



Council, Schools To Partner on Traffic Project

The Mooresville Town Council heard a presentation by PHMS Principal Jake Allen and Superintendent Brad Lindsay Tuesday about the traffic in front of Paul Hadley Middle School during school drop off and pickup times.

The presentation included photos and information from a typical morning drop off from Friday, Aug. 31. School officials showed an overhead map of the area and showed Council members how student drivers, school staff members, and school buses all had different areas for school entrance in the morning, but the parent drop off traffic volume still remained very high in front of the school. Lines of up to 10 cars were sitting on Carlisle St. both eastbound and westbound for certain periods despite a long drop off lane in the school driveway and exits through a separate area.



About 25 cars were seen passing in the grass on the eastbound shoulder of Carlisle Street in front of the school between 7:15 and 7:40a.m. More cars were sighted passing into the middle lane from the westbound side. School officials and Council members also discussed the student walkers who also use that area.

“In my opinion, we should work with the schools and get this issue resolved,” stated Council Member Virginia Perry.

The Council voted to form a study committee to work with school officials on possible solutions and report their findings to the full Council at a future meeting. Virginia Perry and Jeff Cook were appointed to that committee. The committee will work with the schools to study where turn and passing lanes could be added to Carlisle Street to help alleviate congestion. The study will include surveys of utilities, drainage, and any other issues which might hinder the project.

“The last thing we want to do is get started and be surprised,” said Council President George Watkins.

Both groups agree the partnership will be mutually beneficial and that the overall priority for both groups is safety. Results of the study will be presented at a future Council meeting.

“We are thankful for the town’s partnership with our schools to better help us serve our students,” said Superintendent Brad Lindsay. Lindsay cited the recent work on the bridge near Carlisle and Indiana Streets, the town’s before and after school crossing guards, emergency responders, park and library programs, and other partnerships which have been mutually beneficial.



PHOTOS: Top: PHMS Principal Jake Allen shows Town Council members information gathered from an average traffic day.

Left: Commuters often drive in the grass to get around traffic congestion on Carlisle St.