



**January 14, 2026, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

7:00 PM

Apple Valley Municipal Center
7100 147th Street West, Apple Valley

1. Call To Order
2. Approval Of Agenda
3. Audience
4. Regular Agenda
 - A. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2025
 - B. Approve 2025 Annual Report
 - C. Elect Officers for 2026
 - D. Set 2026 Meeting Schedule
5. Adjourn

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
September 10, 2025
7:00 p.m. Apple Valley Municipal Center**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Zimmerman.

Members Present: Greg Dahlstrom, Charles Grawe, Dave McKenzie, Matt Saam, Joe Shaw, Arthur Zimmerman

Members Absent: Linda Dolan

Consultants/Alternates Present: Evan Acosta, Brandon Anderson

Others Present: Beth Coyel, Robert Coyel, John Michael Freund, Mark Hasselquist, Bob Phillipich, Angela Zorn, Gabriel Zorn

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. McKenzie moved, second by Mr. Shaw, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Audience Items

Mr. Hasselquist expressed concern about speeds on 144th Street between Embry Path and Diamond Path. He requested the installation of seasonal speed bumps.

The Committee explained the City has a policy that does not allow speed bumps. Mr. Anderson said driver feedback signs can be installed on 144th and speed data can be collected.

4. Approval of July 9, 2025 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. McKenzie moved, second by Mr. Shaw, to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2025. Motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Dahlstrom and Mr. Zimmerman abstained).

5A. Garden View Drive Speed Concerns

Mr. Phillipich and several residents in attendance expressed concerns over traffic volumes and speeds on Garden View Drive, which they believed were caused by cut-through traffic from Lakeville. The group believed that the southern permanent speed advisory signs is largely ignored and should be relocated further to the south and west, closer to the intersection with County Road 46. This would be in addition to the existing permanent driver feedback sign located further to the north, closer to Valley Middle School.

Mr. Acosta provided several comparisons between traffic conditions on collector roadways. The 30 miles per hour segment of 147th Street between Cedar Avenue and Galaxie Avenue has an 85th percentile speed of 37 miles per hour. Mr. Phillipich expressed that this was an insufficient comparison given Garden View's more residential setting. Mr. Acosta then provided data that the 35 miles per hour Palomino Drive segment between Cedar Avenue and Hamlet Avenue has an 85th percentile speed of 37 miles per hour. The 85th percentile speeds recorded on the 30 miles per hour Garden View Drive were 33.6 miles per hour at the temporary speed advisory sign and 35 miles per hour at the permanent speed advisory sign. The 85th percentile speed on the north end of Garden View near the County Road 42 intersection was 31.3 miles per hour.

Mr. Acosta said that traffic volumes of 1,590 vehicles per day were recorded northbound where the roadway curves to the north, 2,344 vehicles per day were recorded southbound where the roadway turns west, and 2,037 vehicles per day were recorded northbound at the southern permanent speed advisory sign. Traffic volumes of 4,252 vehicles per day were recorded southbound at the permanent advisory sign near County Road 42.

Mr. Acosta also noted that the placement of the existing permanent signs was established at the recommendations of an engineering study in conjunction with the reconstruction of Garden View Drive adjacent to the school; and that simply adjusting placement of the existing permanent signs or installing new permanent signs could have an adverse impact along the corridor.

There was a lengthy discussion about the City's enforcement activity in the area.

The Committee recommended installing a temporary driver feedback sign close to the intersection with County Road 46 as a pilot project to test the residents' theory that the permanent driver feedback sign is located too far north and vehicles don't get the advisory warning until they are already speeding. The Committees recommended the residents contact Dakota

County about creating at three-quarter intersection at County Road 46 to discourage cut through traffic from the south.

5B. Germane Avenue Parking Review

Mr. Acosta said Germane is scheduled for reconstruction in 2026. There have been pedestrian crossing and vehicle speeding concerns at Germane and 130th Street. Mr. Acosta went over the construction plans noting that the roadway would be narrowed to 28 feet face-to-face and parking would be prohibited on the west side of the street.

