

GENERAL ORDER 61.2.2

Traffic Engineering

GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: None.

SUMMARY

Identifies responsibility of traffic engineering within the City limits of Springfield.

DISCUSSION

The Springfield Police Department cooperates with the City's Traffic Engineer, Springfield's Public Works Department, to provide a safe and efficient traffic system within the City.

All traffic engineering functions are conducted by the City Traffic Engineer or traffic engineering departments of the respective organization responsible for a specific roadway; i.e., Lane County Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Transportation.

POLICY

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All complaints or recommendations received by the Department regarding traffic engineering problems shall be forwarded to the office of the appropriate transportation department. Records personnel will ensure that a copy of all traffic accident reports prepared as a result of an investigation by the Springfield Police Department will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

Accident data received or generated by the Department shall be forwarded to the City Traffic Engineer. Enforcement data shall be provided to the City Traffic Engineer as requested.

Information concerning improvements such as street signs, traffic control devices, pavement markings and general street design shall be forwarded to the City Traffic Engineer. The Department will cooperate with the Traffic Engineer in conducting special surveys and studies that may include on site observations of problem issues of mutual concern.

The Department will participate in local and regional transportation system management planning as requested by the City Traffic Engineer or when the Department perceives a special interest.

The Patrol Division Commander shall maintain a liaison with the City Traffic Engineer to facilitate a flow of information between the departments, provide an avenue to convey information derived from Department enforcement activity reports and accident analysis

summaries. Specific geographic locations experiencing a high accident rate will be assessed to determine if the cause of the accidents are enforcement or engineering design related. The Patrol Division Commander and the City engineer will work in concert to provide remedial action to these areas.

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