

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD  
FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Fairfield Board of Police Commissioners will hold a regular public meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in-person and via Conference Call Bridge in the Police Commission's Conference Room (second floor) at 100 Reef Road, Fairfield.

Members of the Public who cannot attend in-person may listen by phone (667-776-9044).

Please Note: If you call to listen, you will not be heard by the Commission members and there will be no live public comment until called for by the Chair during the meeting. The public is encouraged to send their comments before the meeting to the following email: [pc@fairfieldct.org](mailto:pc@fairfieldct.org)

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the draft minutes of the regular meeting of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
3. Traffic Surveys:

**A) SURVEY #1 LOCATION:** Jefferson Street bridge at/between Merritt Parkway

**NATURE OF REQUEST:** Request approval for the installation of fencing on top of the Jefferson Street bridge over the Merritt Parkway. Similar fencing has been installed on the bridges over the Merritt Parkway in Stamford and Norwalk communities. Fencing will help prevent a person from jumping from the bridge into the path of the parkway traffic.

**BY WHOM:** Mr. Ed Green - Public Safety Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** LTA approved the installation of fencing on both sides of the bridge as it could prevent the loss of life or serious injury.

**B) SURVEY #2 LOCATION:** Jefferson Street at/between Pioneer Way and ND High School

**NATURE OF REQUEST:** Requesting approval for the installation of a traffic control signal on Jefferson Street at (SHU) Pioneer Way and the Notre Dame High School driveway. There have been numerous car accidents at this location over the past year. After accessing this location with Captain Irizarry and Paris, contributing factors include limited sight lines and heavy traffic volume. A traffic signal at this location will enhance safety for vehicles entering/exiting both properties.

**BY WHOM:** Mr. Ed Green - Public Safety Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** LTA suggest tabling for a two-month period to would allow the following for engineering:

- Collect black cat data for traffic volume and speeds.
- Study/ Research the nine warrants to see if there is a need for a traffic control signal.
- If a warrant shows a traffic signal is justified, then a light needs to be installed (Who will fund the project? SHU/ FFLD or split costs).

**C) SURVEY #3 LOCATION:** East Paulding at between Birch Road

**NATURE OF REQUEST:** Vehicles traveling north on Birch Road fail to negotiate the sharp left turn at East Paulding Street at night resulting in several vehicles leaving the roadway at 42 East Paulding Street causing significant damage to the property. Request to install additional W1-6L signage at the hard left and W1-1L sign on Birch Road ahead of the hard left. Consider a W13-1aP (15 mph) attachment to one or both signs. Property owner of 42 East Paulding Street has requested installation of additional signage.

**BY WHOM:** Sgt. Michael Komm

**RECOMMENDATION:** LTA suggested replacing the existing left arrow (converted W1-7 sign) with a left traffic chevron (W1-8L and adding retro-reflection material to the posts). They also suggested adding a new left traffic chevron (W1-8L) further South of the intersection to give advance warning.

**D) SURVEY #4 LOCATION:** Brookside Drive at/between Brookside Drive and Pansy Road

**NATURE OF REQUEST:** Intersection is very dangerous with cars speeding and going through the stop sign. Request adding a crossing guard and "Yield to Pedestrian" signs at this intersection. Special Services contacted the Board of Education and requested a Crossing Guard. Waiting to hear back.

**BY WHOM:** Jennifer Wells

**RECOMMENDATION:** TA suggested an additional crosswalk be added to the northside of the intersection along Guydan Lane. They also suggested adding Retro-reflective material to all four of the stop sign posts. Additional pedestrian signage will be added on Brookside Dr both East and West of the intersection to work in conjunction with the crosswalks. The crossing guard request was forwarded to the BOE.

**E) SURVEY #5 LOCATION:** Pequot Avenue at/ between Chester Place

**NATURE OF REQUEST:** Tabled from 10/9/24 Need further study by Town Engineering / Requesting the installation of a crosswalk across Pequot Avenue at the intersection of Chester Place. Per Engineering - Another location which can be explained in the field. Engineering suggested adding a channelized island to channelize the traffic at the Chester and Pequot intersection.

**BY WHOM:** Rebekah Del Bello

**RECOMMENDATION:** LTA suggested that engineering make an inquiry with the historical society to determine if work would be permitted at the intersection based on the proximity of what appears to be a historic home on the Northwest corner of the intersection. If work to the intersection was permitted, then the suggestion was to "bump out" the sidewalk on the Northwest corner of the intersection several feet to improve the westerly line of sight. The crosswalk would then be installed from that location to the eastern side of Chester Pl where an ADA ramp would be installed. There is also a recommendation from engineering to install a splitter island coming Westbound on Pequot Ave as you enter the intersection of Chester Pl.

5. New Business
6. Executive Session: Personnel Matters
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Commission's Conference Room.