

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
Tuesday, September 2, 2003

Urbana City Building  
400 South Vine Street  
Urbana, IL  
4:00 p.m.

**The Urbana Traffic Commission Meeting scheduled for September 2, 2003 has been cancelled.**

**The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7 2003 at 4:00 p.m.**

## URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 5, 2003

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Milton Otto, City Council Member  
Eddie Adair, Chief of Police  
Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawn Crowley, Traffic Enforcement Supervisor  
Rebecca Eubig, 1703 Briarcliff Drive  
Esther Patt, City Council Member (Ward 1)  
Dan Stebbins, 1404 Adams Street  
Mary Stuart, 404 East Washington Street  
Jim Lewis, 403 East Washington Street  
Nancy Clinton, Principal, Urbana Middle School, 1201 South Vine Street

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Eddie Adair moved to accept the minutes as read. Joe Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 2003.

### **Item #1 - Discussion of parking restrictions in the 400 block of East Washington Street.**

Joe Smith discussed the results of the intersection study of Washington Street and Urbana Avenue. Mr. Smith stated that the yellow curb markings should be extended an additional twenty feet to include some curb between the driveways at 311 and 401 East Washington Street. He stated that he wanted to discuss any further parking restrictions with the residents at 401 East Washington Street before considering any additional action.

Jim Lewis stated that the residents at 401 East Washington Street had moved. He asked that the Traffic Commission consider a policy that applied to three lanes of traffic merging into two lanes occurring near T-intersections. Mr. Lewis stated that the distance of yellow curbing should equal the hypotenuse of a right triangle formed by the width of street and side of the street.

Mr. Smith stated that there was a tapering of the street beginning at 307 East Washington Street that allowed vehicles enough room to transition from three lanes of traffic to two lanes which

was well before the area of concern.

Mary Stuart stated that guests at her home have backed into cars.

Mr. Lewis stated that his car had been hit while on the street.

Mr. Smith cautioned that restricting parked vehicles in front of 401 and 403 East Washington Street would move the problem to other areas on the street.

Mr. Lewis and Ms. Stuart assured the Commission that the residents in that area had ample parking on their properties.

Joe Smith stated that if the residents at 401 East Washington had no objections to parking restrictions in front of their property and if there was ample parking on the properties, then he moved to increase the length of the yellow curb to include the curb on Washington Street from the centerline of Urbana Avenue to the beginning of the driveway at 403 East Washington Street.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

The item will go to Council for consideration.

**Item #2 - Discussion of the installation of a crosswalk on Lincoln Avenue at Indiana Avenue.**

Joe Smith reviewed the Champaign-Urbana Traffic Engineering Committee's (CUTEC) guidelines for installing crosswalks in the University District. Based on those guidelines, Mr. Smith stated that the intersection did not have enough pedestrian crossings to warrant a crosswalk. He added that pedestrians could safely cross at the stop sign at Lincoln Avenue and Nevada Street and at the crosswalk located at Lincoln Avenue and Michigan Avenue. He expressed concern about placing crosswalk at every intersection along Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Smith added that he did not wish to go against the CUTEC recommendations for crosswalks.

Esther Patt stated that residents in that block had the ability to safely cross Lincoln Avenue if they chose to walk one block in either direction.

Mr. Smith stated that placing crosswalks so close together would give pedestrians a false sense of security that they could safely cross anywhere along the street.

Joe Smith moved to table this item indefinitely.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0. No action was taken.

**Item #3 - Discussion of the one-way traffic plan for Michigan Avenue between Vine Street and Broadway Avenue.**

Joe Smith explained the purpose of the temporary conversion of Michigan Avenue to one-way traffic from Vine Street to Broadway Avenue as a means to allow parents to drop off and collect students from the Urbana Middle School. He asked if the traffic plan was still necessary with the remodeling of the school completed.

Nancy Clinton stated that buses would not be unloading or loading on Michigan Avenue. She stated that the school had not been setting the signs on the street as they had been doing the year before. Ms. Clinton asked for guidance from the Traffic Commission on how to safely allow parents to drop off students on Michigan Avenue.

Joe Smith moved to continue with the one-way traffic plan for the 2003-2004 school year and review the plan before the next school year. He stated that he would research the possibility of installing folding "Do Not Enter" and "One-Way Street" signs to make it easier for school officials to change the signs.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

**Item #4 - Discussion of traffic at Briarcliff Drive and Adams Street.**

Rebecca Eubig discussed her concerns about traffic using Briarcliff Drive as a shortcut to avoid traffic signals at Florida Avenue and Philo Road. She expressed concern about vehicles traveling through the neighborhood at high speeds.

Joe Smith noted that the area had very wide streets and only "yield" signs to control traffic.

Eddie Adair asked for the times when speeding seemed to be most prevalent.

Ms. Eubig stated that the worst time was between 3 and 5 p.m.

Chief Adair suggested using the speed trailer to control speeding as an initial step.

Mr. Smith recommended looking at traffic calming techniques to try to slow traffic on an experimental basis. He stated that he would conduct a traffic count and speed study to determine the extent of the problem with cut-through traffic and speeding.

This item will be discussed at the September Traffic Commission meeting.

**Item #5 - Discussion of drop-off area at 602 West Green Street (First Presbyterian Church)**

Joe Smith stated that this item was placed on the agenda in response to a citizen request to give authority to enforcement officers to tow away vehicles that have parked in a no parking area in front of the church.

Milton Otto moved to table the item indefinitely until a representative from the church was able to attend the meeting.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0.

**Item #6 - Discussion of the installation of a stop sign on Springfield Avenue near Strawberry Fields (306 West Springfield).**

Esther Patt discussed a citizen request to install a stop sign to allow easier access from West Urbana (WUNA neighborhood) to Strawberry Fields.

Shawn Crowley stated that she had experienced difficulty in turning onto Springfield Avenue from Main Street and Race Street.

Eddie Adair stated that he would ask his officers to monitor traffic in that area.

Joe Smith stated that he would conduct traffic counts between McCullough Street and Main Street on Springfield Avenue in September when school resumed and check speeds.

This item will be discussed at the October Traffic Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 P.M.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Urbana City Building,  
Second Floor Conference Room, 400 South Vine, Urbana.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Stiehl  
Recording Secretary

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**URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** CHIEF ADAIR  
**FROM:** SGT. LARRY JACOBSEN  
**SUBJECT:** JUNE 2003 STEP  
**DATE:** 8/22/2003  
**CC:** BARB STHIEL

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**BRADLEY AVENUE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/05/03	0700-0900	11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/17/03	1100-1300	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/23/03	1700-1900	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		25/4A	NO CHILD SEAT
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**Bradley Avenue (continued)**

11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
12-611	LOUD STEREO

**COTTAGE GROVE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/02/03	1500-1700	12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		12-603	NO INSURANCE
		12-611	LOUD STEREO
		3-707	NO INSURANCE

06/12/03	1300-1500	NONE REPORTED	
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06/24/03	0700-0900	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
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**KINCH**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/06/03	1500-1700	11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/18/03	1500-1700	11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE



**LINCOLN AVENUE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/03/03	0700-0900	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/11/03	1300-1500	11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/19/03	1500- 1700	11-601B	57 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/27/03	1700-1900	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601b	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE

**Lincoln Avenue (continued)**

		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/30/03	0700-0900	11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	54 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**RACE STREET**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/09/03	0700-0900	11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
06/25/03	1300-1500	11-601B	53 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**WASHINGTON**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/13/03	0700-0900	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**WINDSOR ROAD**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/07/03	1100-1300	11-601B	56 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		3-413	EXPIRED REGISTRATION
		6-303	SUSPENDED LICENSE
		11-601B	54 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
06/14/03	1300-1500	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-601B	54 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	58 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
06/21/03	1100-1300	11-601B	54 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-703	IMPROPER PASSING
		11-601B	<b>80 MPH IN 45 MPH ZONE</b>
		11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN

**Windsor Road (Continued)**

11-601B 56 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE

11-601B 52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE

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**URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** CHIEF ADAIR  
**FROM:** SGT. LARRY JACOBSEN  
**SUBJECT:** STEP IN DETOUR AREA  
**DATE:** 8/22/2003  
**CC:** BARB STHIEL

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**ANDERSON STREET**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/16/03	0700-0900	12-503	OBSTRUCTED WINDOWS
06/24/03	1100-1300	NONE REPORTED	
06/26/03	1300-1500	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
06/30/03	1300-1500	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN

**RACE STREET**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
06/19/03	1100-1300	NONE REPORTED	
06/27/03	0700-0900	11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

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**URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** CHIEF ADAIR  
**FROM:** SGT. L. JACOBSEN  
**SUBJECT:** JULY 2003 STEP  
**DATE:** 8/22/2003  
**CC:** J. SMITH, O. MILTON

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**ANDERSON STREET (DETOUR AREA)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/02/03	1500-1700	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		6-303	SUSPENDED LICENSE
07/07/03	0700-0900	11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
07/21/03	1300-1500	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		12-603.1	NO SEAT BELT
		11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN

**BRADLEY AVENUE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/08/03	1500-1700	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**BRADLEY AVENUE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/08/03	1500-1700	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
07/22/03	1700-1900	11-601B	51 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		3-702	SUSPENDED REGISTRATION
		6-303	SUSPENDED LICENSE

**KINCH STREET**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/17/03	1500-1700	12-603.1	NO SEAT BELT USED
		12-603.1	NO SEAT BELT USED
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
07/25/03	0700-0900	3-707	NO INSURANCE

**LINCOLN AVENUE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/03/03	1100-1300	11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**LINCOLN AVENUE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/03/03	1100-1300	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/09/03	1300-1500	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/14/03	1700-1900	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/18/03	1500-1700	11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		12-603.1	NO SEAT BELTS
		12-603.1	NO SEAT BELTS
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
3-413	EXPIRED REGISTRATION		
07/24/03	0700-0900	3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE



**LINCOLN AVENUE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/29/03	1100-1300	11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/31/03	0700-0900	11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**MAIN STREET**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/10/03	1500-1700	11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/30/03	0700-0900	11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**RACE STREET (DETOUR AREA)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/02/03	1500-1700	11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-706	IMPROPER PASSING

**RACE STREET (DETOUR AREA)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/11/03	0700-0900	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
07/15/03	1100-1300	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204 B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
07/23/03	1100-1300	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN

**RACE SOUTH OF WINDSOR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/28/03	1300-1500	11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

**WINDSOR ROAD**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
07/01/03	0700-0900	11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
07/16/03	0700-0900	11-601B	52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-804	IMPROPER TURN
		3- 413	EXPIRED REGISTRATION
07/19/03	1000-1200	11-601B	52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
07/26/03	1100-1300	NONE REPORTED	