

1 **DRAFT MINUTES**
2 **TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

3 August 7, 2017
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5 After determining that a quorum of the Traffic Safety Commission was present, the Commission
6 convened the meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Work Session
7 Room, City Hall, 215 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.
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9 **Present:** Chair Wally Campbell, Vice Chair Patrice Lyke, Michael Hennen, Cody
10 Robinson and Daniel Krutka
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12 **Absent:** Jim Owen and Nancy DiMarco
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14 **Also Present:** Pritam Deshmukh, Senior Engineer; Trey Lansford, Attorney; Julie Anderson,
15 Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and Kim Mankin, Administrative Supervisor
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18 **OPEN MEETING**
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20 **A. TSC17-001** - Consider the approval of Traffic Safety Commission meeting minutes of June
21 5, 2017.
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23 **Approve as circulated**
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25 **B. TSC17-003** - Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding no parking any time
26 restriction on the south side of Congress Street from Bolivar Street to Carroll Boulevard
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28 Pritam Deshmukh presented this item, talked about the specifications of the street and showed a
29 site map. This is for discussion only. If this commission believes this item needs to move
30 forward, staff will send out invitations and have an open house at the next meeting for discussion
31 with the residents and businesses in the area.
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33 The commissioners agreed that it does get very crowded in this area.
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35 Hennen asked about options. Deshmukh stated that the fire department has been consulted and
36 there is an option of parking. Parking within 150 feet of the intersection would be allowed, the
37 center section of the street (between Bolivar and Carroll) would be restricted only.
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39 Lyke clarified that the first 30 feet from the intersection is already no park, Deshmukh agreed.
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41 Deshmukh added that all the options have not been explored.
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43 Commissioners agreed to move this item forward.
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45 **C. TSC17-004** - Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide direction regarding installation
46 of additional pavement markings to address speeding concerns along Mack Drive between
47 McKinney Street and Paisley Street.
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49 Pritam Deshmukh presented this item, talked about the specifications of the street and showed a
50 site map. After citizen complaints, staff conducted a short speed study. The 85th percentile was
51 not going beyond the posted 30 MPH. After school starts another speed study will be conducted.

1 Deshmukh suggested pavement markings beginning with a double yellow line down the center
2 of the street. If there still concerns, staff will mark the parking with a white line as well. The
3 same type of markings was completed on Nottingham Street and helped the speed on that street.
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5 Deshmukh stated this item is also for citizens to speak if they would like. Hennen also pointed
6 out that there is a 20 MPH speed limit/school zone. Deshmukh added there has been no
7 complaints from the school but staff will contact them.
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9 **Citizens:**

10 Patricia St. Helene – 305 Mac Drive - people speed down that road she has been hit as well as
11 her son.
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13 Michael Montgomery – 2013 Summerwind Ct - people speed believe the pavement markings
14 would help.
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16 **There was a motion by Commissioner Lyke with a second by Commissioner Hennen to**
17 **move forward with the pavement markings. Vote 5-0 approved.**
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19 D. **TSC17-005** - Receive a report, hold a discussion, and make a recommendation to City
20 Council to authorize the Traffic Engineer to restrict parking in front on Bus Stops within City
21 limits.
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23 Pritam Deshmukh presented this item, stating that last year DCTA conducted an efficiency study
24 regarding the buses. Based on the study some of the bus routes were changed and new routes
25 were established. DCTA applied for permits for new bus stops. In many locations the bus stops
26 are within 30 feet from an intersection and parking is not allowed. In certain locations parking is
27 available and already established and then a bus stop is added. People continue to park in these
28 locations and DCTA has a problem loading and unloading. The buses are having to stay in the
29 lane of traffic. There are many problems with the ADA features of the bus not having that area
30 to load.
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32 Staff talked with the legal department and the best action is to modify the Municipal Code
33 ordinance to include the Traffic Engineers authority to restrict parking in front of bus stops as
34 necessary. This item will go to Council for approval.
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36 Lyke asked if a citizen has a complaint about the inability to load/unload because of parking can
37 they contact the city. Deshmukh agreed they can.
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39 Hennen asked why there wouldn't be consistency and be at all bus stops. Deshmukh answered
40 this is new, and staff wants to make sure the demand is necessary and many bus stops are within
41 the no parking of an intersection. Ruddell is the only location currently that has complaints.
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43 **There was a motion by Commissioner Lyke with a second by Commissioner Robinson to**
44 **make the change to the ordinance. Vote 5-0 approved.**
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46 E. **TSC17-006** - Staff Reports

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2. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Mobility Committee of the Denton City Council, Traffic Safety Commission 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.

3. Adjournment: 6:10pm