

PSAC Meeting
March 27th 2025
Public Safety Building

Attendance

Chair: Shimron Tubman (Linwood)

Vice Chair: Stephan Lashbrook (Lewelling/TSP)

Secretary: Jessica Peterson (Hector Campbell)

NDA Representatives: Elvis Clark (Ardenwald), Christine Giatti (Lake Road/TSP), Julie King (Island Station), Andy Fisher (Historic Milwaukie)

At-Large members: Jack Hudson, Camden Mckone, Rachel Burlington

City Engineering Liaisons: Jeff Tolentino, Ben Green, Adi Salinas

Police: Luke Strait

Safe Routes to School: Nicole Perry

Safety & Security NCSD: David Kruse

A quorum was established

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Tubman

I. Approve Minutes

Revisions in Discussion- Spot Proposal section- “Flashers on Stanley”

1st & 2nd bullet before the vote- Correction:

- “Tony” should be replaced with Jeff

3rd bullet before the vote- helping to explain the outcome:

- Given the reports of large fluctuations in usage patterns driven by seasonal changes in the sports being played, the weather and the number of daylight hours, it would be difficult to define a decision rule in advance of data collection.
- Since this would be Milwaukie’s first solar powered flashing crosswalk signal, there is an interest in getting one installed as soon as practical, so Public Works and Engineering can start getting hands-on experience with the system, which is widely used across the rest of Clackamas County.

(Julie/Stephan) Motion to add proposed revision to February minutes

9 approve/ 0 opposed/ 1 abstain (Camden absent in Feb) Motion Passes

(Stephan/Julie) Motion to approve the minutes with correction and revision from February minutes

9 approve/ 0 opposed/ 1 abstain (Camden absent in Feb) Motion Passes

II. Public Comment- no public comments

III. Reports

A. Police Report

- April 22nd is our Police Officer of the Year Banquet- honoring Detective Kathryn Meier and her electronic detection and emotional support dog, Flora. Tickets are available online through Milwaukiepsf.org. Proceeds from the dinner support the MPD K9 program.
- Prescription drug drop off and free shred event will be held Sat April 29th, 10am-2pm
- New hire- Jace Plumb started the 16week police academy on Feb24th
- Lateral hire Glen Bentley from Hubbard started in February. 20yrs experience and Milwaukie native
- A new records specialist will be joining our team in April, details to follow.
- Det. Meier, Records Manager Sondra Adams and Officer Ashley Sullivan participated in the 2025 Women in Law Enforcement event on March 8th, to help in recruiting.
- Officer Brian Johnson was promoted to patrol sergeant on March 13th. Sgt. Johnson has been with MPD for seven year and had 20 years previous experience in the Air Force as an MP with supervision and management experience.
- Island Station neighborhood was discussing traffic complaints with engineering staff on or around the 19th. If anyone has specific locations, times of day, and days of week, that would help with enforcement efforts. Response from NDA Rep: weekends
- Captain Cereghino just finished the federal trial for Kevin Eugene Irving. The federal judge rejected the guilty but insane defense and found Irvine guilty of aggravated assault of a federal employee with a firearm for shooting David Knapp. Sentencing will occur sometime around summer.

B. NDA Concerns

ARDENWALD: Neighbors are concerned about a proposed 7 unit cottage cluster with no off-street parking. Response: the mandate for off-street parking has been eliminated on a state and city level so the city cannot require more parking.

LINWOOD: Spot program- discuss later

HECTOR CAMPBELL: A neighbor living near Safeway is experiencing repeated damage from delivery vehicles when parking along the street. She is wondering if there is anything the city can do to protect cars from this hazardous parking spot. Response: Police reports are great tools in alerting the city to the issue as well as making a request for a traffic control device. You can find the Request for Traffic Control Device form on the city website. Submit form to the Engineering department.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE: no concerns

ISLAND STATION: Requesting the heat maps discussed at the last PSAC meeting.

Response: The heat maps were attached to last meeting's Packet. On the City website you will find the Packet for each meeting, in addition to the Agenda, CIP update, Clackamas Fire and Meeting Notes.

