

MINUTES

On April 24, 2017, 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 208, for a Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mark Nair	No	5	2
Joe Chris Rodriguez	No	5	3
Tim Ingalls	Yes	5	4
David Szmagalski	Yes	5	5
Austin Collins	No	5	3
Stephen Hayward	Yes	4	4
Ed Commons	Yes	4	4
Steve Rogers	Yes	2	2

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Michael Padilla	Traffic Field Superintendent
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary, Traffic Engineering Dept.
Lt. Louis Sanchez	Amarillo Police Department
Sgt. Warren Gross	Amarillo Police Department

The following persons were also present: LaViza Matthews, Traffic Safety Specialist, Texas Department of Transportation, Matthew Stringer, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, and Edward Bustos.

ITEM 1: Call to Order. Committee Chairman Tim Ingalls established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:00 a.m.

ITEM 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Member Steve Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017, meeting with a correction to include himself on the roster of those attending the meeting. Committee Member Ed Commons seconded the motion, and motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: Discussion of Plan of Work.

Discussion was held on safety measures for pedestrians and bicyclists within the city. The installation of a protected green for pedestrians was discussed for the signal on South Coulter Street near McDonald Lake. Michael Padilla said a pedestrian count would need to be taken before any change was implemented.

David Szmagalski passed out handouts on bicycle crash data within the city. A City of Amarillo Traffic Volume Map was distributed, and discussion ensued on the traffic counts and accident data.

Members discussed the project list of overlay street candidates for 2017. Chairman Ingalls suggested lane modifications on S.W. 26th Ave. west of Georgia St. to Olsen Blvd. could be coordinated with the overlay project scheduled for this year. Committee Member Ed Commons suggested that northbound route on Crockett Street

under I-40 to Julian Blvd. to the Rail Trail would be a safer route for bicyclists and pedestrians. Michael Padilla stated that any striping plan deviations would need to be approved by a Traffic Engineer. He stated six to eight striping projects are scheduled within the city this year, with construction beginning in June.

Chairman Ingalls stated he felt that other means of moving people and goods should be encouraged other than with motor vehicles. He suggested that Amarillo Blvd. would be a good place to consider alternate transportation improvements.

Members discussed streets that would be good candidates for a road diet, narrowing four or five-lane roads to a three-lane road. Traffic Engineering guidelines suggest that only roads carrying less than 15,000 vehicles per day should be considered for a three-lane road. Traffic counts on Hillside Rd. between Bell St. and Coulter St. indicate the counts are greater than the recommended level.

LaViza Matthews stated she had access to the Crash Report Incident System (CRIS). She said she would look into how it could be utilized.

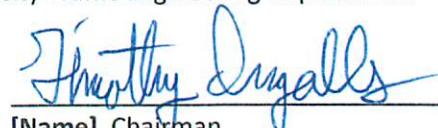
ITEM 4: Discussion – Future Agenda Items.

Chairman Ingalls stated suggestions for future agenda items should be e-mailed to Judy Alexander in the Traffic Engineering Department.

ITEM 5: Announcement – Next Meeting Date.

Members agreed that the next scheduled meeting would be at 11:00 a.m. on May 22, 2017, at in the Simms Municipal Building in a meeting room to be determined.

ITEM 6: Adjournment. There being no further business, Committee Member Commons moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Rogers, and the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



[Name], Chairman

ATTEST:



[Name], Board Secretary