

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2019

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Municipal Building, Training Room

1. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting
2. Report of trends identified for traffic crashes involving people walking or bicycling presented by Ellen Zavisca
3. Issues or concerns
4. Comments or questions on road work in the City
5. Additional business
6. Request for new business items or future briefings
7. Adjournment

If members cannot attend, please call William Polfus at 482-8068.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
May 21, 2019

UNAPPROVED

The May meeting of the Traffic and Safety Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in the Training Room of the municipal building (room 104). Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Present were:

Roger Flynn
Andrew Howe
Marty Adler-Jansy
Ilona Kaczocha
Ron Linkins
Colin Loring
William Polfus
Jane Shelton

Absent was:

Jana Humphrey
Melissa McMahan

1. Adjusted the agenda so that our guest speakers could go first.
2. Police Motorcycle Officer Sweeten was our fist speaker and discussed the following items:
 - a. Primary duty was to give out tickets with the objectives of reducing crashes and accidents by 5% this year.
 - b. Is very involved in traffic and driver safety for adults and high school drivers.
 - c. Manages the city's two speed trailers which not only show speeds of oncoming vehicles but also collect data on speeds and speed changes.
 - d. The key traffic areas for crashes are Illinois at Lafayette and the Weigel's on Illinois.
 - e. Tickets for distracted driving can also be given for texting but someone has to witness the texting.
3. Officer Bobby Hubbs was our second speaker and discussed the following items:
 - a. Shared data from the Tennessee Integrated Traffic Analysis Network (TITAN)
 - b. Evaluated accidents on Edgemore Road with analytical tools available in TITAN
 - c. Were able to view where crime occurs in tine and space
 - d. Roger Flynn observed that all accident occurred on state routes.
 - e. Traffic calming techniques consisted of placement of the Speed Trailers and placement of police officers
 - f. Roger Flynn will be getting access to the TITAN database.
4. Minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting were approved as written unanimously.
5. TN/GA Traffic Light Study was reviewed with the following results:
 - a. Remove traffic light at Tyler and place a STOP sign on Tyler with Tennessee a through street.

- b. Removing the traffic light at Tennessee at Georgia failed to pass. A motion to keep the traffic signal at Tennessee and Georgia passed 6 to 1. Concerned centered around:
 - i. Football game traffic
 - ii. Visibility
- c. Removing the traffic light at Tennessee and Florida failed. The motion to keep the traffic light at Tennessee and Georgia passed unanimously for the reason above

2. Issues or concern

- a. The service road between Krystal's and Wendy's that leads to the hotel has a large pothole. Roger Flynn indicated that it was private property and there was nothing the city could do.
- b. Traveling north on New York at Tennessee there are bushes blocking the view. Bill Polfus to discuss with Methodist Medical Center on trimming bushes.
- c. There is no "SCHOOL ZONE" sign on Manchester approaching Woodland School.

3. Comments or questions on road work in the city - none

4. Additional business - none

5. Request for new business items or future briefings - none

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2019.

Bill Polfus for
Melissa McMahan
TSAB Secretary



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Trends identified for traffic crashes involving people walking and bicycling

Knoxville, Tennessee – June 11, 2018 – The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) recently released a series of infographics showing trends in local traffic crashes involving people walking and bicycling. The data used to create these visuals was collected over a five year period and includes a total of 1,440 crashes from seven area law enforcement agencies. To compile this data, TPO staff verified crash locations and assigned crash factors based on information obtained from individual crash reports, including crash narratives and information about citations issued.

There are four infographics available:

- Five Year Regional Overview
- Traffic Crashes Involving Bicyclists
- Rural Road Traffic Crashes
- Knoxville's High Crash Streets

They are available online at <https://knoxtrans.org/news/2017/0615/130/tpo-releases-reports-analyzing-pedestrian-and-bicycle-crash-data>.

This data is important to the TPO's work because 90 percent of the crashes recorded from this five year period resulted in injury or death of a person walking or bicycling. The goal in identifying and analyzing this information is to prevent future crashes through engineering, education, and enforcement.

Local solutions are being found for some of the issues presented. In the Knoxville Region, 39 percent of traffic crashes that involve bicyclists and 48 percent of those involving pedestrians are caused by a motorist failing to yield when making a turn. After identifying a high number of these crashes, the City of Knoxville banned right turns on red at the intersection of Cumberland Ave. and Melrose Place.

Another solution is the use of a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI), like the one that has been installed at the traffic signal at the intersection of Downtown West Boulevard and Ray Mears Boulevard. This technology gives pedestrians the walk signal three to seven seconds before motorists get the green light to proceed through the intersection, allowing walkers to establish their presence in the crosswalk ahead of motor vehicles.

National attention has been given to some of the same issues presented in these infographics. [A recent news article](#) reports that allowing right turns on red increases the risks of injury and death to those walking or riding a bicycle. [Another article](#) states that the number of people who die in a traffic crash while walking has risen significantly over the last decade, and that most of those crashes are occurring on arterial streets. [The National Transportation Safety Board studied the dangers of speeding](#) and found that 31 percent of traffic fatalities are speed related.

In addition to the infographics, this data can also be viewed on an interactive map that was released last fall. It allows users to explore information specific to the type of crash, crash factors and an overview of all the data. The map can be viewed at <http://maps.knoxmpc.org/MapSeries/bikepedcrash.html>.

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Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization

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