

City of Amarillo
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

On December 2, 2019, the pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 A.M. in Conference Room 203 at the Simms Building, 808 S. Buchanan Ave., with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Ed Commons	Yes	28	27
Angela Harney	Yes	9	8
Tim Ingalls	Yes	29	27
Joe MacInnis	No	6	2
Joe Chris Rodriguez	Yes	27	15
Steve Rogers	Yes	24	18
Howard Smith	Yes	22	21
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
David Szmagalski (Retired)	No	29	24

The following guests were also present:

- Robert Hamadi, Resident of Oliver Eakle
- Wilma, Wit, Resident of Oliver Eakle
- Julie Herman, Coordinator of Public Works
- Donny Hooper, Assistant Director of Public Works
- Raymond Lee, Director of Public Works
- Michael Padilla, Transportation Superintendent
- Courtney White - City Attorney I
- Jordan Schupbach, Director of Public Communications

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 A.M., and the following items of business were conducted:

Consider and Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Held October 28, 2019:

The following changes to the October 28, 2019 minutes were requested by Angela Harney:

- Item 2B. Change to specify that Amarillo Blvd. was selected due to the high number of accidents involving pedestrians.
- Item 2C. Clarify that the \$250K cost was for a contractor to perform the work and \$70K cost was for the City of Amarillo to perform the work.

Motion to approve the October 28, 2019 minutes with the proposed change was made by Ed Commons, seconded by Steve Rogers and passed with a 6-0 vote.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

- All public comments were related to the discussion of the Plemons Eakle Traffic Calming project.

3. STAFF UPDATES

Donny Hooper provided updates on the following issues and projects:

- A. Update on Strava Press Release –

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- There are multiple apps available. Mr. Hooper suggested that the press release come from one of the cycling organizations instead of the City (does not endorse). The purpose is to collect data. Angela Harney will work with Donny Hooper.
- B. Update on Traffic Signal Improvements for Rails to Trails at Line Avenue –
 - 50% working in the street. Need to evaluate (perform a traffic study) to determine solutions. Options include a HAWK or Traffic Signal to provide instruction to traffic (concern is traffic turning right from Plains). Warrant Study and Design have begun with materials will be procured in December 2019. Cost will be \$65K to \$75K, and funding will be provided by Prop 1.
 - Angela Harney expressed a need to evaluate 5 years of data.
 - Tim Ingalls discussed the possibility of a colored bike lane.
 - Raymond Lee noted how quickly the paint fades and the expense of Thermoplastic for all crosswalks and stop bars.
- C. Update on Plemons Eakle Traffic Calming –
 - A public meeting was held and approximately 80 people attended. A lot of comments were received, and the overwhelming majority were against the proposal. Staff met and discussed the comments with management. The decision was made not to do anything for now and send a letter to the Plemons Eakle Neighborhood Association. Lessons were learned regarding public engagement and being more transparent with notices.
 - Wilma Wit, resident of Oliver Eakle, expressed concerns regarding the proposal (1 traffic lane and loss of parking on the east side of the street).
 - Robert Hamadi, resident of Oliver Eakle expressed appreciation for Donny Hooper's comments and concerns regarding the proposal (retaining character of neighborhood and loss of parking).
 - Tim Ingalls discussed traffic and speed issues, thoroughfares and corridors, mid-level crossings, bicycle laws, road diet and alternative designs. The issues are speeding and bicycle safety.
- D. Update on Julian Boulevard Bike Lanes and Connectivity –
 - Work on Julian Boulevard is complete to Georgia, and people are using the bike lanes.
 - Tim Ingalls expressed concern about crossing at 45th and Southwest Park.
- E. Update on Amarillo Boulevard and Crosswalks –
 - TXDOT is evaluating right-of-way. Michael Padilla has been in contact with TXDOT in Austin. It is estimated that TXDOT will provide results of evaluation in 6-8 months.
- F. Report on Overview of the Traffic Advisory Board Meetings –
 - Traffic Advisory Board can work in conjunction with this committee or on their own. The Traffic Advisory Board meets on an as-needed basis. Steve Rogers is the chairman.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING DATE

- Update on APD Data Collection and Analysis.
- Update on Wolflin.
- Presentation on Tactical Urbanism (Tim Ingalls).
- Discuss the Crossing at 45th and Southwest Park.

The next Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee meeting will be on January 6, 2019 at 11:00 A.M in Conference Room 203 at the Simms Building, 808 S. Buchanan Ave.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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With no other business to be conducted, the meeting adjourned 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:

[Julie Herman], Acting Board Secretary