



City of Denton
DRAFT MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

City Hall
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Monday, November 6, 2017

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, November 6, 2017 at 5:31p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas

Commissioners: Chair Patrice Lyke, Nancy DiMarco, Jim Owen, Daniel Krutka, Cody Robinson, Courtney Cross and Karen DeVinney

Staff Members: Pritam Deshmukh, Traffic Manager; Julie Anderson, Bike and Ped Coordinator; Trey Lansford, Attorney; Kim Mankin, Administrative Supervisor

REGULAR MEETING

- A. **TSC17-015** Consider the approval of Traffic Safety Commission meeting minutes of September 14, 2017.

Approved as circulated.

- B. **TSC17-016** Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction relating to speed limit along Hickory Street between Avenue A and Welch Street.

Pritam Deshmukh talked about this item showing a map. A former Commissioner asked staff to look at this segment of street to reduce speed.

Deshmukh stated that there were speed surveys taken, one while UNT was not in session and one while they were in session. With the surveys and the city ordinances they do not support reduction of speed.

Staff recommends we do not reduce the speed this roadway will be worked on in the near future for water, wastewater and street improvements.

Commissioner Krutka asked if the street will be worked on to slow traffic. Deshmukh added that bike lanes are being considered there are discussions regarding Hickory to Carroll for upcoming changes. Krutka asked about protection of bike lanes. Julie Anderson answered could be bollards. There was more discussion regarding options.

There was one request to speak on this item.

1. Kim McKibben - 106 Hickory Street - Representing the Fry Street merchants association. In favor of reducing the speed limit based on congestion.

Commissioner Krutka suggested that the bike lanes could also help with speed on this roadway. Commissioner DeVinney asked who enforces this area. Deshmukh answered the city enforces this area. Enforcement is not a problem.

Commissioner Cross stated she is all for public safety, but there are so many stop lights in this area that you can't really go over 30mph.

There was a motion to accept staff recommendation to keep the speed limit the same by Commission Owen, second by Commissioner DiMarco. Vote 7-0 approved.

- C. **TSC17-017** Receive a report hold a discussion and provide direction regrading resident concerns along Hobson Street.

Pritam Deshmukh talked about this item and showed a map. The issue is citizens wanted some sort of protected crosswalk across Hobson at Santa Monica to South Lakes– Eureka Park. Survey data was taken in October of this year. Background includes Hobson being an arterial street with quite a bit of traffic, with approximately 8,000 vehicle trips per day. It is a primary connector between FM2181 and FM1830. This location does not warrant a traffic signal.

There is currently a crosswalk, but does not have the ADA ramps.

Staff recommends searching for funding options to install the flashing crosswalk signs. This particular sign would have video detection to automatically start flashing when a pedestrian walks into the zone area.

Commissioner DiMarco asked if it is the same as McKinney, Deshmukh stated this will be LEDs on the sign and will only blink when there are pedestrians in the zone. The one on McKinney has push buttons.

Commissioner DeVinney asked if the sign would have a lot of maintenance. Deshmukh answered it will be solar and batteries, very cost effective and has minimal maintenance.

Chair Lyke commented on the crosswalk being diagonal. Deshmukh answered this is part of a bigger project for drainage, and to be ADA compliant.

There was a recommend approval this item by Commissioner DeVinney with a second by Commissioner DiMarco. Vote 7-0 approved.

- D. **TSC17-018** Staff Reports

1. Matrix

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1. Place holder – more information at a later date. Handicap parking on Elm and Hickory – Deshmukh working on adding a space on Hickory Street.
2. 3. 4. On today's agenda
6. Parking on Marietta – The small area plan will encompass this street.
7. Fannin Street - South of Eagle on Fannin Street in the near term enforcement will start, small area plan will encompass this street.
8. Old North Rd and University - alignment is skewed – not a big safety hazard there is a traffic signal. Long term project to change the left turn lane.

Commissioner Krutka - add Old Alton Road students walking without a sidewalk and bridge has no pedestrian access.

Chair Lyke - Safe passage on Mingo between Bell and Old North Road. Many pedestrians and bicyclist.

Chair Lyke - Fort Worth Drive at Collins turning left on Ft Worth Drive.

Commissioner Krutka - Dumpsters on Hickory

CONCLUDING ITEMS

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Adjournment: 6:16pm