

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MOBILITY COMMITTEE**  
October 10, 2017

After determining that a quorum of the Mobility Committee of the Denton City Council was present, the Mobility Committee thereafter convened into an Open Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 9:32 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room 215 E. McKinney, Denton, Texas.

**Present:** Council Member Dalton Gregory, Council Member Keely Briggs and Council Member Sara Bagheri

**Also Present:** Mario Canizares, ACM; Bryan Langley, DCM; Mark Nelson, Director of Transportation; Pritam Deshmukh, Traffic Engineer; Julie Anderson, Bike Coordinator Pedestrian Coordinator; John Polster, ITS; and Annie Bunger, Administrative Assistant IV

**1. REGULAR MEETING:**

**A. MC17-038** – Receive nominations and elect a chair and vice chair for the Denton City Council Mobility Committee Meeting.

Council Member Briggs and Council Member Gregory nominated **Council Member Bagheri** to be **Chair**. Council Member Briggs and Council Member Bagheri nominated **Council Member Gregory** to be **Vice Chair**.

**B. MC17-039** - Consider approval of the Mobility Committee meeting minutes of September 19, 2017.

**Approved as circulated**

**C. MC17-040** - Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the implementation plan for sidewalks.

Julie Anderson gave this presentation starting with a brief history that included the 2014 Bond Election where voters approved \$2 million in bonds for miscellaneous sidewalks. The money was released in phases 2014-2015 \$250,000; 2015-2016 \$700,000; 2016-2017 \$700,000; 2017-2018 \$350,000.

Last year Engineering released 27 projects estimated to be about \$3 million. There were some downtown specific projects. Only the top five projects have cost estimates. The list has grown over the year adding citizen requests to the list.

Completed projects include:

- Exposition Street sidewalk completed March 2017 final cost \$15,274.81 under budget.
- Bell Avenue sidewalk completed May 2017 final cost \$136,531.40 – this project was over budget. There were additional items that were not in the original design. Pritam Deshmukh added that the redesign saved many trees. Gregory asked where the additional funds came from. Anderson answered it came from the bond fund, Nelson added that Facilities paid \$20,000 of that project due to the connection between the Senior Center and the Civic Center.
- Paisley Street sidewalk completed September 2017, final cost \$26,730.34 under budget.
- Mack Street sidewalk completed September 2017, final cost \$52,135.70 under budget.
- Robinson Road sidewalk completed by developer

- Loop 288 south of Chipotle completed September 2017, final cost \$22,082.75 under budget.
- Hickory Creek Road sidewalk completed September 2017

There are two projects ready for construction:

- Windsor Drive north side from Mesquite east to existing sidewalk approximate cost \$120,000
- Oakland Street from McKinney to Oak approximate cost \$45,000 should be complete by end of year.

There are eight remaining projects ready for design. They will be bundled and sent out to an engineering firm to provide design.

Anderson reported there are many remaining projects that are set to be ranked with certain criteria.

Bagheri asked if the list has encompassed the expanded campus of TWU.

Gregory stated that TWU has the new apartment complex on Ruddell for students. Has staff been in contact with TWU to relocate the fence that is next to the golf course, back in order to add a sidewalk. Nelson answered there was a meeting and staff will continue to have communication regarding the sidewalk and also the bus stop on Ruddell. Gregory asked for staff to report back about the findings. Briggs added that Mingo has a lot of pedestrian/bike traffic as well. Anderson added Mingo is the road that has the most requests for improvements. It is on the list however it will cost over \$600,000 and was more than what the fund had available.

Anderson went over the ranking system that was developed by Pritam Deshmukh and showed the rankings of the streets. Deshmukh talked about a meeting with DISD at Denton High to discuss student parking off of Crescent Street. Staff is considering adding flashing lights for students crossing. There was further discussion regarding schools and safe routes.

Anderson then discussed the priority listing and what the Committee Members would like on the list. Bagheri would like points added for colleges much like schools. Briggs added that buses do not run for students within three miles of the school.