LAKE ROAD:

- Follow up on Gilford Rd. Response: We are in the process of doing a speed study and are waiting for feedback

- SE Main & Harrison intersection does not feel safe- especially at rush hour. What are the possibilities for making cars more aware of pedestrians and encouraging complete stops? Is a speed table an option? Response: We would like to see a traffic study to understand the problem and get better data
- Bike corral requested on Main St. (btw Harrison & City Hall) - Is bike parking the city's or the businesses responsibility? Response: Reach out to Joseph with Urban Renewal

A traffic study (aka speed study) counts the number of vehicles and how fast they are travelling. It can sense small, medium or large vehicles- but not bicycles. So a speed study wouldn't address the problem on Main & Harrison described above. The issue of concern is that cars are failing to come to a complete stop at the intersection and the pedestrian has some discomfort in crossing at that intersection. There are examples where pedestrian and bicycle use and safety are thoroughly investigated. An ODOT study looked at pedestrian and bicycle needs based on infrastructure and if we mimic that study we would be looking at every single intersection and consider multiple factors, like how close the intersection is to schools, hospitals, and transportation.

LEWELLING: Spot program- discuss later

II. Discussion SPOT Program

a. Representative from Clackamas County Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School promotes active transportation, walking and bike riding, to reduce emissions and promote healthier modes of transportation. Safe Routes to School partners with the national organization, ODOT and Street Trust. They are currently working on getting a wishlist from parents in the Linwood neighborhood. Poster art contest is open for all NCSD students- art is due May 1st. There are year-round events including: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day in Nov. Funding comes from small, medium to large opportunities. The large grants are given on a 2 year cycle.

b. Flashers on Stanley (update)

There was continued discussion on what our role is as a committee in this process and how much data do we need to move forward. PSAC has approved the RFB on Stanley & Harlow. Engineering has reiterated that we don't have full knowledge of the walking patterns around the school. Additionally, we didn't know the number of kids using the path and still don't since the gate has been unlocked at dismissal. Yet, the neighbors have asked for a project and we feel it is in alignment with the goal of the Spot Program to move forward despite the lack of data. A member suggested we make a decision rule in advance of acquiring data for Stanley. As a group we are willing to accept criticism of our decision by the city and have made a motion (below) to widen the communication channel for further discussion.

(Andy/Camden) Motion to have an assigned NDA applicant and PSAC Rep be the primary point of contact for city staff if any concerns arise with 2nd application

10 approve Motion Passes

c. Speed Bumps on Wichita (update)

Engineering described a plan to fold the speed bumps into a grind and pave project slated for summer 2025. It is already moving forward and separate from Spot. However, speed bumps and signage will be funded from Spot. Engineering is recommending we augment the project from 2 to 5 speed bumps. That would take the project cost from \$8K to \$20K. The additional bumps would slow speeds on the length of Wichita Ave. Increasing the number of bumps makes the distance between each <500ft and would prevent drivers from coming back up to high speeds. The bumps will have emergency vehicle openings. A similar speed bump project was completed on Flavel St in SE Portland. Since this is a change to the initial application, an NDA Rep will take the proposed project back to Lewelling neighbors for feedback.

d. Gravel on Hollywood (update)

Project will not move forward. Peter Passarelli is not open to adding gravel to Hollywood. Simply, a gravel drop won't have any lasting impact on the street condition. This is the first denial of the Spot program. We request to have Engineering send a document to the applicant informing them of denial, explanation included.

e. Flashers on Harrison (update)

Among the requests within the application, the rapid flashing beacon (RFB) is the priority for the applicant. The applicant and Historic NDA don't want to wait for the federal transportation study planned for this area. They would like to move forward having identified the crossings to be currently unsafe. Neighbors note the crosswalk on 24th is a blind spot on the road. Cars come upon it quickly after the turn and residents observe a pattern of hazardous last-minute breaking. Engineering would like more data to support the necessity of RFBs at these locations. Crash data reveals no pattern of speeding and relatively few incidences of crashes, none with pedestrian involvement. Engineering explains that RFBs are most useful on high speed roads with limited places to cross. The stretch of Harrison 21st -24th St is a road with a high volume of cars yet without high speeds and two crossing points.

f. Island Station Signs (initial proposal)

Not have enough time to get to this proposal

III. Action Items

a. SPOT program

Finding an impasse in our knowledge- the city wants data to justify approving Spot proposals yet we lack the means to acquire the necessary data

IV. Future Meeting Date /Agenda Items

a. Island Station Initial Proposal

b. 2nd application for Harrison & 21st / 24th

c. Next Meeting April 24th, 2025

Adjourn meeting at 8:05pm