



City of Denton
MINUTES TRAFFIC SAFETY
COMMISSION

City Hall
215 E. McKinney Street
Denton, Texas
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Monday, May 7, 2018

5:30pm

City Council Work Session Room

After determining that a quorum of the Traffic Safety Commission of the City of Denton, Texas is present, the Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission will thereafter convene into an open meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:32 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas

Commissioners: Chair Patrice Lyke, Jim Owen, Daniel Krutka, Cody Robinson, and Karen DeVinney

Staff Members: Pritam Deshmukh, City Traffic Engineer; Trey Lansford, Deputy City Attorney; and Sarah Lollar, Executive Assistant

REGULAR MEETING

A. TSC18-020 Consider the approval of Traffic Safety Commission meeting minutes of April 2, 2018.

Jim Owen made a motion, Cody Robinson 2nd the motion.

Approved as circulated.

B. TSC18-021 Receive a report and hold a discussion on restrictive parking on Hanover drive during school hours.

Pritam Deshmukh, City Traffic Engineer gave a presentation. Denton Independent School District (DISD) contacted the City about parking issues on Hanover drive near Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. After meeting staff at DISD and observing a pick-up cycle at the school, Pritam agreed that actions need to be taken to improve the situation.

Parents are double stopping on the street to pick up their children near the designated pick-up area causing grid-lock. The street is too narrow for any parking to safely occur during school hours. DISD would like to restrict parking on the Hanover Street during school hours.

Residents were notified of this proposal by mailed letter and door hanger to attend the meeting tonight to ask any questions or share any concerns.

The lack of sidewalks in the area was also discussed along with ways to promote walking and biking to school.

Karen DeVinney made a motion to approve, Daniel Krutka 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

C. TSC18-022 Receive a report, and hold a discussion regarding railroad Quiet Zones update in the City of Denton.

Deshmukh gave an update on this ongoing project to share the recent progress.

As the area has become more densely populated, it has become necessary to address noise concerns associated with the railroad crossings. Deshmukh discussed 4 options at the 4 most affected at-grade

crossings. Union Pacific Railroad will design and construct the improvements based on City's feedback. The entire process takes around 2 years to complete. We are currently 7 months into this process.

Deshmukh continued discussing the proposed quiet zones for the north side that begin at Frame Street, Willis, Pertain, and Mockingbird. The estimated cost for these crossings are approximately \$1,000,000 that will be included in the next Bond sale.

DeVinney asked if the \$350,000 is coming from bond funds for the cones of silence. Deshmukh described the difference in impact levels when using this method.

Jim Owen asked if Positive Train Control have any input with these types of action. Deshmukh responded that the Federal Administration regulates these issues.

This item was a discussion item only, no action is needed.

D. TSC18-023 Receive a report, and hold a discussion regarding bidding construction services for fiber optic network installation.

Deshmukh presented the overall objective of the project which will enable staff to alter the lights and perform update as needed from a central location. The City has 121 intersections that are signalized, 80 has limited radio data that does not support camera feedback. The only way to achieve increased technology and remotely access the lights is for the signals are with the use of fiber optic.

In 2007 the City received \$1.8 million dollar Grant to install this network. These funds were enough to complete phase 1. This phase will connect Bell Avenue, Colorado, Mingo and go through DCTA and connect to the Loop for a total cost of \$1.6 million. This item is scheduled to go before council on May 22, 2018 for approval. Construction is scheduled for 6 months after Council Approval. Once connected with fiber optic City staff can adjust signal timings remotely instead of driving to the site.

This item was a discussion item only, no action is needed.

**E. TSC18-024 Staff Reports
Matrix**

Matrix –

- 6. Working with TWU on adding sidewalk on the North side, ROW is very small
- 9. McKinney sidewalk, Oakland to Austin- **Contract will be awarded on May 22, 2018**
- 13. Parking concerns on eastbound Hickory and Fry – **This area will be addressed with the upcoming street work.**
- 14. Schedule for Malone street replacement.

Krutka requested an update on the Hickory street project and expressed concerns about the bike lanes being removed and that the street is currently worse than before. Deshmukh explained the phases of the Hickory project that Water, Wastewater has work before Streets department and Drainage will finish the project. Sidewalks and driveways will be replaced and updated as needed.

DeVinney, live on Oak Street, commended on the good use of communication for this project. Also, will Malone Street ever be reconstructed or should I just buy an SUV. Deshmukh agreed to provide an update on Malone. (#14 on Matrix)

Robinson asked about the possibility of adding right turn lanes and left turn lights on Old North and University and Nottingham and University. If you are turning left at either intersection you will be

stuck for several light cycles. Deshmukh responded that both intersections are part of the 2018 small transportation projects and are currently being designed. (#'s 15 and 16 on Matrix)

Krutka mentioned that 10' of sidewalk is missing near Sycamore and Wainwright near the apartments are. Please add to the Matrix. (#17 on Matrix)

Deshmukh concluded the meeting announcing that Nancy DiMarco has resigned her position in the Traffic Safety Commission. We will go through the City Secretary office for the council district.

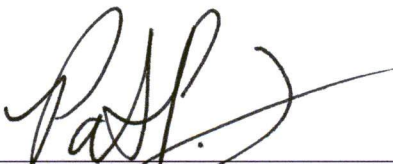
Robinson announced that he is leaving Denton and that next month will be his last meeting. He has informed Council Member Briggs of his resignation.

CONCLUDING ITEMS

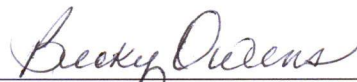
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Adjournment: 6:17 pm

APPROVED



Patrice Lyke
Chair



Becky Owens
Administrative Assistant