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CITY OF AMARILLO

## MINUTES

On August 12, 2019, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. in the Simms Municipal Building, 808 S. Buchanan St., Room 203, for the Regular Meeting.

### ATTENDANCE:

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
Joe Chris Rodriguez	Yes	26	14
Tim Ingalls	Yes	26	24
Ed Commons	Yes	25	24
Steve Rogers	No	22	16
Howard Smith	Yes	19	18
Angela Harney	Yes	6	5
Joe MacInnis	No	5	2
<b>NON-VOTING MEMBER</b>			
Michael Schoenberg	Yes	1	1

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Kyle Schniederjan	Director of Capital Projects & Development Engineering
Michael Padilla	Transportation Superintendent
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney
Travis Muno	MPO Administrator
Michelle Ramirez	Recording Secretary, Traffic Field Operations
Dawood Alani	Traffic Engineer
Lt. James Clements	Amarillo Police Department

### REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Ingalls called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:07 a.m.

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Ingalls asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the May 13, 2019 minutes. Committee Member Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting. Committee Member Rodriguez seconded the motion, and motion carried 4:0.

Chairman Ingalls wanted to go around the room for an introduction with new staff in place.

ITEM 2: Receive Public Safety Update.

Kyle Schniederjan introduced Lt. Clements and he presented an update on Traffic Investigation.

There are three new Data Analysts that are finding information that is coming in through the State. In 2014, he discussed the comparison between pedestrians and bicycle accidents by the year. There is a 70% average of non fatal pedestrian accidents. In 2019, there were two fatal accidents. He also presented Pedestrians and accidents by the month. Higher accidents locations are in August through November and December. Bicycle accidents are about the same. Cyclists tend to ride in the cooler months. He mentioned the time of the day that there is a higher rate of pedestrian accidents that occur between 1:00p and 4:00p. A lot of accidents occur with the heavy traffic peak time and noon time. There were 120 pedestrian cycle accidents occurred between 2014 and 2019 and 298 pedestrian accidents. A lot of these accidents happen in the higher traffic locations. Examples are: Georgia St., Bell St. and the downtown areas. Amarillo Blvd has a high rate of accidents that occur as well. A lot of the problem is that the crosswalks are not being used correctly. 39% of pedestrians failed to yield to the right of way to the vehicle, meaning, pedestrians do not use any crosswalks or any type of traffic control device. This results in being struck. Vehicles failure to control speed is also a factor along with talking on cell phones, radios, texting. 5% of pedestrians that have been under the influence while crossing a crosswalk. Bicycle accident's is 21% of a rider's inattention. Lt. Clements also discussed the citations for pedestrians and bicycle in a year that was provided by the municipal court. Total arrest's in 2019 for pedestrian violations is 41. This data is January through December. Within the last five years, there has been one bicycle fatality inside the city limits. The accident occurred in 2017 at S. Coulter. The pedestrian hit and run fatalities is a total of four in the past five years. -last?

Committee Member Harney talked about taking it back to the basics about how to improve Safety. She would like to know data of citations per year on when the Cell Phone Prohibited was implemented in 2013. Ingalls inquired about the five most dangerous intersections in the city. He mentions that it's the design of the intersections, and perhaps the individual's behavior. He would like for there to be more education on this. Ingalls commented on looking at MPO's stand point also.

ITEM 3: Informational Update on the use STRAVA for Pedestrian and Bicycle use data.

Kyle has simple general information on the transportation master study through the MPO. We have partnered with TXDOT and STRAVA. STRAVA is a data management app system that has turned itself into a social media platform. It tracks an individual's activities and then you are able to share information with other groups. The City has gained access to this data to cross reference maps. It is at no cost with the City and TXDOT.

ITEM 4: Update on Parks Master Plan.

Parks has secured their consultant and is moving forward with the master plan. The budgeting came back and it includes the Hike and Bike Master Plan in the Parks Master Plan. It will be updated to identify connectivity and access to key destinations. The consultant and the City will revisit and update the goals, policies and guidelines to determine which need revisions. They will have focus group meetings and Kyle will keep the Committee updated. We're looking at 2021 for implementation of the plan.

ITEM 5: Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date.

Chairman Ingalls would like to know what the five most dangerous intersections are. Also provide update on Medi-Park. Some design standards. Input on more Roundabouts.

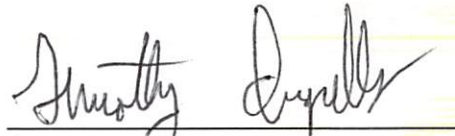
Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

ITEM 7: Public Forum.

Rodney Bohannon inquired about the Parks Master Plan.

ITEM 8: Adjournment.

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Ingalls adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m. Member Commons seconded. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.

  
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[Tim Ingalls], Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary