

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
October 20, 2025

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: City Engineer Jeremy Kalb, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, Police Chief James Mathias.

STAFF PRESENT: Law Director Rob Feighner, Public Works Superintendent Dave Honse, Traffic Signal Supervisor Jake Kelley, Kathy Launder.

GUESTS PRESENT:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Danny Delong, 130 Woodcliff Drive, for a four-way stop at Lester Avenue and Anna Street.

7/21/2025

Danny Delong stated that there are currently four-way stops on Anna Street at Edith Avenue and Melrose Avenue. Motorists are speeding on Anna Street. Requesting a four-way stop at Anna Street and Lester Avenue to slow this traffic. Kalb stated that stop signs are not for speed control just for turning movements. Chief Mathias stated there have not been any accidents reported at this intersection in the last five years. They have done extra enforcement in this area for the last several years. Kalb stated that he would rather move the four-way stop from Anna Street and Edith Street to Anna Street and Lester Avenue, but there may be a sight distance issue with a tree. Kelley stated he can post radar signs to gather speed data. Kalb stated we can gather traffic counts in the area as well.

Motion to set up radar signs to gather data for speed and gather traffic counts, and postpone until data is received, by Director Martin, second by Chief Mathias. Motion passed 4-0.

8/18/2025

Item remains tabled.

10/20/2025

Motion to lift item from table, by Chief Mathias, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 3-0.

Kalb stated that after reviewing the speed data and traffic counts that were obtained, a four-way stop at this intersection is not warranted. Kalb reiterated that stop signs are not to be used for speed control. There were a few instances of speed, but not enough to warrant a stop sign. If you add more stop signs, you will see more speeding from stop sign to stop sign.

Motion to deny request for a four-way stop at Lester Avenue and Anna Street due to the traffic counts and speed data recorded do not warrant for speed control, by Kalb, second by Chief Mathias. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Keshia Scott, 235 W. Melrose Avenue, for a blinking crosswalk across W. Melrose Avenue at Beecher Street.

Kalb stated that the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for W. Melrose Ave. is 2682, speed limit is 25 MPH. The Ohio Manual for Uniform Traffic Control dictates that in order to put a crosswalk across Melrose Avenue and Beecher Street, curb ramps would need to be installed, would need to paint the curbs, and there would be a parking restriction of 20 feet from each side of the crosswalk. Will have to cut curb on north and south side. Can put up a yellow crosswalk sign. Blinking crosswalk sign is not warranted. The question arose if bussing is coming back. If bussing doesn't come back, we should consider a crosswalk due to motorists stacked in both directions on Melrose and through traffic weaving around stacked motorists. If bussing doesn't come back this intersection as well as other intersections near schools will need to be reevaluated for traffic flow. Honse stated if crosswalk is approved, work wouldn't be able to begin until spring 2026.

Motion to deny request at this time for a blinking crosswalk across W. Melrose Avenue at Beecher Street; if bussing is not reinstated for Findlay City Schools, reevaluate this request as well as other intersections near schools for traffic flow, by Chief Eberle, second by Kalb. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Request of Trent McVey, 1431 Ritchey Avenue, for a “no outlet” sign on Ritchey Avenue.

Kalb stated that we need to make sure that the sign says No Outlet, not dead end.

Motion to approve request for a no outlet sign on Ritchey Avenue, by Chief Mathias, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Request of Kyla Minor, 1225 Blanchard Avenue, for a light up crosswalk or stop sign at S. Blanchard St. and Second Street.

Kalb stated that Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 4900 and the speed limit is 35 MPH for Blanchard St. at Second St. City and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) partnered on a project a few years ago to look at all the intersections on Blanchard St. ODOT did not add any lighting for crosswalks at that time. Kalb stated he is not in favor of a stop sign. There are already crosswalks at this intersection. Look into adding piano keys marking for the crosswalks with triangle yield markings. Honse stated that four solar blinking crosswalk signs would be about \$7200. Honse stated that he is seeing more bicycles and pedestrians through this area, not just due to bussing issue.

Motion to install blinking crosswalk signs and paint piano keys crosswalk markings with triangle yield markings because this area is one of the City’s major corridors and this area was designed to be a pedestrian/bicycle friendly area and should have a safer crossing, by Kalb, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 2-1. Chief Mathias gave the dissenting vote.

4. Request of Otto Hayfield, 408 Portz Avenue, for stop signs in alleys in the area of Portz Avenue.

Kalb is not in favor of installing stop signs for speed control. Honse stated that we need to take into consideration availability for placement of sign. If maneuverability is an issue, then we can consider. Accidents in alleys do not occur often.

Motion to deny request for stop signs in the alleys in the area of Portz Avenue because stop signs are not to be used for speed control, by Kalb, second by Chief Mathias. Motion passed 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on November 17, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk

WORK ORDERS

Minutes approved by Council 11/5/2025

Motion to

Install

Motion to

Conduct

ADMINISTRATION ACTION

Motion to