NLCC Road & Traffic Safety Committee

April 21, 2024

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Attendees

NLCC: Rachel Greenberg, chair

David Willequer Nickel LaFleur John Miller, RSA

New Business:

Recommendations for Bogard Road to state and borough for Bogard and connecting roads and subdivisions. See below for bullet point recommendations for NLCC consideration:

- Avoid exacerbating existing road and traffic issues by planning for access and egress for new construction projects / subdivisions, even if the construction occurs outside NLCC boundaries. Including requirement of contractors to address the expected utilization of existing roads. I.e. new subdivisions should be constructed by upgrading roads to accommodate additional traffic.
- Connect bike path from Colony High to Wasilla High and along Seldon to Teeland Middle
- Create dedicated turn only lanes from Bogard into subdivisions / major intersections (could be middle turn lane).
- Plan dedicated turn lanes out of subdivisions, especially Earl Drive, Tait Road, and Caribou
- The roundabout upgrade at Bogard Seldon intersection should include dedicated turn lanes on Bogard Eastbound and Seldon Eastbound (to Bogard Westbound)
- Designate the Bogard corridor between Trunk Road and Seldon a Safety Zone.
- Include wake-up strips/ruts on the yellow center line and at the white right hand lines (hope to minimize traffic going around stopped turning traffic)
- Plan for buses and create bus stop areas.
- Plan for park and ride near Bogard
- Request ditches to be graded to accommodate more snow (the snow berms accessing subdivisions were very high and in order to get out of neighborhoods, cars needed get onto Bogard to see around them.)
- Plan for motorized ATV's and snowmachines along Bogard.
- There are currently frost heaves on westbound Bogard near Williwaw and ruts on westbound Bogard near Barry's Resort that need to be fixed.
- In order to make specific recommendations, the committee would like to request accident information for Bogard and the timing of the various road projects (ex. Engstrom roundabout; Seward – Meridian extension; Tait, Earl, and Green Forest Upgrades; Engstrom to Trunk and Fishhook road construction, etc.)

John reported on the role of the Road Service Area (RSA). There was discussion on how best to work together. John provided an update on road projects the RSA are tracking. John also reported that the 2024-25 snow removal contracts are out for bid, there was discussion about the RSA budget, and the borough values the recommendations from the RSA.

Old Business:

Postponed until next meeting.

Other:

Hot Topics from committee members:

Nickel reported that she notified the Home Owners Association that NLCC would be putting up a radar / traffic sign to determine if there was enough data to recommend traffic calming on Serendipity to the Borough. Nickel also will check with Salvation Army on what they are planning to do with the property off Seldon (it's a bit of an eyesore).

David reported that his hot topic was included in the Bogard recommendation discussion.

John reported that Lakeview may also have traffic calming added. John is also tracking the status of the connecting roads from Engstrom to both Trunk road and Palmer Fishhook. He also reported that many of the roads off Grayling were not built to code so there is limited accessibility in the event of an emergency.

Meeting was adjourned by 4:00 pm