

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On June 8, 2020, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. by Video Conference for the Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joe Chris Rodriguez	No	28	16
Tim Ingalls	Yes	32	30
Ed Commons	Yes	31	30
Steve Rogers	Yes	25	19
Howard Smith	Yes	25	24
Angela Harney	Yes	12	11
Terri Guengerich	No	3	2
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	3	3

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Donny Hooper	Assistant Director of Public Works
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney
Michelle Ramirez	Recording Secretary, Traffic Field Operations
Stephanie Coggins	Assistant to the City Manager

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Harney called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:08 a.m.

Item 1: Public Forum.

No Public Forum.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Harney asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the February 10, 2020 minutes. Committee Member Commons made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Smith seconded the motion, and motion carried 5:0.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates

A. Update on Wolflin Neighborhood Traffic Study;

There is no update on the Woflin Traffic Study as of now. The Study should be complete by the end of June or beginning of July. Donny discussed with the committee the executive decision to change the way traffic studies and counts are done due to Covid.

B. Update on Traffic Hawk at Rails to Trails and Georgia Street;

Donny mentioned that this project is coming along nicely. The pavement markings have been completed. The Stop Bars are completed as well. The poles are in place. The controllers are in. The Cabinet should be in this week or next week. The target date for this being complete is June 15th, give or take a week. Before activation Donny would like to send out a message to the Media to let the public know that it will be up and running. This Hawk will connect to Rails to Trails. Chairman Harney asked about a press release on the Hawk. Donny let the committee know it will be handled.

C. Update on TXDOT pedestrian crossing project at Amarillo Blvd;

Michael Padilla, Transportation Superintendent, has had meetings with TXDOT and he discussed the implementation of a Safety Project that is being funded through 0 in 2050. That means 0 accidents in 2050. It will be on Amarillo Blvd. from Lincoln to Grand and will consist of 3 phases. The first phase will be for three crossings; Hawks or refuge islands between Lincoln and Grand. The locations are still yet to be determined as TXDOT is still waiting on a study to come back. Construction would start in February 2021. This has been funded at \$640,000.00. The second phase is at the design level as of now, which are the four signals that are in the same corridor. They will all be upgraded with new handicap accessible ramps, and audio/visual aides to help crossing. This has been funded at \$1.2 million and will start sometime in 2021. Phase three will start the year after and will be the addition of 6 ft. sidewalks with handicaps ramps from Lincoln to Grand St. The funding for that will be \$2.75 million. Michael will be in touch with Blair Johnson to get him to attend a future meeting to answer any questions the committee may have.

D. Update on safe crossing of 45th to SW Park-John Stiff Park;

There is no update at this time due to Covid. There is a path from the Library just west that goes to McDonald Lake. There will be more evaluations done on this along side with Solid Waste.

E. Presentation on bike lanes connecting Downtown to Rails to Trails.

Donny presented the committee a slide show on the Bike Lanes connecting Downtown to Rails to Trails. The master plan consisted of 8th St. and 7th St. that would run all the way from Crockett to Buchanan. Raymond Lee, Public Works Director wants to explore the possibility of shared bike lanes on front side of Hodgetown. A shared bike lane would go on Buchanan St. at 8th St. and 7th St. in either direction through the downtown area. As you get to Fillmore to Harrison, there would be an identified bike lane 5 ½ ft. with one-way traffic and parking on both sides. Harrison St. to Crockett St. there would be a bike lane with one-way traffic and parking on both sides with buffer. There are drawings and a striping plan made to implement the process in September. Committee Member Tim Ingalls shared his input about angle parking downtown with the staff and group.

ITEM 4: Brainstorm Public Education and Outreach Opportunities.

Chairman Harney discussed with the group the bike craze in Amarillo due to Covid. She would like to make the public aware of the positive things that the City is doing to help facilitate safer cycling and safer pedestrian traffic. She would also like to gradually help shift our culture in Amarillo for cyclists including press releases about the Committee and the things they are doing. Face Book, Share the Road, and bike-a-thons would also help. Donny and Jordan talked about producing a video that could go on social media and on the City's Website promoting bicycle and pedestrian safety.

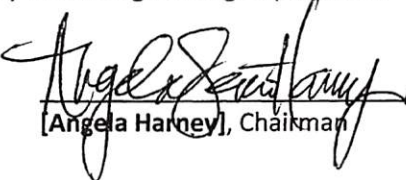
Item 5: Future agenda items and next meeting date.

- TXDOT Update on Blvd. with Blair Johnson
- Angle Parking Downtown
- SW 45th & Park-John Stiff Park Update
- Striping Projects and Bike Lanes Update on Master Plan
- Cpt. Chadwick Coulter Segment Update
- Update on new protocol for Striping
- Rails to Trails connecting to Medi-Park

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on July 13th.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Harney adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.


[Angela Harney], Chairman

ATTEST

[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary