

WEST SCIOTO AREA COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Commissioners Dyszel, Cabral, Leppert, Grinch were present. Quorum not met, no business could be discussed.

Guest speakers to area residents present: Reynaldo Stargell- Traffic Department

Outlined some basics about traffic impact studies:

Requirement for a development is determined by city code. There are industry guidelines that determine potential traffic impact.

Questions from residents:

Are developments considered individually or with future developments in mind?

Depends if are is being considered for other future developments those may be considered and a larger scope of the traffic impact study (TIS) would be requested. The Quarry and McKinley development is an example of a larger study. The area extends from Scioto Darby on the North, Hague on the west, 5th Ave on the south and Riverside on the East.

Assumptions of future development may be pulled from similar developments if available. MORPC has been asked for area growth rate projections.

TIS attempts to project 10 years in the future. If this projection indicates significant road improvements will need to be made the City will ask for developers to contribute to the funding of the project.

McKinley road apartment development (Phase 1 and 2) has traffic study completed, turn lane improvements were required. Phase 3 and 4 are part of the Quarry study.

The first step is for the City to work out a Memorandum of Understanding with the developers and their traffic firm. This is in process now. Then a draft of the study plan will be submitted to the city for review before the study being.

TIS are public record but there is not a process for staff to update area commissions on the process moving along.

Length of time for the TIS is dependent on the developers and their consultants. The TIS must be completed when school is in session and not on a holiday. Seasonal traffic changes might also be considered if it changes in the area.

With expensive apartments being built does the City consider that there might be more cars that bedrooms in each apartment? City follows guidance based on zoning board information (# of dwelling units, bedrooms, similar developments).

Do TIS consider pedestrian traffic and access? TIS looks at intersections and crossing for pedestrians (signal timing, crosswalks).

How will the TIS be conducted for the Phase 3 and 4 when the development details are unknown? City will consider maximum footage development and use that for the traffic estimates.

Why are some areas developed ahead of time with roads and traffic control but others are not? Depends on funding and issues at intersections. Intersections with high amounts of accidents will be prioritized. Other funding sources as MORPC, ODOT, and developers. External funding of a project might be 80-90% external.

What is the estimated time of completion for the TIS for the Quarry/McKinley development? 2-6 months. City will start reviewing data as it is generated.

Are there any improvements schedule for the two bridges (over 270 and over train tracks) on Trabue Road? No.

In general sidewalks and multi-use paths are being required by City. Interconnectivity of developments is encouraged unless determined to be unsafe.

Does money given to the City by a developer get earmarked for the specific project? No, it goes into an area planning pot. Program may be in need of review but there is no timeline for that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.