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December 15, 2025

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Rilling; Commissioner Tony Lopez; Commissioner Ronald Paladino; Commissioner Nate Sumpter; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons (arrived at 4:02PM)

STAFF: Chief James Walsh; Deputy Chief Terry Blake; Deputy Chief Joseph Dinho; Deputy Chief Melissa Lepore; Ben Yeung, Senior Engineer, TMP; Nathan Fankhanel; Junior Engineer, TMP; Nell Blaszkiewicz; Traffic Analyst, TMP

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Rilling called the roll, and all those listed in the attendance were present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Cece- East Norwalk Neighborhood Association

Ms. Cece requested that Mr. Yeung elaborate on the OSTA speed reductions, in particular Strawberry Hill Avenue. Over the years The East Norwalk Neighborhood Association has spent a significant amount of time working with DPW regarding designations for safe routes to school. When Mr. Alvord and Mr. Yeosock were working for the City of Norwalk, there was funding under that program that resulted in improvements on Strawberry Hill Avenue including the redesign of Tierney Street @ Strawberry Hill Avenue. She has been in contact with Bridget Moriarty, who is part of the state program as a coordinator for safe routes to school and she had said there in not any school in Norwalk that is considered what the state considers a partner in the program. She asked if Strawberry Hill is currently designated a safe route to school under any federal program. She also thought the 20 MPH speed limit that is being proposed during school hours was already part of the previous designation that was done somewhere around 2011. She said on behalf of the ENNA they support any initiative that looks at traffic calming, especially during school hours, especially with the MTA operation at Norden Place starting soon.

Mayor Rilling requested that Mr. Yeung to contact Ms. Cece and answer any questions she may have.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025.

On page 3, Paragraph 2, include any comments that staff made supporting Mr. Bird's comments.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. OSTA SCHOOL ZONE REQUESTS

Mr. Fankhanel said these OSTA requests have been done in the past and is now doing them in a larger group. He believes all of the locations that are being requested are currently 25 MPH roads, and they are requesting to reduce them to 20 MPH during school hours. Mr. Yeung said this is the last set of schools that needed to get this particular school zone treatment for consistency.

**** COMMISSIONER PALADINO MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. OSTA NEIGHBORHOOD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUESTS

Ms. Blaskiewicz introduced herself and said she is the new Traffic Analyst.

Ms. Blaskiewicz said in response to several resident requests TMP is requesting that the commission approve the request and to approve sending a letter to the state for further approvals for the roads around the Cossitt Road area. The streets tend to be cut through road to access I-95 and after they had installed a speed radar sign, they thought it would be fair to lower the speed limit, and make it more enforceable, and bring awareness to the speed limit for a residential area. Similarly to bring consistency around Seaview Avenue area and address some resident requests, TMP is requesting the streets in the area all be made 25 MPH.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said she thinks the request is good, but it has been her experience in some of these communities that already have a lower speed limit the people that are speeding live in the community and suggested more enforcement. Chief Walsh said they have never received any complaints in these areas, but they can certainly investigate to see what the speeds are in the area.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling thanked the Traffic Authority for their years of service, and said it has been an honor and a privilege to chair these meetings, and he appreciates all that has been accomplished in they time that they have been on the authority.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd