

PTSA Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes, 2/27/2020

- Meeting with the County to discuss drop-off zones on Farragut Ave is now on March 12. Idea is to lose 8 parking spots going south and use the island area going north.

- School St:

- We will do a one-way test starting 4/20 - 6/25.
- The message board will be out starting 4/14. Located at the intersection of Mount Hope and School St.
- Mark will create a short questionnaire to gather baseline data beforehand and then during the test.
- We will wait until September to test moving the parking to the residential side of the street and creating a drop-off zone
- Public info meeting about the one way test will take place on 3/12, possibly in the Orr room at the library. Marisa and Georgia will flyer the neighborhood on 3/9.
- Possibly create an informational video about the one-way street test featuring Chief Dosin.

Bump-outs at Mt. Hope and Rosedale:

- Need to be designed out by traffic engineers
- Need to bid it out to more than just Mossy Fern

FMS Drop-off Zone:

- We'll let Lori continue working the crosswalk and guiding the traffic in the driveway.

Hillside Ave signage:

- Need No Parking, No Standing, No Drop-off signs. Georgia, can the Village provide?

Circle at Rosedale:

- Need signage indicating that it is a circle. Georgia, can the Village provide?

Opening "Scary" Street:

- Chief Dosin to bring this option to the Safety Council. Including need for speed bumps along "Scary" Street and crosswalk.

Opening of school in September 2020:

- Organize all drop-off zones according to where people are coming from (hopefully we'll have FMS, School St, and Farragut each way!)
- Communicate to parents in August (including info video?)
- Have Keogh and new FMS principal be a visible presence outside
- Bump out zones in place

PTSA Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes, 2/4/2020

We had a good meeting today. Talked about the possible dropoff zones on Farragut and about a crossing guard to handle both crosswalks at Mt Hope and Farragut.

The Village Manager and Georgia are meeting with the County on either 2/25 or 2/26 to get their approval for making dropoff zones on Farragut.

We've set a time for us to meet right afterwards: Thursday 2/27 at 8:30am. Please mark your calendars!

PTSA Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes, 1/30/2020

Revision of FMS Drop Off Zone Instructions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zme4hoOKC32aq7OSPwQCivs2B1TksU3F57LsJ-4J-uM/edit>

PTSA Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes, 1/14/2020

Here's a quick recap of our meeting on Tuesday morning.

- 1) Debrief School St drop-off zone public meeting; determine next steps
 - Georgia wants to create a test of what the traffic engineer suggested
 - Making the street one-way with parking on the east side of the street seems to make sense and seems to have been supported.
 - She wants to present to the public in early February; paper fliers will be used to notify neighbors.
 - Test would begin the last week of February and go through March.
 - We would need to discourage drop-offs on Hillside Ave.

- 2) Review FMS drop-off zone; discuss how best to educate people on using it well
 - Having facilities guys in the zone before and after school has helped teach parents how to use the zone.
 - Discussed having high school students in the TV Studio class create a video about how to use the drop-off zone/s correctly. Ideally Chief Dosing would star in the video with kids. Marisa to reach out to Mr. Scotch and ask Dosing if he'd be interested and willing.

3) Discuss how to improve Rosedale and Mt. Hope intersection

- Discussed using traffic calming measures, namely painted bump outs at the crosswalk with large planters in them (to shorten the crosswalk)

4) Discuss hiring more crossing guards around FMS/HHS

- Maureen said that crossing guards can be earmarked in the monitor budget
- Maureen needs clarification from the Village of whether the District can hire/administer crossing guards or if the District would pay the Village for one. We discussed having a crossing guard at Hillside and Farragut.
- Can the Village provide one at Rosedale and Mt. Hope?

5) Sports buses unloading in the blacktop area

- Maureen to check in with Jessie about doing this.

6) Other points of discussion

- Parallel efforts to reduce the number of cars
 - 1) Promote use of carpooling apps (GoKids, WazeCarpool, etc); Sarah to research further.
 - 2) Provide incentives for HS students to carpool; designate a few spaces on Mt. Hope Blvd for carpoolers
 - 3) Think about creating walking school buses led by neighborhood captains
- Other traffic calming measures
 - 1) Georgia wants to first institute these measures around FMS/HHS and then radiate out from the school.
 - 2) Measures include crosswalks, signage, painted bump outs, striping to make certain streets one lane
- Can we use FMS blacktop for parking and/or drop-off?

PTSA Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes, 10/22/2019

We had a good meeting with Chiefs Dosin and Lindner. Here's a recap:

- They were very supportive of the School St no parking plan. They suggested having it be no parking for a longer stretch like 7am - 5pm (otherwise we have the headache of cars that are parked there in the afternoon and don't move). Lindner also had the idea of instituting No Parking in the FMS driveway from 4:30 - 6:30 to help with sports bus loading/unloading.
- They were also pleased about the striping on Farragut Ave to make it one lane, though when I mentioned that that would allow for more parking, Chief Lindner balked because of his need to get trucks through that critical Hastings artery.

- Signs for 3 unloading/loading spots in the FMS Driveway are ready to be installed. Dosing was agreeable to putting these in, so Maureen is going to move forward.

