

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

Traffic Committee Meeting
June 20, 2017
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: DC Mark Farrall, Lt. Dennis Aniunas, Tim Filasky, Tom Parkins

Absent: Andrew Haines, Administration
Marvin Howard, Parking Division
Dave Gula, WILMAPCO

Guests: Mary Ellen Gray, Planning & Development

1. Request for a no u-turn restriction heading west on S. Main Street at Amstel Avenue.

DC Farrall said this request was received through Representative Baumbach. DC Farrall said this item was tabled from the previous Traffic Committee meeting for further investigation by the committee members.

DC Farrall said the Traffic Unit reviewed this location and determined that with the bike lane on the east side you can't properly perform a u-turn due to the turning radius. The bike lane on the east side is 6' wide and the northbound lane is 11' wide with a turning radius of approximately 9'.

Mr. Filasky said he attempted to perform a u-turn and agrees it can't be done.

Mr. Parkins asked if attempted u-turns have been observed. DC Farrall said he has observed attempted u-turns and vehicles having to make 3-point turns.

Motion by Mr. Parkins, seconded Lt. Aniunas, to restrict U-turns westbound on S. Main Street at Amstel Avenue.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Vote: 4 to 0

Mr. Filasky said this is a state maintained road. Mr. Filasky said he would review the signage and striping plan for a "No U-turn" sign at this location. DC Farrall said based upon the results of Public Works reviewing the signage and striping plan either way the recommendation would be for DelDOT install a "No U-turn" sign at this location.

2. Request to install signage on N. College Avenue prohibiting trucks over 7500 lbs.

DC Farrall said the agenda item reads, "N. College Avenue" and should read "northbound S. College Avenue. DC Farrall said this item was requested by a police officer that frequently works truck enforcement.

DC Farrall said the sign would need to be posted south of Rte. 4 and westbound Rte. 4 east of Rte. 896. DC Farrall said there are currently signs posted on Delaware Avenue and E. Main Street for southbound S. College Avenue. DC Farrall said it is listed in the code but it is not properly signed.

DC Farrall recommended removing this item from the Traffic Committee agenda.

3. Request to include in the city code Section 20-224.1.1. Vehicles with more than two axles, add to (1) Tyre Avenue, between Christina Parkway and Otts Chapel Road.

DC Farrall said this item should read, Christina Parkway between Elkton Road and S. College Avenue. DC Farrall said the current city code only lists Tyre Avenue within the city.

DC Farrall said he believes the reason this location isn't listed in city code is because it is a state road. DC Farrall said police officers still can issue citations for trucks using this road.

Mr. Parkins asked if a truck is pulled over how are they currently cited. DC Farrall said they are cited for violating the weight restriction that is posted. Lt. Aniunas said the majority are cited for oversize and overweight. Mr. Parkins said his understanding is changing the wording in the code wouldn't make a difference. Lt. Aniunas said that is correct.

DC Farrall said his recommendation would be to remove this from the Traffic Committee agenda with no motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Mark Farrall, Acting Chairman

Any supporting documents pertaining to this meeting will be held on file at the police department.