5C. Palomino Drive Speed Limit Review

Mr. Anderson said the area of concern is near Hamlet Avenue where the speed limit drops from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. Any change in the speed limit would require a study by the State of Minnesota. The Engineering Division will continue to monitor traffic in the area.

5D. Request for No Parking Signage on Gladstone Path

Mr. Acosta explained that the road is 32 feet wide. Parking is currently allowed on both sides of the street. There are apartment units on one side of the street and single-family homes on the other. There have been issues with semi tractor trailers parking on the street for extended periods of time, narrowing the traffic lanes, and generating complaints from neighbors.

The Engineering Division provided three options to address the situation. Option 1 would be to prohibit parking on the east side of the street. Option 2 would be to post signs reminding people of the current 3:00 am to 6:00 am no on-street parking ordinance. Option 3 would be to prohibit parking on both sides of the street.

MOTION: Mr. Saam moved, second by Mr. McKenzie, to recommend prohibiting parking on the east side of Gladstone Path. Motion passed 6-0.

5E. Ellice Trail and JCRR Crosswalk

Mr. Acosta said that as the City moves forward with reconstruction of Ellice Trail, it will also need to evaluate the pedestrian routes to school and crossings associated with Johnny Cake Ridge Road and Falcon Middle School.

6A. Other Traffic Concerns Communicated to the City of Apple Valley

Police Concerns

There were no new concerns reported to Police.

Public Works Concerns

Public Works reported that Founders Way was recently repaved.

6B. Educational Issues

There were no educational issues.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Dahlstrom moved, second by Mr. Saam, to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

TO: Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator

FROM: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

DATE: January 14, 2026

SUBJECT: 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held five meetings in 2025. The members of the Committee in 2025 included: Greg Dahlstrom, Linda Dolan, Charles Grawe, Dave McKenzie, Matt Saam, Joe Shaw, and Arthur Zimmerman. Arthur Zimmerman served as Chair and Dave McKenzie served as Secretary.

Major accomplishments and/or undertakings by TSAC during its twenty-fifth year include:

- **Concerns Involving Ellice Trail**

The City received concerns about traffic on Ellice Trail for some time. The Engineering Division is in the process of planning a large-scale reconstruction project of the roadway. However, in the meantime, the Engineering Division wanted to address some pressing route-to-school crosswalk issues with an interim solution until the reconstruction project can provide more permanent solutions. The Committee recommended the installation of the recommended pathway-connecting crosswalks at the intersection with Everest Avenue, trimming of trees along the route to improve site lines, and installation of consistent signage at the intersections with Eveleth and Europa. The Committee also prepared to review crossings on Johnny Cake that connect Ellice Trail pedestrian traffic with Falcon Middle School.

- **Request for No Parking Signage on Gladstone Path**

The City received a request for parking restrictions on Gladstone Path. Parking was allowed on both sides of the street. Semi tractor trailers had been parking on Gladstone Path, narrowing the lane. The Committee recommended prohibiting parking on the east side of Gladstone Path.

- **Garden View Drive Speed Concerns**

The City received concerns about traffic volumes and speeds on Garden View Drive and vehicle noise on 160th Street. The belief from some residents is that traffic from Lakeville is using Garden View Drive as a cut-through route to County Road 42 and the traffic is not making the transition to the lower speed limit on Garden View Drive. The residents requested the permanent driver feedback sign be moved closer to the intersection of County Road 46, believing that alerting drivers of the lower speed limit at an earlier point on Garden View Drive could result in reduced speeds. The Committee recommended installing a

temporary driver feedback sign closer to County Road 46 and measure any changes in speeds. The Committee also encouraged the residents to contact Dakota County to discuss possible modifications to the intersection with County Road 46 to discourage cut-through traffic.

