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Meeting Minutes Transportation Safety Commission

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

8:00 PM

Charles Robinson Jr. Town Hall, 127 Center
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1 Call to Order

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) met in regular session on September 30, 2025 in the Vienna Town Hall Council Chambers, 127 Center Street S. Chairman Beth Eachus opened the meeting at 8:05 pm with the following members present: Vice Chairman Donna Smith and Commissioners Leonard Ignatowski, Loginn Kapitan, Bets Tomas, Charlie Strunk and Kate French, Ken Nahigian and SallyJean Penna. Also present were Sergeant Megan Guwca, VPD, Andrew Jinks, DPW Administration and Jennifer Sigler, Clerk.

2 Approval of the July 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the July 29, 2025, meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Smith seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously 8 - 0 (1 abstention)

3 DPW Report

Cottage and Plum Traffic Calming - The Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed the week of September 29th, weather permitting.

Windover District Historic District: Traffic Safety Study - With Town Council's decision to not require public improvements during redevelopment within the district, DPW will be looking at alternatives for pedestrian and traffic safety. DPW will coordinate with the Windover Heights Board of Review (WHBR) and is developing a plan to gather speed/volume data from certain roadway sections within the district. Based on the data and engineering analysis DPW will then provide recommendations for pedestrian and traffic safety improvements (for example traffic calming features, signage, and/or pavement markings).

Maple Avenue and James Madison Drive Signal - DPW is proposing to add a signal study and design to the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The study will evaluate if an alternative signal is warranted at the intersection, currently the intersection is a HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk) signal. If the study concludes an alternative is warranted, then DPW will proceed with design and construction (for example: a standard signalized intersection).

Installing Missing Stop Signs - Where applicable, DPW has replaced various yield signs with stop signs at intersections within Town. DPW will soon add stop signs where they are missing at intersections; a few cul-de-sacs/minor streets in Town are missing stop signs for the exiting traffic. DPW is not changing the function of the intersection, just providing signage that is missing. A letter will be sent to residents within the area to inform them of the additional signage.

4 Traffic Calming Petition: DeSale Street SW at Yeonas Drive and James Drive

Residents from the area of DeSale Street SW and the intersections with Yeonas Drive and James Drive came forward with a petition for traffic calming.

Julia Burris (lead petitioner), 102 James Drive SE, said there is speeding in the area. She recently experienced a near-miss situation. There are no crosswalks, no speed humps or any other traffic calming measures in place.

Barbara Lasster, 105 James Drive SE, said drivers on DeSale Street do not stop at the stop signs. She suggested adding flashing lights to the stop signs and more police presence in the area.

Chad Blevins, 1223 Kelley Street SW, believes high visibility crosswalks and center bollards would help. Also, adding stop bars for the existing stop signs.

Sue Chappel, 101 James Drive SW, has witnessed drivers just rolling through the stop signs. There are children who cross here to get to Cunningham Park Elementary.

Carl Burnis, 102 James Drive SE, believes it should be a 4-way stop, and there should be speed humps.

Gina Womack, 1013 Cottage Street SW, stated there is a hill at this location and a daycare is nearby.

Lauren Batcher, 114 James Drive SW, would also like the intersection to be a 4-way stop.

Iliana Hardwich, 1018 DeSale Street SW (at the corner with Yeonas), says she has seen many near accidents. She mentioned it is within a mile of three schools.

Michael Wakelee, 100 Yeonas Drive SE, pointed out there is a blind spot. He added that when the police are there, people drive safer.

Adrian Rettinger, 1214 Kelley Street SW, reiterated the intersections need to be made safer – there is a visibility issue and a speeding issue.

David Novitsky, 1112 DeSale Street SW, agrees with everyone.

Jen Steiling, 108 James Drive SE, also agrees. She would like the area to be safer for her children who are now of driving age.

Supapan Pollack, 211 Ross Drive SW, has young children who walk to school. The hill causes poor visibility for drivers. She would like any traffic calming measures to be implemented.

John Kratzke, 1110 DeSale Street SW, added the intersection is not a 90° intersection which causes sketchy turns. There are near-misses all the time. There are hills in both directions. He would like to see 4-way stops and pavement markings.

Elizabeth Gurley, 104 James Drive SE, agrees with her fellow petitioners.

Thomas Aly, 1820 Prelude Drive, urged the TSC to come up with a quick solution.

Chairman Eachus asked if there were any residents that were opposed to traffic calming in this area.

Ms. Burris said there were two or three people.

Vice Chairman Smith suggested bump-outs might work at this location.

Commissioner Strunk said high visibility crosswalks would help.

Chairman Eachus directed Mr. Jinks to study the area and return with his results and recommendations at either the November 2025 or January 2026 TSC Meeting (there is no meeting in December).

5 Receipt of Petitions and Communications from the Public

NONE

These are non-action items for initial presentation only; three-minute time limit enforced

6 BAC Report

The BAC discussed the next Community Ride, which is scheduled for November 2 at 10am. Oktoberfest will offer bicycle parking again this year.

7 PAC Report

The PAC is looking at the budget as it relates to new sidewalk construction. There will be a snow article in the November newsletter asking residents to keep their sidewalks as clear of snow as possible and to assist neighbors, if possible.

8 Reports of the Commissioners

Commissioner Kapitan asked Mr. Jinks if signs like one installed at the NFCU Campus can be used elsewhere where paths enter the W&OD Trail. The sign says something about looking before entering the trail.

Commissioner Nahigian suggested the petition form should be updated.

9 Report of the Chairman

NONE

10 Meeting Adjourn

9:40pm

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