

STATE OF TEXAS
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CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On October 28, 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:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joe Chris Rodriguez	No	26	14
Tim Ingalls	Yes	28	26
Ed Commons	Yes	27	26
Steve Rogers	Yes	23	17
Howard Smith	Yes	21	20
Angela Harney	Yes	8	7
Joe MacInnis	No	5	2
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Schoenberg	No	2	2

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Donny Hooper	Assistant Director of Public Works
Michael Padilla	Transportation Superintendent
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney
Michelle Ramirez	Recording Secretary, Traffic Field Operations
Raymond Lee	Director of Public Works

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 11:02 a.m.

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Ingalls asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the September 23, 2019 minutes. Chairman Ingalls made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Ed Commons seconded the motion, and motion carried 3:0.

ITEM 2: Staff Updates

Committee will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects:

A. Update on citizen safety complaint in Wolflin area;

Donny Hooper, Assistant Director of Public Works talked about the citizen that was here for the August 12th meeting. The Traffic Engineering Dept has begun studies for the area, such as the volume of traffic and the speed so they can get an overview as to what is going on out in the Wolflin area. Once that study is complete, we will get it analyzed and let the committee know the findings. We will then move forward with any recommendations with any safety issues that may be involved. Committee Member Harney asked if there are any certain streets that the Dept would be looking at. She suggested the

Dept. look at Travis St., 24th and 22nd St. She mentioned that she lives on Travis St. and there are several citizens that do have concerns. She said they would like Stop Signs put up. Donny stated that the Traffic Engineering Department will look in that as well. Raymond Lee, Director of Public Works did state that a Neighborhood Meeting would be called to get the safety concerns addressed.

B. Update on APD accident statistics report from September 23, 2019;

There are no statistics to report. APD is working on specific items that the Committee gave to them. It will come back to Committee when numbers are ready. Committee Member Harney took it upon herself to get a print out of the intersections, specifically Amarillo Blvd. She is concerned that there are no crosswalks unless one has to walk more than a mile to get to one. She mentioned the crosswalk on Coulter St. Since Amarillo Blvd is considered a highway and TXOT has to be involved with any changes. Chairman Ingalls suggested Pedestrian Islands. Donny suggested that this be an Agenda Item. When you are at 10th & Georgia, you have Rails to Trails. The crosswalk there does not work. Michael Padilla, Transportation Superintendent, will have this looked at. Ingalls would like specific data over the last 5 years.

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C. Update on Plemons Eakle Traffic Calming Project;

Donny presented a drawing of an approve design by the neighborhood. It runs from 34th to 15th. Harrison St has two-way bike lanes, travel lane and parking lane. Tyler St. also has two parking areas that are going to be put in. This project has a way to move forward rather quickly once we get green lighted. We are however pending on the eastside of Harrison St. due to the fact of eliminating parking. We have to have a Public Meeting on it. We are in the process of send out notices to the Neighborhood Group. We also have a striping plan in mind, weather permitting. We are hopefully getting this notice out in the next two-three weeks. The biggest cost will be the delineator and would not go in right away. The cost is projected to be \$250,000.00. Raymond Lee said that there is a different approach to managing these types of projects. Public Works is the operational part of it and taking a more active role.

D. Report on plan for Julian Blvd. bike lanes and connectivity;

Donny discussed the Rails to Trails. The current plan is Hospital to Downtown. The three phases are in order. It will be Julian and Blvd. Phase two will be Julian to Rails to Trails and to 15th. Phase 3 will be 15th to Johnson. Phase one would not require public engagement. Weather permitting, it should start in November and the cost would be \$725.00 and to add additional striping is \$8,400.00. Phase two would require public engagements and should start in December. Design work should be done by January. The cost would be \$1,100.00 and the additional striping would be \$4,550. Member Harney inquired how this connects to Rails to Trails. Rails to Trails connect at Plains & Dixie. Phase three would be at 15th & Johnson. This too, will require public engagements and some may have some shared bike lanes. The public engagement would begin in April to hopefully bring to back to the Committee in May. If you take the three phases and add them up, should be ready to go by the summer of 2020. Donny will keep the Committee updated on this as it moves forward. Michael did mention that on phase three, the consultant only took his study from Tyler & Harrison to 16th. Michael did extend the study to 15th.

E. Report on procedure for reviewing existing paving/striping project.

Donny stated that when we are looking at streets, we are going to identify if they touch the 2011 Master Plan. We will reevaluate the striping and what that would look like to bring it back to this Committee to look at any safety issues. There is a big process that goes into planning our streets.

Harney asked what the role of this Committee is and how they can contribute. Hooper said that he would like to bring things like this to the Committee so they could see what our staff is looking at and the progress of how things are going. Secondly, the Committee is about the Safety aspect of the Pedestrians and Bicyclist. Harney also asked about the voting on things and it going to Council. Example: If Committee wants bike lanes that are outside of the plan. Raymond Lee, Director of Public Works, would have to review to see if that would fit into the scope of the project financially.

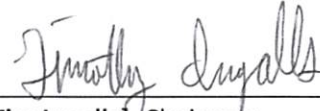
ITEM #3: Future agenda items and next meeting date.

Ingalls suggested an update on Member Harney's study on No Crosswalks on Blvd and specific data over the last 5 years. He would also like an update on Citizens safety. He would like an update on Traffic Advisory Board and how it functions and the next meeting. Committee Member Harney asked about the update on the STRAVA press release. The Staff will update the Committee on the STRAVA update.

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on December 2nd

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Ingalls adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



[Tim Ingalls], Chairman

ATTEST:



[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary