

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO**

On January 6, 2021, the Amarillo Traffic Advisory Board met at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for a Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Charlie Graham	Yes	39	24
Steve Rogers	Yes	30	25
Adam Schaer	Yes	10	8
Alonzo Everhart	No	5	1
Scottie South	No	5	3
Jimmy Muncy	Yes	4	4
Roger Cox	Yes	2	2

Also in attendance were:

Michael Padilla	Transportation Superintendent
Michael Schoenberg	Traffic Operations Technician
Donny Hooper	Assistant Director of Public Works
Michelle Ramirez	Transportation Administrative Technician

Call to Order.

Chairman Rogers of the Traffic Advisory Board established a quorum and called the Meeting of the Traffic Advisory Board to order at 1:06 p.m.

ITEM 1: Public Forum.

There was no further comment from the public.

ITEM 2: Minutes

Chairman Rogers asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of March 4, 2020 minutes. Committee member Cox made a motion to approve the minutes to approve the minutes. Committee member Schaer seconded the motion, and motioned carried 5:0.

ITEM 3:

Consider Speed Limit Reduction on Soncy/Hollywood (Loop 335)

a) From Amarillo Blvd South to Coulter

Michael Padilla, Transportation Superintendent, presented the Board a power point discussing TXDOT wanting to reduce the speed on Soncy. With Soncy being a State loop, they do have control. TXDOT will still have to submit to Texas Transportation Commission in February. The residents of the Subdivisions along Soncy have made numerous requests of the City Traffic Engineering Department and TXDOT to lower the speed on Loop 335 South of I-40 to Hollywood Rd. TXDOT recently completed speed studies along this corridor indicating the overall traffic speeds have dropped below the posted speed limits along Soncy & Hollywood. Other Traffic factors: A Traffic Signal will be installed at the Intersection of Soncy & Perry in 2021. A traffic speed study will be conducted 3 months after signal has be installed to show is the speeds are aligned with the new speed limits. City Staff does anticipate the speed to continue to drop as development continues in this area. Padilla went on to say, that the City Staff will send out Press Release in the week to follow to notify the public of this proposed ordinance of the speed limit change. If the ordinance change is approved by City Council and approved by the Texas Transportation Commission, City Staff would then work with TXDOT to produce media releases to inform the public.

Member Adam Schaer asked if there is going to be a signalized intersection at Heritage Hills. Michael Padilla said there will be a study conducted. Heritage Hills is close to meeting warrants. With the signal going in at Soncy & Perry, it may change. Arden Rd is expected to be constructed to open out there. Traffic may go out there also. In all, it's possible that will be a signal at Heritage Hills.

Member Roger Cox asked if it was possible to get materials in advance before set meetings. He said it would be more helpful to have a more informed decision about things. His question is: Is there anything on the horizon where some of these signal lights will be timed or coordinated for a more efficient flow of traffic? Donny did mention that this would have to be an item on the Agenda for a later discussion. Cox stated that the speed is inconsistent and non compliance. There is very little lighting also in some of these areas.

Traffic Advisory Board Chairman Steve Rogers made a motion to change the speed limit on Soncy Rd. Member Muncy seconded the motioned and motion carried 4:1.

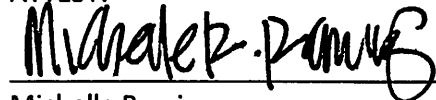
ITEM 4: Future agenda items and next meeting date

Traffic Advisory Board Member Steve Rogers would like to a refresher on duties under the Open Meetings Act. Committee would also like a presentation on traffic analysis for Soncy & Amarillo Blvd. to the Loop. An updated video tour of the Traffic Management Center would be good. Chairman Rogers scheduled a proposed meeting on February 17, 2021 at 1:00p via Zoom. There being no further business, Traffic Advisory Board Member Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:36p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



Steve Rogers, Chairman
Traffic Advisory Board

ATTEST:



Michelle Ramirez
Traffic Advisory Board Secretary