

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On March 20, 2017, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall, 509 S.E. 7th Avenue, Room 306, for a Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mark Nair	No	4	2
Joe Chris Rodriguez	Yes	4	3
Tim Ingalls	Yes	4	3
David Szmagalski	Yes	4	4
Austin Collins	No	4	3
Stephen Hayward	Yes	3	3
Ed Commons	Yes	3	3
Steve Rogers	Yes	1	1

Also in attendance were:

Michael Padilla	Traffic Field Superintendent
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary, Traffic Engineering Dept.
LaViza Matthews	Traffic Safety Specialist, Texas Department of Transportation

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 Stephen Hayward made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, meeting. Committee Member Joe Chris Rodriguez 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. Members questioned Michael Padilla, Traffic Field Superintendent, about changing the timing on pedestrian signals to give a protected green. The pedestrian signal on S. Coulter Road south of S.W. 45th Avenue near the entrance to McDonald Lake would be a candidate for a protected pedestrian crossing.

LaViza Matthews, Traffic Safety Specialist, Texas Department of Transportation, invited members to attend the Texas Safety Coalition at the Texas Department of Transportation office at 5715 Canyon Dr. on March 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Member Hayward presented a power point presentation on a "Road Diet." He explained that a Road Diet is converting a four-lane road into three lanes with the middle lane being a turn lane. That configuration makes room for a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists on the outside lane. He also presented a video on a Dutch intersection, which would provide increased safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Committee Member Hayward expressed an interest in modifying Hillside Road west of Soncy Road to include a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists. He stated that changes in road design in that area would be timely and cost effective since it is currently under development.

Michael Padilla stated the pedestrian crossing on Georgia Street for the Rail Trail is complete.

Committee Member Steve Rogers suggested more study be done on locations with a pedestrian/bicycle accident history before any major changes are made. Members discussed quality of life issues and the desire to promote pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

Members discussed the project list of overlay street candidates for 2017. Chairman Ingalls suggested lane modifications on S.W. 26th Avenue west of Georgia Street could be coordinated with the overlay project scheduled for this year. Committee Member Hayward suggested that Paramount Boulevard/Olsen Boulevard from I-40 to Western Street would be a candidate for bicycle lanes at some point in the future. Plains Boulevard was also discussed as a possibility for lane modifications. Consensus among members was to focus on the Georgia Street/SW 26th Avenue segment for the short term.

Michael Padilla stated that any road modifications would need approval by a traffic engineer consultant hired by the City as well as the City Council.

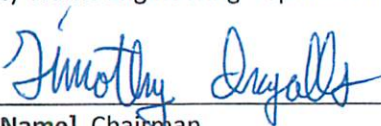
ITEM 4: Discussion – Future Agenda Items.

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 April 17, 2017, at a place 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 12:10 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



[Name], Chairman

ATTEST: 

[Name], Board Secretary