

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Gary Kirkham, Ken Dalfonso, Clara Montas, Mike Dietert, and Art Brinkkoeter.

The following members were absent: Ernesto Rodriguez.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the minutes of the January 9th, 2025
Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting.

Motion to approve by Mike Dietert. Second by Ken Dalfonso. All in favor 5-0

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board action at this time.

The following citizens spoke: Jeff Mund requested that loading zones be restricted to certain hours of the day.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A) Presentation and update on City of New Braunfels Capital Projects and Initiatives.

Garry Ford reported on the updates and improvements from the NB Capital Projects associated with the 2019, 2023 bond programs, Roadway Impact Fee, NB Economic Development Corp, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Org., Transit and other funding programs.

B) Presentation and update on the New Braunfels Transit District.

Garry Ford gave a transit services update. Elizabeth Dupont mentioned that she is working on getting grants for the city to help with funding improvements. There is a Transit connection study investigating connecting New Braunfels and surrounding counties.

Julie Sitton is also helping with Transit items.

6. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to implement a traffic calming plan on Mission Drive between Valley View Lane and Trail View.

Carly Farmer presented the item. First speaker of the Mission Dr between Valley View Lane and Trail View was Brent Perry 81 Mission Dr. He would like to see about speeders on the street and look into sight distance problems. He said that there are trees and shrubs at neighbors' front yard that need to be trimmed. Kathy Sieczkowski 80 Mission said cars park along Mission Dr. where it goes down hill and if people walk, they have to walk around the cars and wind up in the driving lane. She feels that it is very dangerous and also complained about the speeders. Philip Defrancesco 100 Mission Dr. said walking around the neighborhood is dangerous because of no sidewalks. Kathy Bassett 108 Mission Dr. says people do not stop at the stop signs at the 4-way stop. She said maybe roundabouts would help fix the speeding problems. Travis Kolinb 78 Mission Dr said he has children playing in the front yard and also ride bikes in front of his home, and cars come by there speeding by. He said he is concerned about cars losing control and hitting these children. Fey Sullivan 89 Mission Dr. says she has visitors come over and she feels it is too dangerous when they get out of their cars. Jon Cooper 87 Mission Dr. also said that the hill is very steep and causes speeding. Also, brush, animals and trees are a real problem there. Jackline Smith 76 Mission Dr. stated that speeders do speed up and down the hill. She also agreed that children play out there and it is not safe when they are on their bikes and go karts. Kathy Sieczkowski 80 Mission Dr. passed out map of street and feels that the #3 area of the map signed the petition but did not really recommend speed humps. They just like to see people slow down. Debbie Cooper 87 Mission Dr. says she walks up, and down Mission Dr and speeders almost hit her. She recommends a 20 mph speed limit. After that we closed public comments. Then board member Clara Montas said she wanted to know where the stop signs were located. Ken Dalfonso mentioned that speeders could cause an accident or even death. He feels it needs to be addressed soon. Gary Kirkham said that we should have that sight problem looked at first. Art asked to have staff look at maybe more street markings (paint markings) to help slow down and maybe curve warning signage. Gary and Ken also recommended staff to look at other options. Clara made

motions to go back to staff to get more options to control traffic safety in the neighborhood. Mike 2nd, Garry abstained. Art, Ken, Mike and Clara said yes, motion passed.

B) Discuss and consider a recommendation to amend Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels to revise no parking zones on Butcher Street.

Carly explained the item and showed where the parking and no parking zone would be placed. After a short discussion on the item, Mike Dietert made a motion to go with staff recommendations as written. Ken 2nd. Motion passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

By: _____
GARY KIRKHAM, CHAIR

Attest:

CARLY FARMER, BOARD LIAISON