ave (Shawn Olson)**

Due to construction, the streetlights along 57 Ave are inoperable until the road work is complete. Resident has complained about dark streets leading to increased break and enters to properties in Willow Park. TAC to review if the traffic conditions have led to increased security issues to see if increased patrols or other accommodations are warranted.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and confirmed the area is dark. However, the alternative is to run a diesel generator which would disturb the neighboring residents. TAC has requested the RCMP to investigate reports of break and enters in the area to validate the safety concern.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC noted that the City installed temporary lights using a generator to provide a safe environment for Halloween trick or treaters. No incident reports of concern were brought forth by RCMP. Fortis to have lights in working condition by November 15, 2024.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that no further action be taken.

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

6. Traffic Signal Concern 47 St and 49 Ave (Shawn Olson)

Resident is requesting clarification for traffic signals for this intersection. This intersection is very confusing. Heading south bound on 47 St, drivers come to a yield at 49 Ave. There is also a yield sign on 49 Ave as drivers approach 47 St heading east. So who yields to who? Does the driver who gets there first have the right of way? Or if you are heading south on 47 St and come to the yield sign, are you supposed to yield to left turning traffic. Yielding to left turning traffic when I am going straight through is a new one for me.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the intersection and concluded the two existing yield signs should be replaced with stop signs and a third stop sign be installed to facilitate a 3-Way stop.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that the existing yield signs be replaced with stop signs and a third stop sign installed to facilitate a 3-Way stop.

Action

Public Services to replace existing yield signs with stop signs and install a third stop sign along with "3-Way" signs mounted under each main sign

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background

7. Request for Crosswalk Flashers Across Blackstone Blvd Where it Intersects with Berg Pl & Boulder Ct (Shawn Olson)

Resident is requesting flashers for the crosswalk across Blackstone Blvd where it intersects with Berg Pl and Boulder Ct. The reason I'm requesting one is because I run a private day home and every day I wait for some of the children I look after to cross the road where the bus drops them off and so many times vehicles blow past them without letting them cross the road, so I'm very concerned for their safety and I feel one of those bright flashing crosswalk signs/lights like the ones that are placed in two other spots on Blackstone Blvd would help immensely.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the intersection and recommended that speed awareness signs continue to be active along Blackstone Blvd with the hope that this will reduce speeding. RCMP and enforcement will monitor the area for speeding concerns and infractions concerning school buses.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that speed awareness signs remain active along Blackstone Blvd and RCMP and Enforcement Services monitor the area for speeding concerns and infractions concerning school buses.

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Action RCMP and Enforcement Services to monitor area for speeding concerns and school bus infractions

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **8. Traffic Signal Request for Multiple Intersections on Hwy 39/50 Ave (Mayor Bob Young)**

Resident is requesting left-hand turn signals along Hwy 39/50 Ave where it intersects with Alton Dr, Grant McEwan Blvd & West Haven Blvd. I'm drawing your attention to a potentially dangerous traffic collision issue. Traffic travelling west has the benefit of left-hand turn signals at Alton Drive, Grant McEwan Blvd and West Haven Blvd. Traffic travelling east into the City does not, although the traffic lights appear to have the turn signals in place. Living in Bridgeport, I have witnessed many near accidents as east bound drivers edge to their left in these intersections, trying to turn left but having their view partially blocked by west bound vehicles waiting in line to turn left after their turn signal time has expired. I believe it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. Would it be possible to provide at least a short LH turn signal for east bound vehicles at these very busy intersections. Thank you

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the intersections and concluded that due to a recent traffic accident at the Alton Dr intersection the traffic signals are not functioning as originally programmed. The left advance signal at Grant McEwan Dr intersection will be activated at the completion of Grant McEwan Blvd construction. The intersection at West Haven Dr has the infrastructure in place to facilitate the left-hand advance signal, however the programming may need adjustments.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that the signal programming at the West Haven Dr and Alton Dr intersections be reviewed and adjusted as needed.

Action Public Services to review programming and adjust signals as necessary

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **9. ASSI Q3 Statistical Report**

Review of the *Q3 Statistics Report – Leduc Collision Reporting Centre* compiled by Accident Support Services International Ltd. (ASSI), with discussion specifically focused on the top two collision locations: Airport Rd & Outlet Collection Way and 49 Ave & 50 St.

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November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the data for information purposes only. It was suggested that RCMP and Enforcement Services review accident data involving injuries and bring it forward at a future meeting, if relevant.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that no action be taken.

Action No follow up required

Remove from agenda until next quarter

Background **10. Proposed 2025 Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Dates**

It is suggested that the Traffic Advisory Committee adopt the following 2025 meeting dates:

- Thursday, February 13, 2025
- Thursday, April 10, 2025
- Thursday, June 12, 2025
- Thursday, September 11, 2025
- Thursday, November 13, 2025

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the proposed meeting dates and approved them for the 2025 year.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that all meeting dates be accepted for next year.

Action Cheri to book OPS Second Floor Boardroom for next years' meetings.

Remove from agenda

Background **11. Request from Transit to add Virtual Bus Stop Along 43a Ave East of the McDonald's Access (Kyle van Steenoven)**

The City of Leduc transit department is requesting a virtual bus stop for on-demand buses be added along 43a Ave, east of the McDonald's access. To facilitate this, they are requesting that no parking signs be installed on the street.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the request and deems it appropriate to install "No Parking" signs and approve a virtual bus stop at this location.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that a virtual bus stop be granted at this location and "No Parking" signs be installed.

Action Public Services to install "No Parking" sign

Kyle will follow up with Kevin from Transit

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Remove from agenda

Background

12. Request to Extend the Left Turn Bay for Eastbound Traffic on 50 Ave Turning Northbound onto 50 St (Blair Martin)

Blair requested that TAC consider realigning the westbound lanes along 50 Ave to accommodate extending the left turn bay for eastbound traffic on 50 Ave turning northbound onto 50 St, to alleviate traffic congestion.

November 14, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area and recommended that this request be brought to the Engineering department for further investigation into this possibility and the findings be brought back to next meeting.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that the Engineering department further investigate the possibility of realigning the lanes and the findings be brought back to the next meeting.

Action

Engineering to discuss the possibility of realigning the lanes to alleviate traffic congestion

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

NEXT MEETING

February 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom