

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

On Feb 15, 2017, the Amarillo Traffic Advisory Board met at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, 509 S.E. 7th Avenue, in the Council Chamber on the third floor for a regular meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Dean Downey	No	33	32
Charlie Graham	No	33	18
Steve Rogers	Yes	23	18
Barbara Richardson	Yes	20	15
Adam Schaer	Yes	3	3
Alonzo Everhart	Yes	1	1

Also in attendance were:

David Szmagalski	Traffic Operations Technician
Michael Padilla	Traffic Field Superintendent
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary

Board Member Rogers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Board Member Rogers established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Advisory Board to order at 1:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: Election of Chairman.

Board Member Richardson nominated Board Member Rogers for Chairman of the Traffic Advisory Board. Board Member Schaer seconded the motion, and motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2016.

Motion was made by Board Member Richardson and seconded by Board Member Schaer to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2016, meeting. The motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 4: Consider Four-Way Stop Sign Installation at Sandie Dr. and Hatfield Cir.

The Traffic Engineering Department received a request from Nathan Pike, 6510 Sandie Dr., to consider placement of a four-way stop at the intersection of Sandie Dr. and Hatfield Cir. to control traffic speeds. Sandie is a residential collector street that carries approximately 1900 vehicles per day, and Hatfield carries approximately 300 vehicles per day. There have been no reported collisions in the last three years at the intersection, and the 85th percentile speed on Sandie is 35 mph. The 85th percentile indicates that 85% of drivers are traveling at or below 35 mph. The speed limit is 30 mph on both Sandie Dr. and Hatfield Cir.

A traffic study indicated that none of the warrants for a four-way stop were met as established by the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Mr. Pike presented a petition signed by property owners requesting a hearing before the Traffic Advisory Board in accordance with the Neighborhood Traffic Assistance Program. The Traffic Engineering Department has no recommendation with regard to the request.

Nathan Pike appeared and stated that he had acquired the required signatures of the property owners for the installation of the four-way stop. Randy Burkett, 6408 Hatfield Cir., and Richard Moreland, 6514 Sandie Dr., appeared in favor of the four-way stop. Alan Gertonson, 6302 Oakhurst Dr., and Charles Peters, 6514 Roxton Dr., were interested in other traffic control alternatives. Dick Davis, 6405 Palacio Dr., who was the City of Amarillo Traffic Engineer from 1977-1991, stated the four-way stop would not stop drivers from speeding. He stated that he was generally opposed to four-way stops and speed humps.

David Szmagalski, Traffic Operations Technician, stated that the City Council has declined to approve speed hump placement on city streets for many years, citing delays for fire and emergency vehicles.

Board Member Schaer make a motion to approve the four-way stop, and Board Member Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM 5: Consider Speed Limit Reduction on Soncy Rd./Hollywood Rd. (State Loop 335)

Mr. Szmagalski stated that traffic volumes and roadway use have increased with development in the vicinity of Soncy and Hollywood Roads near the southwest quadrant of State Highway Loop 335. He said that the Traffic Engineering Department has received citizen requests to lower the speed limit along the corridor.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) authorized a speed zone study to be conducted by Kimley-Horn, an outside consulting firm. Speed zones checks resulted in an average 85th percentile speed of 64.8 mph for northbound and 65.4 mph for southbound traffic. The report indicated the curve that connects Soncy to Hollywood has two intersecting Farm to Market Roads that negatively affect the sight distances and driver perceptions of oncoming traffic. This area is currently outside the city limit, but future annexation will most likely include this portion of the Loop. The report recommended the a speed limit be reduced from the current 70 mph to 60 mph along Soncy/Hollywood corridor. The Traffic Engineering Department is in agreement with the reduction to reflect the prevailing speed of traffic along the corridor. The Traffic Engineering Department recommends the Traffic Advisory Board recommend the City Council modify Section 16-3-1002, Schedule B, Maximum Speed Limit as shown:

DELETE:

<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>MPH</u>
Hollywood Road	I-27	A point 1295.2 ft. east of Western Street	55

Soncy Road (Loop 335)	A point 600 ft. south of SW 45 th Avenue	A point 1500 ft. south of Hillside Road	60
Soncy Road (Loop 335)	A point 1500 ft. south of Hillside Road	South City Limits	70

ADD:

<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>MPH</u>
Hollywood Road	A point 1295.2 ft east of . Western Street	A point 750 ft. west of Coulter Street	55
Hollywood Road	A point 750 ft. west of Coulter Street	West City Limits	60
Soncy Road (Loop 335)	A point 600 ft. south of SW 45 th Avenue	South City Limits	60

ITEM 6: Public Forum.

Dick Davis suggested that a traffic speed study be taken after the four-way stop signs had been installed for a period of time so the results can be compared to the speed studies taken before installation of the signs.

ITEM 7: Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairman Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richardson, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Judy Alexander, Board Secretary