

STEBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Friday, June 29, 2018

10:00 a.m.

South Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

PRESENT: Chief Chad Mullen, Bath Village Police Department
Chief Jeff Spaulding, Corning City Police Department
Lorelei Wagner, Public Health
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate's Association
Steve Catherman, Public Works
Carol A. Ferratella, Legislator, District 13
Martin Butler, New York State Department of Transportation
Matt Sousa, Planning

OTHERS: K. Michael Hanna, Legislator, District 5
Sergeant P.J. Dyring, Corning City Police Department
Beth Burdick, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership
Joe Flint, New York State Department of Transportation
June Richards-Munroe, New York State Department of Transportation

PRESENTATION

Beth Burdick from Genesee Valley Education Partnership, shared a PowerPoint presentation about the Creating Healthy Schools Initiative. This is a federal, five-year grant which will enable the creation of healthy schools and communities. As part of that, one of the components is the Complete Streets policies. This is a community strategy to look at roadway safety and convenience, including mobility and accessibility for users of all ages and abilities. Two school districts in Steuben County received this funding; Prattsburgh and Campbell-Savona.

Ms. Burdick stated the focus of the program is to look at sidewalks, bicycle lanes, shoulder paving, signage and crosswalks. This in turn will provide exercise opportunities, improve safety and stimulate economic development. She stated 50 percent of trips taken by car are less than three miles. Approximately 28 percent of trips are less than one mile and we drive a car for approximately 72 percent of those trips.

Ms. Burdick stated we are looking at policies, practices and programs. We are looking for options that are low-cost and easy to implement. Examples would include connecting sidewalks, updating walkways and crossings, ensuring that walkways and crossings are ADA compliant. Other examples include putting in bike lanes, bike lane markings and bike racks. The steps to do that include passing a complete streets ordinance, a comprehensive plan and changing zoning codes. She stated these types of things could be looked at when road projects are being done or when sidewalks need to be replaced.

Mr. Butler commented this is very interesting. From a DOT perspective, we look at these things and partner with local groups when considering projects. Ms. Burdick stated if you can keep the communities involved with a complete streets policy, it also puts the community in a better spot to receive funding.

Mrs. Ferratella commented in Corning we have areas that would benefit from this, but they are State roads. Where would we start? Mr. Butler replied if we have an upcoming project and the community has a plan, then we will reach out to the community for their input.

Ms. Burdick stated in this grant we are working with the Town of Campbell, the Town and Village of Bath, Village of Savona, and the Towns of Wheeler and Prattsburgh. We can also work with the County. If there are any other communities that want to join, we would work with them as well. Discussion followed.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Mullen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 30, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MRS. FERRATELLA. SECONDED BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Town of Pulteney – Request to Reduce Speed Limit on Middle Road between Shuart Road and the Town of Urbana Town Line and on Wright Road between Middle Road and County Route 76.

Mr. Butler informed the committee that the DOT sent a letter to the town dated June 25, 2018. In that letter we rejected the reduced speed limit request on Wright Road, however, we suggested a stop ahead sign. We did agree with their request to reduce the speed on Middle Road and we also recommended curb warning signs in addition to a speed limit of 45mph.

Mr. Hanna stated he is a Legislator representing Prattsburgh, Pulteney and Urbana. He is surprised that the DOT did not recommend a speed reduction on Wright Road. The other end of that road is where a new distillery is being built and the opposite end is Middle Road. Mr. Butler asked is the distillery under construction? Mr. Hanna replied he believes it is pretty much completed. The other factor and issue in that area is that new housing is being built. Mr. Butler explained the road itself does not warrant a reduced speed. However, with the activity in some of those places; as things get more built up, we may want to revisit this. Chief Mullen suggested talking with the Sheriff and the State Police to see if they could do targeted enforcement in that area.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Planning

- Mr. Sousa stated they have been working with Ms. Burdick on the Creating Health Schools Initiatives grant. Mr. Mullen asked will you be holding meetings with the municipalities? Ms. Burdick replied we still start doing meetings with the municipalities, but our focus at this point is on the two schools who were awarded the grant. Mr. Sousa commented they have had some preliminary discussions with the schools, but another meeting with the Campbell Town Board is warranted.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented the new bus stop in Savona looks very nice. Mr. Sousa commented we are also looking at upgrading the bus stop in Bath.

B. Public Works

- Mr. Catherman stated they are busy building bridges and working on road projects. We did have an issue with a traffic detour in Woodhull related to a bridge, and DOT was able to help us out with that.

C. Corning Police Department

- Chief Spaulding stated that he has nothing new to report. He introduced Sergeant P.J. Dyring who is retiring from the department today. He will be working part-time for the Sheriff's Office on the Navigation Patrol.

D. New York State Department of Transportation

- Mr. Flint stated every two years the NYSDOT has the TAP (Transportation Alternative Projects) program. This is a \$150 million grant program. This is a competitive grant and applications are accepted every two years. The application is currently open. One of the major components is the Safe Routes to Schools. The more municipalities that are aware of this and apply for funding, the higher the chance that we can get the funding into our region.

Chief Mullen asked is this a regional grant? Mr. Flint replied they do base the awards on region. Last cycle we did well as Elmira had a large pedestrian bridge project. The cut-off date for application submission is August 12th. However, in order to submit an application, you have to attend a workshop. We can make the video available for you to sit through.

- Mr. Butler commented the State is working on many projects including the Harris Hill Bridge replacement. The City of Hornell paving project is complete. We are also working on deck replacements on I-390 over CR90 in Wayland and Livingston County.
- Mr. Butler commented they also have a yearly pavement marking contract and this year they have added the pedestrian safety action plan and will be working on that throughout the region. The total package is not complete, but we have a lot of locations. This will be added to the contract and means that numerous crosswalks will be updated with enhanced signage. The areas that will see this will be City of Hornell, Town and Village of Bath, Town of South Corning, City of Corning, Village of Riverside and Village of Painted Post.

Chief Mullen commented he appreciates the change in design that the State did for the Bridge on 54 to accommodate pedestrian crossings.

- Mr. Butler stated they also have their regular vendor paving projects that will be occurring in the Village of Bath, I-86 in the Town of Hornellsville, I-390 in the Town of Wayland, SR21 in the towns of Cohocton and Wayland and SR54 in the Town of Urbana.

E. Magistrate's Association

- Justice Rouse-Nichols commented they continue to work on countywide arraignments.

F. Public Health

- Ms. Wagner stated they are currently doing the Community Health Assessment Survey which can be accessed on www.myhealthstory2018.com. We need to get as many people as we can to participate in the survey. She encouraged the members of the committee to complete the survey and encourage others to do the same. The survey goes through the end of July.
- She stated they are working with Ardent Solutions in Allegany County to do car seat checks at WIC locations.

G. Legislature

- Mrs. Ferratella stated the Corning Food Pantry has moved to Route 352 and they are looking for a bus shelter. She asked if there would be any available. Mr. Sousa replied they will take a look at it.

H. Bath Police Department

- Chief Mullen stated he has been working on redoing his records management system, and hopefully this is a system that can be used countywide.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY CHIEF SPAULDING AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature