

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On November 15, 2021, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. in Room 306 of the City Hall Building for a Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tim Ingalls	Yes	44	42
Steve Rogers	Yes	34	28
Howard Smith	Yes	36	35
Terri Guengerich	Yes	12	11
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	14	14

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Donny Hooper	Director of Public Works
Michelle Ramirez	Recording Secretary, Traffic Field Operations
Courtney White	Attorney I

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Rogers called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:02 a.m.

Item 1: Public Forum.

No Public Forum.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Rogers asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the September 20, 2021 minutes. Committee Member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Guengerich seconded the motion, and motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 3: The Committee will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects:

A. Introduce new members with terms beginning January 1, 2022

There is one member that will be joining. His name is Chris Podzemny. Stephanie Atkinson did apply. Staff will continue to research and get back to the Committee.

B. Update on City of Amarillo highest accident locations for pedestrian/bikes
Michael updated the Committee. From November 9, 2019 to November 8, 2021, there were 42 bike accidents inside the City Limits with 7 of those were within ½ mile of the Georgia St. HAWK crossing. That will be monitored closely. And additional 5 were at the Blvd. HAWK crossing. That location will be closely monitored also. 55% of accidents occurred in residential neighborhoods. Chairman Rodgers wanted to know what would meet the definition of an accident. To which Michael responded with an accident report. Committee Member Ingalls also asked what locations with the highest accidents for any user. Michael is working on that. All the information is together and will be presented to the Traffic Advisory Board. There have been 5 accidents between State Hwy. 136 and Eastern. There are no crosswalks painted on the roads. There will be pedestrian buttons and crosswalks and that might funnel people over to Eastern to cross.

Donny mentioned that there will need to be more education on safety.

C. Discussion on current Striping and Traffic Control devices on Tyler and Harrison from 16th to 34th
Tim Ingalls discussed with the Committee the current striping on Tyler and Harrison. It's designed as a commuter corridor. He said that there have been numerous complaints about citizens driving too fast. We have looked at new designs, speed limits, but no comprehensive plan. He would like it to where it's legal to park on both sides and requested the center lane stripe removed.

Michael stated that on the right side of Tyler St., it is No Parking Mon-Fri 7a-9a. Harrison St. will be opposite with No Parking Mon-Fri 4p-6p.

Donny sated that in 2017, a letter came from Plemons Eakle Association wanting some changes as well. We hired a Consultant to study the corridors and presented 8 options to which a vote was taken on. We then presented the options that a meeting to which the people did not want any changes made.


ITEM 4: Future agenda items and next meeting date.

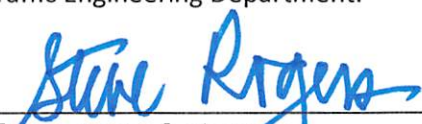
- Safety Presentation and Education Discussion-Educational ideas
- Report the number of Committee Members
- General Redesigns

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on January 10, 2022.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Rodgers adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.

ATTEST: 
[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary


[Steve Rogers], Chairman