

# Upper Makefield *Township*

## *Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting*

May 24, 2023

The May 24, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Traffic Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Leena Saini at 12:04 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Traffic Advisory Committee: Chair Leena Saini, Vice Chair Sean Cottrell and Secretary Larry Dennedy and Member Robert Palmer. Supervisor/Liaison Tom Cino, Township Manager David Nyman and Supervisor Ben Weldon were also in attendance.

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Saini at 12:04p.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Cottrell and seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve the March 29, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

### **III. Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety for Quadrant 1 (Washington Crossing Bridge to 4-way Intersection)**

Each member of the committee provided input on strategies for traffic calming with an emphasis on pedestrian safety. The suggestions were a continuation of the last meeting session.

Ms. Saini proposed focusing on two or three potential solutions.

- Comparing the benefits of a paved sidewalk vs a brick sidewalk.
- The removal of the crosswalk closest to the bridge and relocating it closer to River Road.
- Adding a speed table at the proposed crosswalk location can force motorists to slow down.

Mr. Palmer suggested other improvements to the intersection.

- The DRJTB parks on the Pennsylvania side of the bridge. The presence of the vehicle slows down traffic.
- The committee needs to confirm the proposed use of the older buildings on Route 532.
- The effect of cobblestones on bicyclists must be investigated.

Mr. Dennedy proposed suggestions for vehicular traffic regulation.

- The committee needs to look at PennDot standards for crossings to see what will be permitted.
- A stormwater design will need to be done for the area since the topography and flows will be altered.

Mr. Cottrell suggested measures to regulate traffic.

- The maximum height of an elevated crosswalk and its effect on pedestrians have to be investigated.
- PennDot will need to approve the raised area.
- A traffic oval was proposed as part of a master design.

Mr. Nyman stated the committee should be able to get grant money for the proposal and the Township should meet with the State to propose an integrated design with the park improvements. Additionally, it was reiterated that the Township will be responsible to maintain traffic signals.

Mr. Cino informed the committee this intersection has a history of serious incidents involving pedestrians.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**V. Next Meeting: July 26, 2023**

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Saini and seconded by Mr. Cottrell to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Approved: July 26, 2023