- **Concerns Regarding Traffic on Embry Path Near 152nd Street**

The City received concerns over traffic volumes and speeds on Embry Path. Driver feedback designs were deployed at long Embry Path. The Engineering Division conducted a traffic study on Embry Path. The 85th percentile speed for northbound traffic was 29 miles per hour. The 85th percentile speed for southbound traffic was 26 miles per hour. Warrants were not met for a four-way stop at Embry Path and 152nd Street. The Committee did not recommend any action at this time.

- **Review Palomino Drive Speed Limit**

The Committee continues to monitor speed issues near the intersection with Hamlet Avenue where the speed limit drops from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. Any changes to the speed limits on Palomino Drive would require a study by the State of Minnesota.

- **Request for Bike Lanes on 140th Street**

The City received a request for bike lanes on 140th Street between Cedar Avenue and County Road 38. The Committee recommended the residents use the ongoing Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update process to pursue this request.

- **Request for Improvements at 155th and Embry/Eagle Bay Drive**

The City received concerns involving traffic accidents with private property damage over the last seven years. There were also concerns about sight lines from Eagle Bay Drive at the intersection with 155th Street. The City conducted a speed study on 155th and found that the 85th percentile speed was below the posted limit and that neither the intersection with Eagle Bay Drive nor the intersection with Embry Path met warrants for a traffic control. But, both intersections met warrants for pedestrian crossing improvements and staff identified a number of sight line issues. The Committee recommended a series of improvements proposed by the City Engineer. The improvements include installation of a crosswalk, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), and pedestrian refuge median at Eagle Bay Drive and a crosswalk at Embry Path. Lighting should be studied at Embry Path. Embry Path is projected to warrant a traffic control in the near future. Alternate striping should be considered when 155th Street is scheduled for rehabilitation.

- **Concerns Regarding Speeds on 144th Street**

The City received concerns about speeds on 144th Street between Embry Path and Diamond Path. The Committee recommended the site for the rotating speed advisory signs.

- **Trail Signage at Flagstaff Avenue Police Operations Building Entrance**

The City was concerned about pathway traffic at the driveway exit from the Police Operations Building entrance. There is a significant curve in both the roadway and pathway where they intersect with the driveway. As a result, the site lines for pathway users to see exiting emergency vehicles isn't optimal, especially if the pathway user is approaching at

high speeds. The Committee recommended installation of “Watch for Emergency Vehicles” similar to what is used next to fire station driveways to alert pathway users.

- **Request for Animal (White Squirrel) Crossing Signage near Upper 147th Street West**
The City received a request for signage alerting drivers to white albino squirrels in the area. Such signage is not supported in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) has found similar deer crossing signs to be ineffective in reducing vehicle/ animal collisions and recommends removal of such signs. As the requested signage is not supported by the MUTCD or by MNDOT, the Committee did not support the request.
- **Review of Lighting along 140th Street W from Garden View Drive to Hayes**
The City is studying lighting improvements along 140th Street. Both coach lighting and cobra head lighting is being considered. The City Engineer was working on a lighting policy and the Committee chose to postpone final recommendations on 140th Street until the policy has been approved.
- **Driver Feedback Sign Review:** The Committee continued to receive many requests for the rotational driver feedback signs. The Engineering Division rotated the signs to reach multiple sites and maximize the effectiveness of the signs.
- **Reviewed Traffic Concerns Communicated to City:** At each meeting, TSAC reviewed traffic concerns/issues brought to the Police and Public Works Departments during the month.
 - The City received increased concerns about vehicle speed as the weather improved from winter to spring.
 - The City received concerns over the intersection of 157th Street and Galaxie Avenue.
 - The City received concerns about vehicle speeds on Diamond Path north of Pilot Knob Road.
- **Educational Outreach Efforts:** In its twenty-fifth year, TSAC continued to focus on its educational outreach efforts. Some educational outreach efforts included the following:
 - Member attendance at the Toward Zero Death annual conference.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee welcomes direction from the City Council as well as any recommendations, questions, or concerns.