

TTAC Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) met on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of Cedar Rapids City Hall.

Present: Gary Petersen, Dick Ransom, Steve Gannon, Dan Whitlow, Brad DeBrower, Lee Benfield, Ron Griffith

Absent: Larry Mullendore, Darin Ligtenberg, Tom Treharne, Dave Elgin

Staff: Adam Lindenlaub, Sam Shea, Dean Wheatley

Others Present: None

Gary Petersen called the meeting to order at 2:18 pm. Brad DeBrower moved to approve the minutes of the February 22nd meeting. Steve Gannon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approve minutes from February 3rd meeting

There was brief discussion regarding the table showing the congestion reduction data for Tower Terrace Road. Steve Gannon moved to approve the minutes as revised. Brad DeBrower seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hwy. 151 (Williams Boulevard) discussion requested by Fairfax Mayor

Dean Wheatley explained that Fairfax Mayor Bill Voss requested that RPC examine the traffic conditions of Hwy. 151 by Fairfax and discuss any IDOT plans for that section. Lee Benfield said IDOT is planning on resurfacing north from Fairfax and widening to three lanes southwest to 80th Street and possibly to the bridge over Prairie Creek. Lee said there is also the potential to install a signal at the intersection with Stoney Point Road. Gary Petersen asked for a clarification on the Fairfax request. Dean said Fairfax has concerns with traffic volume and safety. Gary asked if Fairfax has approached IDOT with its concerns. Dick Ransom said Fairfax approached IDOT with concerns regarding speed approximately two years ago, which resulted in a reduction in speed from 55 mph to 45 mph along one section of Hwy. 151. Gary said that Fairfax has been invited to meetings between IDOT and Cedar Rapids regarding the Williams Boulevard and Stoney Point Road intersection.

New traffic model

Sam Shea explained two maps showing traffic volumes and capacity for the years 2000 and 2040. Gary Petersen asked if Sam could provide the base volumes used in the year 2000 model. Sam he could do that. Dick Ransom asked if this same analysis would be performed on the Major Street Network. Sam explained that the 2040 model does not include any projects that were completed after the year 2000 and that the next step was to start adding those projects as well as projects that are programmed in RPC's TIPS. Sam asked TTAC to provide him, within the next two weeks, details of any capacity improvement projects that were completed or programmed for the time period 2000 to 2005 so he can add them to the model.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.