- Dosing also said that he would look into having police presence in front of HHS/FMS in the morning. He seemed to think that it's quite feasible, but that officers would have to leave if they get calls (which obviously makes sense). We talked a lot about the value of having personnel in uniforms helping with traffic.

- Dosing mentioned that he just learned about a company that provides crossing guards to schools. He's going to pass that info on to Maureen. This would alleviate the Village's administrative concerns associated with having more crossing guards and having to have backups at the ready. In the meantime, Maureen is looking into using the security guard (David?) from Hillside to man the crosswalk across Farragut Ave during after school sports hours.

- Lindner brought up the concern about getting fire equipment up to Hillside in the case of a real emergency given the current drop-off / pickup configuration, and they hope that during the Hillside renovation, the parking/dropoff situation can be reconfigured. Maureen noted that using safety concerns to build the case for this (as opposed to just adding parking for teachers) could be useful.

A few other notes:

- We will work with the owner of Velo (and Dosing) to provide a bike safety workshop in the spring.

- Tammy and I were talking afterwards about possibly having Dosing and Lindner at these monthly meetings. It's great to be on the same page with them. Thoughts on that?

PTSA Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes, 8/21/2019

Sarah, Maureen, Georgia, and I met this morning.

Here are Georgia's updates:

- Linda, the Village lawyer, is looking into the idea of pulling parking spots on School Street; the village may need to do an ordinance and a public hearing. Georgia will loop back to Linda about making School St. one-way.

- Kevin Roseman, who is the county traffic engineer, has trepidations with making Farragut one lane. They will be repaving Farragut in the spring, though, and Georgia will probably have more pull then to make it 1 lane.

Georgia had to leave early for work, so the 3 of us carried on. Here's what we discussed and concluded:

- We will leave the Olinda drop-off as is since it seems to work well enough.
- We discussed the FMS driveway drop-off zone option for a while. As we talked about how a drop off lane and thru lane would actually work, we worried about how it could create a bottleneck and would require a great deal of oversight and supervision to make it work. We also realized that it doesn't solve the big problem of congestion on Mt. Hope right in front of FMS. So, Sarah had the bright idea of having 2-3 designated "Unloading" spaces in the driveway. That way we're not eliminating too much parking, and parents feel like they have the bonus of extra unloading spaces (like the beloved 5 minute space). Cars could slide in and out relatively easily (we hope).
- We decided it makes more sense to focus on School St. Eliminating parking there would greatly help with the school bus situation in the sports hours after school (*buses would actually be able to park) and it would help Mt Hope congestion. **We also thought that we could make School St. no parking only from 7:30 - 9am and from 2:00 - 5:00pm** (please note this, Georgia, and let us know if that makes sense). That would seem more palatable to School St residents, right?

PTSA Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes, 7/16/2019

Thanks for a productive meeting this morning! We focused on safe drop-off zones, building off of our meeting last month.

We determined that having 3 safe drop-off zones would be ideal. They would be along:

- 1) Olinda
- 2) FMS driveway (we'd ideally remove parking up until the crosswalk as we'd need to retain the two handicap spots)
- 3) School Street (we'd ideally remove the parking (which helps the crowded after school bus situation for home and away sports games) and make it a one-way street)

Georgia recommended that we do a 6 month test at the beginning of the school year if possible.

Georgia will:

- Talk with Mary Jane Shimsky about painting Farragut Ave so that it is one lane

- Talk with the Board of Trustees about the School St. drop-off zone. The traffic engineer's study recommended safe drop-off zones on both School Street and at the FMS driveway.

Maureen will:

- Speak with the Facilities and Safety committee about this drop-off strategy, which would be a collaboration between the district, the village, and the police department. She would commit to staffing the drop-off zone at the FMS driveway.

PTSA Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes, 5/2/2019

Here's a rundown of what we discussed and next steps:

- Georgia called the Greenburgh DPW Supervisor to followup on them painting existing crosswalks.
- Sarah will also email Paul Feiner to ask that they get started on painting those existing crosswalks.
- The new Village Manager starts on July 1. The hope is that he/she will get a jumpstart on creating new crosswalks.
- Re: the district paying for additional crossing guards: there's a movement on the BOT to make it happen. Georgia to set up a meeting with Maureen, the police chief, and Niki Armacost to discuss. Key areas for crossing guards are Mt. Hope & Farragut, Rosedale & Mt. Hope, and Hillside Ave.
- Maureen will look into being able to provide a crossing guard at Mt. Hope & Farragut during the after school / sports hours (i.e., from 4:30 - 5:30ish)
- The BOT traffic engineers have a new proposal: No left turn onto High Street from Farragut M-F from 7-9am. They have this on a fast track: traffic studies completed before the end of this school year, public hearing soon after
- Mary Jane Shimsky is ok with painting Farragut Ave to make it one lane all the way to Hillside Ave. The hope is that this will be completed by September.
- Joe is following up to find out about the flashing lights on the crosswalk signs at Farragut & Mt. Hope
- Marisa to reach out to Chris Rohle to see if 8th graders can attend the next BOT meeting on May 14th at 7:30.

