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**Streets and Roads Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
7:00 p.m. – In Person at Town Hall**

I. Call to Order and Pledge

- a. Meeting called to Order at 6:58 PM by Chair Luci.

Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Luci Riegel, members Michael Shippen, Zachary Fanning, new member Gary Fry, and Ted Stathis. Also attending were Council Liaison Karl Munder, Erich Stockdale from Public Works, and Sgt. Brooks.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes from last meeting reviewed. Chair Luci motioned to approve the minutes; Zach seconded.

III. Public Comment Pertaining to Non-Agenda Items:

- a. There were no public comments.

IV. Staff Updates

- a. Sgt. Brooks, of the Mount Airy Police Department (MAPD) reviewed some items from the July and August reports to the Town Council:

1. July: 12 stops, 4 citations, 11 warnings
2. August: 16 stops, 13 citations, 19 warnings, 1 Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO), and 1 traffic arrest.
3. Traffic enforcement conducted on Park Ave. Eastbound and on Ridge Rd. at Merridale.
4. Sgt. Brooks reported that the Carroll County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic enforcement action on Route 27 near Watkins Park. 1,078 vehicles were observed, and citations were issued after they were pulled over. The Mount Airy Police Department (MAPD) participated.

5. The following traffic studies were conducted:
- a. McDonald's, Northbound
 - b. 501 Park Ave., Westbound
 - c. 1604 S. Main St., Southbound
 - d. 605 Park Ave., Eastbound

Hard copies of the reports, generated by Sgt. Brooks were handed out during the meeting; snapshots of the summary pages are illustrated below.

ALL TRAFFIC
SOLUTIONS



Start: 2025-09-12
End: 2025-09-25
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

Speed Summary

Mcdonalds, NB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 6
Speed Limit: ~~25~~ 30
Average Speed: 31.81
50th Percentile Speed: 31.01
85th Percentile Speed: 37.37
Pace Speed Range: 25-35

Minimum Speed: 25
Maximum Speed: 62
Display Mode: Single Message
Average Volume per Day: 4442.2
Total Volume: 26653



Start: 2025-07-31
End: 2025-08-11
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

Speed Summary

501 park ave, WB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 12
Speed Limit: 25
Average Speed: 27.77
50th Percentile Speed: 27.26
85th Percentile Speed: 29.97
Pace Speed Range: 24-34

Minimum Speed: 25
Maximum Speed: 47
Display Mode: Single Message
Average Volume per Day: 591.3
Total Volume: 7095



Start: 2025-09-12
End: 2025-09-25
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

Speed Summary

1604 S. main, SB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 13
Speed Limit: 25 *30*
Average Speed: 28.48
50th Percentile Speed: 27.85
85th Percentile Speed: 31.58
Pace Speed Range: 25-35

Minimum Speed: 25
Maximum Speed: 52
Display Mode: Single Message
Average Volume per Day: 3647.6
Total Volume: 47419



Start: 2025-07-31
End: 2025-08-11
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

Speed Summary

605 park ave, EB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 12

Speed Limit: 25

Average Speed: 27.64

50th Percentile Speed: 27.08

85th Percentile Speed: 29.77

Pace Speed Range: 24-34

Minimum Speed: 25

Maximum Speed: 44

Display Mode: Single Message

Average Volume per Day: 541.3

Total Volume: 6495

- b. Erich Stockdale, from Mount Airy Public Works, reviewed these items from his report:
 - 1. The STOP sign at Park Ave. and Merridale Blvd. was upgraded.
 - 2. Speed monitors were installed on Ridgeville Blvd.

V. Councilman Munder presented the Council Liaison report.

- a. Work on the traffic circle on S. Main St. and Ridgeville Blvd. has begun, as reported to the Town Council during the September 8th meeting.
- b. Karl reported the Upper Deck has asked for a painted walkway from the upper parking lot to the rear entrance of their establishment.

VI. Main Street Safety Report

- a. S&R member Michael Shippen will collect the "Slow Down for Your Home Town" signs.
- b. S&R Liaison to MDOT Karl Munder has the following items on a "watch list":
 - 1. Progress of the planned pedestrian signs on Main St. at the Aleworks and St. James Donation locations.
(Note: Refer to S&R Commission Meeting Minutes, July 29, 2025, item VII.a.1).
 - 2. Route 27 expansion.

VII. Old Business

- a. Pedestrian Crossing Sign at N. Main Street – OPEN
 - 1. Nothing new to report; on the watch list.

- b. Traffic Circle – OPEN
 - 1. Work has started (see item V.a above)
 - 2. Ted asked Karl how the public can obtain the current status on the traffic circle.
 - 3. New S&R member Gary Fry about how information about detours, related to the traffic circle construction, will be disseminated.
 - 4. ACTION ITEM: Karl agreed to follow up with Town Hall to answer these questions.

- c. Buffalo Road Speeding – CLOSED
 - 1. Karl did not contact Mr. Becker, who had originally complained about speeding.

- d. August “Slow Down for Your Home Town” Sign Blast – CLOSED
 - 1. See item VI.a above.

- e. Park Ave. & Merridale Blvd. – CLOSED
 - 1. Ted asked about the speeding criterion that would concern us. Sgt. Brooks replied that we use the NTSHA standard of 10 or more MPH **average speed** exceedance.

 - 2. A short discussion about the traffic study results at the McDonald’s location followed, led by Sgt. Brooks.
 - a. Chair Luci asked the traffic study at the same location be repeated, after the traffic circle is open to traffic.

 - 3. Ted asked how a traffic study is initiated. Sgt. Brooks responded that it could be a result by a citizen complaint to himself or requested by the S&R Commission.
 - a. Chair Luci constantly reviews past and new speed studies and may also ask for a fresh speed study, at a specific location that was monitored previously.

VIII. New Business

- a. In Street Pedestrian Signage – CLOSED

Chair Luci reported that someone had requested hinged pedestrian signs be installed.

- b. Sidewalk Improvements – CLOSED

This was an item communicated to Chair Luci prior to the meeting by Ted.

1. Chair Luci stated that maintenance of the sidewalks is the responsibility of the homeowner or business. When Ted asked who contacts the owner for a sidewalk problem or if emergency repairs have to be made, Chair Luci responded the Town will contact the owner in either case.

c. Priority List for Long-Term Projects – CLOSED

This was an item communicated to Chair Luci prior to the meeting by Ted.

1. Ted explained that this list would be items brought to our attention by the residents or spawned from other items. These are items with long-term closure. The goal would be to steer the S&R Commission from being a purely reactionary body.
2. Zach mentioned that, typically, a Governmental body, such as the Town of Mount Airy, is reactionary and that there are many reasons for that behavior.
3. Gary recognized the need for the Town to be somewhat proactive, considering ADA compliance.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM, with a motion by Ted, seconded by Zach.
- b. The next meeting will be held on 11/25/25 at 7 pm in Town Hall.