

**Caldwell Traffic Commission  
Minutes  
November 6th, 2024 @ 2:00**

**Present:** Robb MacDonald (RM), Robin Collins (RC) Bruce Mills (BM), August Medellin (AM), Jake Clinger (JC), Tammy Frans™

\*MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) \*ROW (Right-of-Way) \*TC (Traffic Commission)  
\*MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) \*ITD (Idaho Transportation Department)

**Old Business – None**

**New Business –**

**1. Request Crosswalk at Skyway and Commonwealth Ave. – David Luzzi**

I noticed kids from school were having a hard time crossing the street there (Commonwealth and Skyway). . A lot of kids coming from vision school walk-through our neighborhood try to cross where I marked. I see kids will run for it when they get a chance.

The Traffic Commission reviewed Mr. Luzzi’s request for a crosswalk at the intersection of Commonwealth and Skyway and the surrounding intersections on Skyway. A motion was made and TC agreed unanimously to have the intersection analyzed and pedestrian headcounts taken to see if it meets the criteria for a crosswalk. Based in those findings, the Street department will move forward accordingly.

**Action:** Bruce Mills will conduct a pedestrian count and work with the Street department according to his findings.

**2. Request Traffic Study at 18<sup>th</sup> and Montana – Jacob Witucki**

The property owner (Lainey) located at 1817 S Montana Ave told me about her concerns regarding the Intersection @ 18th and Montana.

The intersection at 18<sup>th</sup> and Montana is not a typical intersection. Bruce Mills, Deputy Director over transportation, is already looking into this intersection and shared the possibly alternative layout shown below.



A motion was made and TC agreed unanimously to have the Deputy Director conduct a traffic study of this intersection and continue to look at an alternative layout to improve safety at this intersection.

**Action:** Bruce Mills will conduct a traffic study continue to work towards an alternative layout.

### **3. Request Jake Brake signage – Leticia Garcia**

Is there any signage that can be put up for jake braking? I live off Middleton and Hwy 20-26. These truckers are constantly using there jake braking before reaching the stop light.

While difficult to enforce, the City does have an Ordinance(07-1304) that prohibits use of air compression brakes. The intersection of Middleton and State Hwy 20/26 is shared jurisdiction between Highway District 4, the State of Idaho and the City of Caldwell.

A motion was made and the Traffic Commission agreed unanimously that it would be best to have signage on all legs of this intersection coming into the City. Therefore, the Public Works Director will be reaching out to Highway District 4 and the State of Idaho Transportation Department to request permission to put up signage on each leg of the intersection. Once permission is granted, the City of Caldwell will request the City Street department to install signage noting the code and prohibiting the use of air compression brakes.

**Action:** Robb MacDonald will reach out to HD4 and the State to obtain permission to post signage. Once permission is received, the Street department will install signs.

### **4. Request Stop sign at Ward and Linden - Dorothy**

I would like to submit a request For a stop sign at the intersection of Ward and Linden Avenue. That intersection sees a tremendous amount of traffic due to two different schools entering and exiting there.

This is considered a deficient intersection and the City is currently working to put a roundabout at that intersection. The roundabout design is complete and construction is expected to begin in Spring 2025. With the roundabout project underway, the Traffic Commission agreed unanimously to decline this request.

**Action:** Tammy will send Dorothy correspondence explaining the TC determination.

### **5. Request 5mph speed limit sign on Juniper St. – Russell Goldsmith**

I would like to request some 5mph speed limit signs for juniper St I own from the road to my garage but people fly down this road all day with no regard to all the children or people who live on this road attached is pictures of the road in question.

Traffic Commission reviewed Mr. Goldsmiths request for 5mph signs on Juniper.

In reviewing the map, the dirt road Mr. Goldsmith refers to is an alley rather than a street and alleys are not posted with speed limit signs.

**Action:** Tammy will send Mr. Goldsmith correspondence explaining the TC determination.

### **6. Request enhanced Road Markings and Signage – Anna Gordon**

I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing issue regarding traffic management at the exit of Caldwell High parking lot.

I propose two potential solutions for consideration:

1. **Enhanced Road Markings**: Painting additional road markings that clearly indicate "Right Turn Only" could serve as a visual reminder to drivers, reinforcing compliance with the existing signage.
2. **Additional Signage**: Installing an additional sign at the exit that highlights the right-turn only rule may further deter drivers from making left turns.

Traffic Commission reviewed Ms. Gordon's request for enhancements to the entrance at Caldwell High School. The entrance is on private property and falls under the Caldwell School Districts jurisdiction to make changes. Tax dollars cannot be spent to enhance private property.

However, the city Deputy Director of Transportation, Bruce Mills, has (and is) working with Eric Phillips at the school district office on this ingress/egress. Bruce will continue to work with Eric in hopes of finding a better layout for this entrance.

#### **Request Stop Resource/ Weather Pending Business:**

1. A signal is planned at 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Blaine Street in front of the Simplot Stadium. The signal currently installed at Santa Anna and Ustick Road midblock will be repurposed for this project once the Ustick/Santa Anna RAB is complete.

Any person needing special accommodation to participate in a public meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office ([cityclerk@cityofcaldwell.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofcaldwell.org) or (208) 455-4656) prior to the meeting.

Cualquier persona que necesite adaptaciones especiales para participar en una reunión pública debe comunicarse con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal ([cityclerk@cityofcaldwell.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofcaldwell.org) o (208) 455-4656 antes de la reunión.