



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SIGNAGE COMMITTEE

**Monday, October 4, 2021 – 2:00pm**

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

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### AGENDA

#### **I. OLD BUSINESS/TABLED ITEMS:**

- A. Laura Gheen – 505 SE “C” Street, Bentonville – Phone: (479) 715-6053 –  
Email: [lgheen9598@gmail.com](mailto:lgheen9598@gmail.com)**

Requesting stop signs on either side of the Greenway Trail crossing “C” Street. People are using our street as a cut-through now that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is closed. There are many people, children, bikes, and pet walkers on this part of the trail and I feel it is unsafe for them when cars and trucks speed through. I have seen many “almost” accidents. *See Map on the application.*

*Applicant not on Zoom, will table for October meeting.*

- B. Nathan Becknell – 217 E. Dickson St., Ste. 106, Fayetteville, AR 72701 –  
Phone: (479) 790-2899 Email: [nbecknell@tecusa.com](mailto:nbecknell@tecusa.com)**

Requesting installation of new mid-block bicycle crossing of NE Park Street between Fillmore Street and NE “A” Street. *Documents attached.*

*This NWA Trailblazers funded project would require a Right of Way permit for review by the City Departments. The City must insure that the MUTCD regulations are being followed and maybe a warrant analysis of the area. Item will be tabled until the October meeting.*

- C. Lauren Hildreth – Bike NWA and Jon Raney, Runway – Bentonville – Phone: 262-308-6542  
Email: [Lauren@bikenwa.org](mailto:Lauren@bikenwa.org)**

Proposing the “Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan”, which includes traffic-calming features that also act as wayfinding for pedestrians and cyclists, building from the Slow Streets program. This due to pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles being displaced outside of their regular and often “safe” routes due to the expansive and ongoing construction in downtown Bentonville. Will provide letters of support from the community at the meeting.

*This is a busy area with lots of construction. The Committee would like public feedback from the residents in the area. Item will be tabled until the October meeting.*

October Meeting: See Letters Attached.

- D. Bryan Beeson – Benton County Facilities Administrator – 215 E. Central, Bentonville, AR  
Phone: (479) 270-8626 Email: [bryan.beeson@bentoncountyar.gov](mailto:bryan.beeson@bentoncountyar.gov)**

Requesting better solution to help protect individuals using the crosswalk on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> between the Courthouse and Division 2 Courthouse. There have been several “close calls” with traffic not stopping or slowing for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

*Tony Davis to meet with Bran onsite to discuss options. Item will be tabled until the October meeting.*

- E. Enrique Ramos – 2511 NW Linebarger, Bentonville, AR – Phone: (832) 353-5835  
Email: [earamos118@gmail.com](mailto:earamos118@gmail.com)**

Requesting a flashing light at the intersection of Genesis and “A” Street. Many kids ride to school and have to cross over “A” Street, and more that have to cross the street to access their bus stop. In addition, many cyclist frequent this crossing often. They are concerned about the younger kids’ safety. Along with more riders, they also see more traffic in this area. *(See pictures attached).*

*Committee will collect traffic counts at the intersection and review options at next meeting. Item will be tabled until the October meeting.*

- F. Thaden School (CSSO Robert McKinney) – 800 SE “C” Street – Phone: (479) 268-5321  
Email: [rmckinney@thadenschool.org](mailto:rmckinney@thadenschool.org)**

Requesting school zone signs along SE Main Street adjacent to the campus between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. With the completion of our Performing Arts building, which includes three classrooms and outdoor classroom space, the presence of student pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk along SE Main Street will greatly increase. There will be regular intervals where students will be utilizing outdoor areas adjacent to the sidewalk as a classroom. The building is now being used daily. *Map attached.*

*The current signage onsite does not comply with the State Statute. The signs were not installed by the City. Tony will meet with Mr. McKinney to work out what needs to be installed or changed. Item will be tabled until the October meeting.*

## **II. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Joe Buchanan, 605 SW Barn Valley Road, Bentonville, AR – Phone: 479-871-5574  
Email: [jbart55@gmail.com](mailto:jbart55@gmail.com)**

Requesting a 4-way stop at the intersection of SW Elm Tree Road and SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street. It is an extremely unsafe intersection. Morning and afternoon school traffic is very congested at those times. The request will require two additional stop signs for North and South bound traffic at SW Elm Tree intersecting with 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

- B. Hayden Young, 4000 SW Modern Way, Apt. 112, Bentonville, AR – Phone: 603-558-1127  
Email: [haydenyoung31@gmail.com](mailto:haydenyoung31@gmail.com)**

Requesting crosswalk across SW I Street on SW 41<sup>st</sup>, connecting bike path to the Community Center. Currently, you have to cross over five lanes of traffic as a pedestrian or cyclist to get to the Community Center. *See attached pictures.*

- C. Jeff and Denise Ratcliff, 607 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bentonville, AR – Phone: 479-685-3721 (Home)  
and 479-657-8926 Email: [jdtrat@outlook.com](mailto:jdtrat@outlook.com)**

**ISSUE:** Extreme speeding on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (speeds between 40-60 mph are not uncommon); cars

passing other cars who are going close to the 25 mph speed limit; significant increased pedestrian traffic as trails become more popular; increased risk for homes requiring backing out of driveway given the magnitude of traffic during peak times.

**REQUESTING:** Speed control measures (traffic studies, increased patrol, speed tables); flow improvement (eliminate left turn onto J Street during peak times); pedestrian improvement (weekend slow streets).

**D. Katherine Pan, 1302 Melissa Drive, Bentonville, AR – Phone: 479-715-6662**  
**Email: [kpan@responsivedar.com](mailto:kpan@responsivedar.com)**

Founders Classical Academy of Bentonville currently has 960 students attending our campus on Melissa Drive. Due to car line congestion we consulted with the Bentonville PD in an effort to help Alleviate car line backup on I Street. The PD recommended all traffic entering Melissa Dr. from the 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. This has helped with some of the congestion, however we are having difficulty with cars speeding down 8<sup>th</sup> Street, trying to pass the lines that have formed for car line. There have been several near accidents and students being almost hit who are walking home. We are requesting School Zone signage on 8<sup>th</sup> Street to help slow down cars.

**E. Chris Isbell, School Resource Officer – Fulbright Jr. High School – Phone: 479-857-7930**  
**Email: [chrisisbell@bentonvillek12.org](mailto:chrisisbell@bentonvillek12.org)**

I work as the School Resource Officer for Fulbright Jr. High School. I've had a couple of parents who walk their children to school in the mornings. They asked about getting No Parking signs put on SW Hampton Avenue like what is on SW Edinburgh. The parents complaint is that any child who lives on these streets, their parents are parking their cars along the street so they can pick up their children after school. I advised the parents I would contact someone about finding out if that would be possible or who they need to talk to about putting in their requests for them.

**F. Jeremy Rose – 3400 Walton Blvd, Bentonville, AR – Phone: 541-233-3741**  
**Email: [jeremy@thebikeinn.com](mailto:jeremy@thebikeinn.com)**

West bound traffic bypassing Airport and Walton intersection using our property to bypass the intersection. This is 50 to 100 cars a day, mostly between 3:00 and 5:00 pm. We have been forced to close off one half of our entrance, after speaking to the FD. This has not stopped the issue at all. We almost had a child hit, have had construction equipment hit, and we are concerned for the safety of our guests, and the public at large. We are requesting a NO LEFT TURN sign to eliminate the issue.

**G. Andrew Heath, Downtown Bentonville, Inc.- 102 E. Central Avenue – Phone: 717-824-2281**

1. DBI is requesting the closure of N. Main Street and NE A Street between NE 2<sup>nd</sup> and Central Avenue on the Fridays and Saturdays in December leading to the holiday. December 3 and 4, December 10 & 11, December 17 and 18. DBI would like to work with the City to make these pedestrian walkways since so many families will be visiting the Square to view the lights. **See Attachment.**
2. DBI is requesting the attached street closures on Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm for the City's Lighting of the Square Celebration. **See Attachment.**
3. DBI is requesting the attached street closures on Saturday, November 27 from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm for a Winter Market. This is the third year we are hosting this event on Small Business Saturday. **See Attachment.**

**The next proposed meeting date is:**  
**Monday, November 8, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

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