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TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

Traffic Commission is held at Margerum City Hall, 222 North Chauncey Avenue, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Comments can be submitted to the Clerk's office by emailing clerk@westlafayette.in.gov.

This meeting will be conducted in-person and electronically via Microsoft Teams Access.
Meeting link: Click here

Join by phone: +1 574-367-5293, Phone Conference ID: 327 556 71#

1. **Administrative Items**

   a. Approval of 10/21/26 minutes
   Documents:
   - 10-21-2026 Meeting Minutes

2. **City Updates**

3. **Old Business**

4. **New Business**

   a. Pedestrian Safety: Fowler Avenue & Wiggins Street

5. **Public Comment**
   We welcome public comment and encourage active participation at this meeting. There will be an opportunity for public comment on each item under Old Business and New Business, and again at the end of the meeting for general issues or concerns. These comments should be limited to three (3) minutes at length. Your comments should be courteous and respectful of all. If you need additional time, please consider sending your questions, comments, or concerns to the City Engineer at: engineering@westlafayette.in.gov

   If you wish to speak, we request that you sign in on the designated sheet at the podium.

Your contribution to this meeting aids the efforts of the Commission in addressing traffic-related issues that are important to the citizens of West Lafayette.

Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting Information:

December	NO MEETING			
January	01/20/27	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday	Margerum City Hall – The Bean Room
February	02/17/27	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday	Margerum City Hall – The Bean Room

Appointing Authority Disclosure:
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WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Margerum City Hall – The Bean Room
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, October 21, 2026

PLACE: Margerum City Hall – The Bean Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:
David Sanders, Chief Jeff Need, Deputy Chief David VanVactor, Scott Chandler, Adam Keyster, Steve Tally, Andrew Hirsch, Paul Bower, Myles Overall, Ralph Bline, Chip Blatchley, Mark Baitinger

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Mr. Overall brought the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**
   - Approval of 8/19/2026 meeting minutes
     - Motion was made to approve the 8/19/26 minutes which was seconded and passed unanimously.
   - Mr. Overall welcomed Chief Jeff Need to the Commission.

2. **CITY UPDATES**
   - State Street & MacArthur Drive
     - Mr. Overall confirmed with Mr. Keyster that the HAWK signal located at State Street & MacArthur Drive was removed. Mr. Keyster stated stop signs were considered, however after observing, it was determined stop signs would not work due to incoming traffic and decided on rapid flashing beacons (RFB).
     - Mr. Overall brought up a concern regarding the bus stop located near the eastbound crossing. It was requested that the bus stop be shifted further east to help with sight. Mr. Chandler and Mr. Keyster did not think moving the bus stop would be an issue.
   - State Street & McCutcheon Drive
     - Mr. Chandler said this intersection will be updated with signs and markings this season and rapid flashing beacons will be installed.
   - Soldiers Home Road & Cumberland Avenue
     - Rapid flashing beacons have been installed and seem to be working well.
   - Yeager Road & McClure Avenue

- New crosswalk will be added to this location. Concrete work for ADA ramps and bases for rapid flashing beacons needs completed then pavement markings and signs will be installed. Mr. Overall confirmed the crossing was for crossing Yeager Road.

- Cumberland Avenue (West of White Horse Christian Center)
  - Mr. Chandler stated there is already a crosswalk in place, however, rapid flashing beacons will be added at this location to make it more noticeable.
  - Mr. Blatchley stated it would be helpful to have a crossing and curb cut leading to the trail for bicyclists. Mr. Overall stated the intersection on Cumberland and west Walmart entrance will be signalized with pedestrian crossing buttons. Mr. Chandler said it can be investigated.
    - Mr. Overall stated there are two opportunities to cross at signalized intersections and asked if we would be asking bicyclists to do a more dangerous move cutting across traffic with the proposed curb cut. Mr. Blatchley stated people are not looking for bicyclists at any intersection, and it would be easier and safer with the curb cut.
    - Mr. Overall asked if there was better protection during the pedestrian crossing phase of the signals, if that would be more helpful. Mr. Chandler stated regardless of how the signal was phased, the movement most concerning would be crossing where vehicles are making right-hand turns as they are looking left to find a gap and proceed without looking right.
    - Mr. Blatchley asked what the downside of adding a curb cut with Mr. Overall followed up with are we asking bicyclists to perform a riskier behavior. It will be worthwhile to investigate solutions for pedestrian and bicycle safety in this area with the continued development.
    - Mr. Keyster asked if a curb cut introduces any issue with ADA compliance. To be ADA compliant, there must be a sidewalk and curb cut on the receiving side.
    - Mr. Chandler stated Cumberland Avenue in general needs improvement in this area and a project that needs to be pushed forward.
    - It was asked when the new signals will be installed at the Cumberland/Walmart entrance. Mr. Chandler stated the procurement of the signals has been delayed, and temporary signals may be installed until the permanent ones arrive. The fuel station cannot open until traffic signals are installed and working.
    - Mr. Chandler stated there is a bigger discussion that needs to be had about the increase in development across the City and how pedestrians and vehicle traffic safely coexist. The City is working on traffic studies of the northern region and River Road to help determine what improvements are needed.

- Salisbury Street & Park Ridge Drive and 3rd Street & McCormick Road
    - There is an existing crosswalk at both locations, and rapid flashing beacons will be added to help with visibility.
    - Mr. Overall stated signage in advance of some crosswalks are too big and block pedestrian signage and RFB. Mr. Chandler stated the City recently took inventory of all signs which included video and gave us information of damaged signs and visibility of the signs.
- Draft Policy
    - Draft policy was created by subcommittee and sent to the City's legal team for review. Legal had a lot of feedback which was used to create a simpler version of the policy.

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of proposed 2027 meeting dates
    - Motion was made to approve meeting dates which was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Bower mentioned there may be a sign missing on US 231 heading north. Mr. Overall stated that is a state-owned road and will check to see if there is a sign missing.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Overall made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded.