



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 24, 2024
TO: Mobility Committee
FROM: Trevor Crain, Director of Capital Projects
SUBJECT: Committee Requested Project Updates

This memo provides information and updates from staff relating to updates to the Committee on items of interest discussed in past meetings. The following is a listing and brief staff response to the matters brought forward.

Alignment Concerns on Bonnie Brae & Loop 288:

On February 28, 2024, the Committee brought forward citizen concerns related to the Bonnie Brae Street Phase 7 alignment north of US 288. TxDOT is currently in the early design stages of Loop 288; and will provide approximately 100-150 feet stub out from the Loop 288 alignment/ROW line. Anything beyond that would be built out by the City or future developments. As it stands, the City does not have any current plans, any additions would be from developer-driven construction and follow the Mobility Plan alignment, with some allowance provided for reconfigurations.

Bike Racks Rules, Policies, Regulations and Enforcement:

On February 28, 2024, the Committee requested an update regarding existing policies, regulations, and enforcement procedures for bicycle racks, due to the lack of available facilities in the City. Currently, the City does not have any regulations for the installation of bicycle racks outside of the Denton Development Code. Developments proposed after the adoption of the 2019 Denton Development Code require a minimum of one on-site bicycle space for every 20 vehicular spaces provided for any multifamily or other non-residential land uses. A bicycle space may be accommodated using bicycle racks, bicycle lockers, or secured bicycle storage areas within the development as long as they are evenly distributed along the site and are located within 50' of a primary building entrance. Before the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, Building Inspections ensures these facilities are installed, per the approved Civil Engineering Plans.

Citywide Parking Study:

On April 2, 2024, City Council awarded a contract to Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates to complete the Citywide Parking Study. The Citywide Parking Study aims to review existing parking policies and regulations; enforcement practices; planning and engineering standards; and loading

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zones. The City receives numerous complaints and requests from residents and businesses regarding “No Parking” signage on residential streets, around the University of North Texas (UNT) and Texas Woman’s University (TWU) campuses; requests for new commercial loading zones in the Downtown and Fry Street areas; and complaints about personal vehicles and commercial truck storage alongside city and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) roadways.

Staff is currently working with the consultant to schedule a kick-off meeting with stakeholders from the City, UNT, TWU, TxDOT, and the local business community.

Crossing Concerns between Ryan High and Dollar General:

On February 28, 2024, the Committee brought forward a crossing safety concern along East McKinney Street, near Ryan High School adjacent to the Dollar General store. Staff conducted a safety audit along East McKinney Street on April 12th, 2024. Staff noted newly built sidewalks on both sides of East McKinney Street and a protected crosswalk at the Ryan Way and East McKinney Street traffic signal. Additionally, the section of East McKinney Street in front of Ryan High School is a school zone with signage, beacons, and lower speeds during the school start and end times. Staff will continue to monitor the area and conduct a follow-up audit in six months to determine if additional signage is needed.

Kings Row and Windsor Cross Access:

TxDOT has proposed the construction of a connector to serve as a bypass from US 380 to Loop 288. The connector would start at Geesling Road to Kings Row on Loop 288 to provide a direct connection and prevent existing traffic from having to enter city limits. The proposed connector alignment would require Kings Row to restrict a right-in and right-out driveway connecting the proposed frontage roads along Loop 288 from US 380 to IH 35. For this project, the City is proposing providing a new crossing across East Windsor Road to Loop 288 and for it to be reinstated on the City’s Mobility Plan. TxDOT is currently evaluating and designing the cross-sections for the US 380 connector. Staff is actively engaging with Northeast Denton communities on the proposed plans.

Use of Raised Crosswalks and Speed Cushions:

On March 27, 2024, the Committee inquired about the City’s use of raised crosswalks and speed cushions; the City does not allow the installation of speed bumps, speed humps, or speed cushions along any public streets. Raised crosswalks can be permitted on low-volume, low-speed facilities in newer developments with crosswalks widths of at least 10 feet and with proper ramps and drainage considerations. The installation of raised crosswalks and other traffic-calming devices would need to be discussed and cleared by both the Fire Department and Transportation Services before being permitted.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Staff Memorandum

Exhibit 2 – Future Items for Mobility Committee Meeting for 2024