

**TRAFFIC BOARD**  
**March 14, 2013**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

*Jim Hoekstra*  
*4/21/14*

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

- a. Members Present: Jim Hoekstra (Traffic Engineer), Andrea Augustine (City Planner), Bruce Merchant (Director of Public Service), Fred Nagler (City Engineer)
- b. Members Absent: City Manager, Chief of Dept. of Public Safety
- c. Others Present: Leslie Hoffman (Central City Parking), Steve Deisler (DKI)

**3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

**4. New Business**

**5. Old Business**

- a. Eleanor/Rose Intersection
  - i. Jim Hoekstra provided background on the issue. DKI had requested the City investigate pedestrian safety at the intersection in 2012. City staff has reviewed crash data (2003-2011) and found 5 pedestrian and bike accidents (1-2007, 2-2008, and 2-2010). The intersection is not considered a “high crash location” per the KATS/SEMCOG procedure. There was a pattern of angle type crashes with vehicles from Eleanor being hit by NB/SB traffic.
  - ii. Jim Hoekstra reviewed the possible mitigation measures and stated that a traffic signal and stop signs are not recommended by the traffic engineer as they would increase congestion in this area. Stop bars could also not be painted as buildings inhibit sight distance. Other possible measures included a R10-15 sign (right turning vehicles yield to pedestrians), a R10-15 sign with beacon, converting Eleanor to a one-way street for eastbound traffic, and extending the median further north to effectively make Eleanor a right in/right out.
  - iii. The board discussed the alternatives, cost, funding sources, and effectiveness.
  - iv. While the R10-15 sign was identified to not be as effective as the median alternative, it has the least expensive. The board determined that the sign should be installed (for northbound traffic) and if further concerns arise, the alternatives could be revisited.

**6. Citizen Comments**

**7. Miscellaneous Comments or Concerns**

**8. Next Meeting**

- a. Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.
- b. Agenda Items Submitted to Jim Hoekstra (hoekstraj@kalamazoocity.org)  
by April 4, 2012

**9. Adjournment**