Steps moving forward include reviewing/approving the ranking system. Rank the remaining projects on the list and new request. Reassess the list quarterly. Continue until funds are expended.

**D. MC17-041** - Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction regarding Texas Department of Transportation On-System projects in the Denton area to include the 35Express Project.

John Polster talked about this agenda item.

**FM2181 NS** – There are questions about the batch plant and the permit. The construction cannot be started until some of the questions are resolved. Staff will follow up on the permit.

**US377** – ROW complete December 2017. Utility relocation complete October 2017. Let date November 2017.

**FM2499, Section 5** – Complete December 2017. Signal will be constructed at Robinson and FM2181.

**IH35E/Mayhill/FM2499** - Improvements – Mayhill Bridge underneath TxDOT anticipates having consultant on contract by the middle of November 2017.

**IH35E/Loop 288/Brinker/Mayhill** – Utilities complete October 2017. Construction complete February 2019. Staff feels they may be able to recover construction time and be closer to the original completion date that was August 2018, may require additional funding from the State and County.

**IH35N** – Schematic approval December 2017. Public meetings scheduled for the summer of 2018. Environmental clearing December 2018.

**US380 Improvement Project In Town** – Construction complete October 2017. Working on punch list currently. Nelson added that trees will be added in the fall with an application for landscaping through the Green Ribbon program in the summer timeframe.

**US380/Loop 288 Intersection Improvements** – this will be in two sections. ITS met with TxDOT Denton and TxDOT Dallas to begin process of adding turning improvements. Bagheri asked about two right turn lanes. Polster answered staff is working on optimal use of the lanes

**US380East** – Environmental completion by June 2018.

**Loop 288 West** – Schematic approval December 2018. Polster added this is not in the Mobility Plan for the region. Polster is trying to get the dates corrected for the Mobility Plan update for 2045.

**FM1515** – Anticipate finalization of scope by end of October 2017.

**FM1830** – Utility relocations complete September 2017. Construction complete August 2018.

**E. MC17-043** - Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding mobility improvements.

Pritam Deshmukh gave this update starting with a list of locations and the description of the improvement. The different ‘areas’ were talked about and the improvements needed in each. Impact fee funding was discussed and where it would be used.

Gregory asked if the funding for Robinson Road and Hickory Creek would be in a bond election. Deshmukh answered the funding has not been established.

Gregory asked when Hercules would be completed to the east. Deshmukh stated that staff is working with the developer that has submitted a plat. They will design and construct the street as well. Gregory added once this is complete, there will be more traffic on north Locust. Are there plans for widening this by TxDOT. Deshmukh answered the traffic analysis will let staff know what needs to be improved on Locust as well as new signalized intersections in the area.

Canizares relayed to the Committee that they are working with Engineering to get a list of all projects and their priority. Funding is being looked at as well.

**F. MC17-042** - Staff Update:

1. DCTA October CAT Meeting
2. Bike Share - Briggs asked staff to address rules regarding where the bikes are placed when they are left. Anderson stated that the bikes are rebalanced a couple times a day. Dallas is establishing a permit for the dock-less bikes, staff will work on something similar. Bagheri asked for options from legal regarding the bikes
3. University Drive Landscape
4. Matrix:

Nelson 5. Report in Nov with cost. 6. Update in Nov. 8. Remove from list. 9.

Remove from list.

Bagheri add safe routes to school on the project list.

Deshmukh 7. TxDOT will take care of this intersection. 10. Mayhill project and McKinney projects will take care of the intersections long term. Short term is 3-4k to add ped heads. Committee asked to fast track this. Todd Estes added that the sidewalk will be temp until the permanent resolution is in place. The City runs the liability risk of adding items that are not ADA compliant.

11. Citations maybe required. 12. Upgrading signal timing in the City spring to summer 2018.

### **CONCLUDING ITEMS**

**A.** Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Committee on the Environment or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

**The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:23 p.m.**

**Approved on November 14, 2017**