

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On July 13, 2020, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. by Video Conference for the Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joe Chris Rodriguez	No	28	16
Tim Ingalls	Yes	33	31
Ed Commons	Yes	32	31
Steve Rogers	Yes	26	20
Howard Smith	Yes	26	25
Angela Harney	Yes	13	12
Terri Guengerich	Yes	4	3
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	4	4

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Donny Hooper	Assistant Director of Public Works
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney
Michelle Ramirez	Recording Secretary, Traffic Field Operations
Blair Johnson	TXDOT Engineer
Lt. Shane Chadwick	APD

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Harney called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:07 a.m.

Item 1: Public Forum.

No Public Forum.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Harney asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the February 10, 2020 minutes. Committee Member Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Harney seconded the motion, and motion carried 5:0.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates

A. Update on TXDOT Amarillo Blvd. Safety Project

Blair Johnson, TXDOT Traffic Engineer joined the meeting and gave an update to the committee for the Project that is being funded through 0 in 2050. That means 0 accidents in 2050. It will be on Amarillo Blvd. from Lincoln to Grand and will consist of 3 phases. The funding was given in late March. He went on to say that there was a kick off meeting to start the plan development process. The first phase will be for three crossings; Hawks or refuge islands between Lincoln and Grand. The initial phase will have to meet warrant. The warrant is a minimum of 20 pedestrians in any hour. TXDOT is working with consultant on the traffic studies to conduct pedestrian and vehicle counts for the next month. Construction would start in February 2021. This has been funded at \$620,000.00. The second phase is at the design level as of now, which are the four signals that are in the same corridor. They will all be upgraded with new handicap accessible ramps, and audio/visual aides to help crossing.

B. Update on APD data collection and analysis on arterial segments with high accident rates, Lt. Shane Chadwick shared a presentation to the committee of a crash analysis dated 2015-2019 for pedestrian accidents on Coulter St. October, November and January were the most that had accidents. As far as days of the week, Wednesdays and Sundays were the high days of pedestrian accidents. Wolflin, I-40 and 45th were the areas concentrated on. Some pedestrian accidents don't actually occur on the streets. They happen in parking lots.

C. Presentation on Parks Master Plan Survey (Michael Kashuba, Parks Director; Angela Harney, Parks Advisory Board Member)

This item has been skipped for a later time.

D. Update on Traffic "Hawk" at Rails to Trails and Georgia Street;

Donny Hooper updated the committee about this. Due to Covid, we are still waiting on equipment that has been ordered. They are expected in this next coming week. Installation will hopefully begin on July 20th. Once that it has been installed, there will be a public engagement on this.

E. Update on connectivity between Rails to Trails and Medi-Park;

Donny presented a map to the committee showing Kirkland all the way to Wallace Blvd. This route will have some additional signage and pavement markings added. The estimated cost will be about \$2,000.00.

F. Update on safe crossing of 45th to SW Park-John Stiff;

There has been research done over the last few weeks. There would have to be a three phased approach such as a signalized intersection at Storm St. There would have to be a study on this and will have to meet warrant. Once that happens, it will have to go to Traffic Advisory Board and to make sure the funding is there.

G. Update on striping on North Coulter Street

Donny presented a map to the committee on the striping of Coulter St. all the way to the loop to Tascosa Rd.

ITEM 4: Recommendation for Public Service Announcements.

Chairman Harney discussed with the committee the various ways to educate the public about pedestrian and bicycle safety and would like to make a recommendation on a public announcement campaign. Committee member Ingalls made a motion to approve the recommendation. Committee member Guengerich seconded the motion and motion carried 5:0.

Item 5: Future agenda items and next meeting date.

- Striping
- Rails to Trails from 9th and Soncy

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on August 10th.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Harney adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



[Angela Harney], Chairman

ATTEST:



[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary