City of Canby

Traffic Safety Commission

Sub Committee Minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2021

Note: Due to the COVID-19 this meeting was held using Zoom

Commission members present: Bob Cambra, Clint Coleman, Tom Rushton, Chris Wadsworth, City members present: Eric Forsell, Canby Planning Department; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works; Others present: none

Approval of Minutes: The draft of the February 26th minutes were reviewed, moved by Chris, seconded by Tom, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input:

None

Old Business:

New Business:

Bob Cambra discussed the data previously emailed. The data compares the traffic flow on N. Territorial and the projected flow on N. Redwood. It then compares if there is at least a 2/3 ratio between them. This 2/3 ratio seems to be what traffic studies utilize to justify a 4 way stop. The data seems to indicate that N. Redwood will meet this ratio once all the development projects occur. Once we enter Public Works data it will be even more significant. Bob also questioned if we need to amend the Transportation System Plan to change N. Redwood to a "Connector Street" to qualify for funding.

Clint Coleman advocated solving the problem at the intersection sooner then waiting for developments to be completed. He explained the community should be the top priority, while making sure pedestrian safety, Public Works and the future Fire Department Substation have their traffic flow become safer. He also spoke to how new development will impact traffic flow. Lastly, he explained, as more people transition from working at home to fuller employment this will also increase traffic. He also asked about the possible time line for the Fire Department's move to establish the substation. He was told probably summer.

Tom Rushton questioned if the 2/3 ratio of traffic flow would also apply to building a roundabout. Bob answered he was no certain because a roundabout is not as disruptive to the flow of traffic. But it shows the significant amount of traffic on both roadway and the need for something to happen at the intersection

Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works, indicated he doesn't believe we need to make a change to the TSP to make a change at the intersection.

In response to Clint's question, Jerry indicated if the recommendation was a 4 ways stop it may be possible to have the asking for the project bids by July with it being a winter project running October through January.

Chris Wadsworth advocated for moving forward with recommending a four way stop for the intersection.

She also expressed her appreciation for Public Works' responding to concerns expressed with construction trucks parking on N. Redwood. They have stopped.

Eric Forsell, Liaison from the Canby Planning Department, supported the practice of gathering data and having data to support and back up assumptions and recommendations. He discussed the need to clarify and resolve any jurisdictional issues. He explained the Planning Department remains busy with projects.

Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works, responded to questions about the design features of this project. He indicated the power pole would remain, sidewalks and lights would be added, and crosswalks would be incorporated.

Clint Coleman introduced the following motion: I move that our Canby Public Works along with the City of Canby put in a 4way Stop at N Redwood & N Territorial designed in such a way that if in the future a Roundabout is deemed to be more suitable that this possibility is designed into the 4way stop. Moved by: Clint Coleman. Seconded by: Tom Rushton. Voted upon and approved.

It was agreed upon that the next meeting should be held as a site visit at the N. Redwood/Territorial intersection.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 23th, 2021 at 8:30am. It will be a site visit. We will be meeting at the N. Redwood/Territorial intersection.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Cambra Secretary