



Highway Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: February 11, 2025, 0900

Location: POA Conference Room

Attendees:

The following members were present for the meeting:

- Ken Litke – HiAC Chair
- Deb Marshall
- Wally Bearden
- Greg Ready
- Scott Reich
- David Gillum
- Mike Lackey – BOD member and Liaison to our committee

The following member were absent due to travel:

- Rick Carlin

Call to Order:

- Call to Order by Ken Litke
- Motion made to approve minutes from last meeting by Deb Marshall, approved by all
- Ken went over the committee structure (see below table).

Main Contact at HiAC. Handles info to and from the Listed Org.	Term Expires	HiAC Meeting Notices and General Announcements	POA Website HiAC specific information - pages	Issue Requiring Immediate Posting 1	Monitor TDOT Smartway and forward appropriate updates to Community 1	Monitor TDOT Facebook and forward appropriate updates to the Community 1
					Need alternate	Need alternate
Ken Litke (Chair)	31-Dec-25	P	P			
Rick Carlin (Co-Chair)	31-Dec-25	A	A	P	P	
Scott Reich	31-Dec-27			A		
Deb Marshall	31-Dec-26					
Greg Ready	31-Dec-26					
David Gillum	31-Dec-27					P
Walter Bearden	31-Dec-27					



Liaison Information

- **Liaison Reports:**
 - **CAC:** Communication Advisor Committee, Greg Ready
 - Traffic Cameras
 - Flashing lights on Cheeyo and Mialaqua stop signs
 - **PSAC:** Public Services Advisory Committee, Wally Bearden
 - No update this month, out of town
- **Liaison Visitors**
 - Leanne Philip – FAC Liaison
 - John Tierney – PSAC Liaison
 - Bill Busch – PSAC Liaison

Old Business:

- Ken reviewed the HiAC History document that was developed and will be posted on the POA website
- Milaqua / Cheeyo Roundabout
 - TDOT study determined that a roundabout would be better than a traffic light
 - There is a possibility of Federal money that may be under county control
- SR-72 / SR-444 Traffic Light
 - Pending approval and funding
- Sequoyah / Maple Hill Roundabout
 - Pending approval and funding
- Kahite Roundabout
 - Kahite residents to meet with POA to follow-up
- Tanasi
 - POA requested that TDOT approve formally an acceleration lane going north on 444
- SR-444 / Chota Road
 - Upgrade the traffic light in conjunction with Loudon County
- Communications
 - Ken worked with POA to update the POA website with the HiAC information
 - Recent Tell-E-Gram / Tell-E-Flash updates appeared to be helpful and a success

New Business:

- The following comments were provided from residents attending the meeting:
 - Input from resident regarding the noise and speed on SR-444
 - With Round-Abouts sometime in the future, the HiAC will look at into having speed limit signs installed ahead of time that would coincide with new round-about speed limit signs when the round-abouts come to fruition, in hope of getting drivers accustomed to the new speed limit.



- A street light on HWY 72 as you turn right from HWY 444 going towards Loudon has been out for many months.
- The light at the corner of Mialaquo Road and HWY 444 is not adequate to light the intersection, the pole is too short. The HiAC will look into having a taller pole installed, similar to the one installed at HWY 444 and HWY 72.
- The highway information signs along HWY 444 are not consistent. Scott Reich explained this is not going to change.
- Street lights should be installed where all Tellico Village roads intersect HWY 444. The HiAC will look into this.

Action Items:

- Scott Reich to set up a meeting with Loudon County to follow up on upgrading traffic light at SR-444 and Chota Road

Final Items:

- Next meeting, March 11, 2025, POA conference room from 0900 – 1100.
- Ken called for the meeting to be adjourned...seconded by Scott Reich