



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
 TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ADVISORY
 BOARD MEETING
 TEJAS ROOM
 550 LANDA STREET**



THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Approval of the minutes of the April 11th, 2024 [24-787](#)
 Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting.

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.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A) Presentation on the City of New Braunfels requirements [24-788](#)
 and process for the authorization and installation of
 traffic control devices.

6. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council [24-800](#)
 to amend Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances of
 the City of New Braunfels to extend a no parking zone on
 both sides of Springs Nursery.
- B) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council [24-799](#)
 to amend Section 126-346 and Section 86-7 to revise no
 parking zones in Cypress Bend Park.

7. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Board Liaison

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Transportation & Traffic Advisory Board Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

6/13/2024

Agenda Item No. A)

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirkham called the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Arthur Brinkkoeter, Michael Dietert, Ernesto Rodriguez, Gary Kirkham, Garrett Mechler, Kenneth Dalfonso

The following members were absent: Michael Yoder

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Dietert made a motion to accept the March 14, 2024, minutes as written. Ernesto Rodriguez seconded the motion. All in favor.

- A) Approval of the minutes of the March 14th, 2024
Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting.

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.

None.

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to approve the W. San Antonio Street roadway reallocation project.

Garry Ford explained the recommendations of W. San Antonio St. roadway reallocation project from Main Plaza to Walnut Ave. This proposed roadway allocation would address priorities of safety, access, mobility, parking, economy, and the environment. He mentioned that it would define limits and goals of driving, walking, access, parking, aesthetics, etc. After going over these items, he showed possible angled parking, either forward or reverse, and number of lanes and the left turn lanes. He also explained why less lanes would improve vehicle safety. He also explained pedestrian safety and improvement of intersections and crosswalks. Garry then

explained the option 1, angle parking on north side and parallel parking on south side with three lanes from Main Plaza to Ferguson. Then Garry explained option 2, that would be three lanes with parallel parking and buffer space on north and south sides. We discussed the difference of angle parking and parallel parking, which angle front end or reverse would add 29 more parking space spots while option 2 would only add 10 spots. Garrett asked about the traffic count around the plaza. He also mentioned that TxDOT would want to change the plaza to one lane. Dietrich and Gary Kirkham also asked about the studies too. Dalfonso said we need to look into other cities that have angle parking and how it works in their streets. Ford mentioned that striping and curbing extensions and also light timing was being studied and how it will work. Staff is also looking at how E. San Antonio St. is working and to do that on W. San Antonio St. Dietert made motion to go with option number 1, angle parking, either direction to maximize parking, Art second. Art, Ken, Mike, and Gary voted Yes; Ernesto and Garrett voted no, motion passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

By: _____
GARY KIRKHAM, CHAIR

Attest:

CARLY FARMER, BOARD LIAISON



Transportation & Traffic Advisory Board Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

6/13/2024

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Garry Ford, Transportation and Capital Improvements Director

SUBJECT:

Presentation on the City of New Braunfels requirements and process for the authorization and installation of traffic control devices.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Capital Improvements

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

N/A

ISSUE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Carly Farmer, Engineer

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to amend Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels to extend a no parking zone on both sides of Springs Nursery.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Capital Improvements**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 1**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Transportation Division has received a request from two property owners along Springs Nursery to extend a recently established no parking zone on Comal Creek Trail to include both sides of the street in front of their properties. Both residents expressed safety concerns about vehicles parked on Springs Nursery in front of their homes restricting the pavement width for through traffic.

In 2023, the Transportation Division received a request from the Town Creek POA Safety Committee to restrict on-street parking along both sides of Comal Creek Trail between Springs Nursery. The reason for the request is the pavement width is difficult to navigate when vehicles are parked on-street. A traffic study was performed, which included a site investigation and review of the street area layout, roadway geometry, and applicable codes such as the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances and the International Fire Code which identify pavement width requirements for through traffic and emergency vehicle response. The results of the study concluded that the pavement width of Springs Nursery was adequate to support on-street parking and one-way through traffic without hindering emergency vehicle response. Based on an on-site demonstration with Fire Department staff and a fire truck, it was determined that some of the older model fire apparatus with tighter turning radius will not be able to make the turns on to and off of Springs Nursery while vehicles are parked on Comal Creek Trail near Springs Nursery. Staff recommended restricting parking along both sides of Comal Creek Trail from the eastern intersection with Springs Nursery westerly for a distance of 100 feet. The parking restriction was approved by City Council on January 8, 2024.

ISSUE:

Residents on Springs Nursery are requesting extension of an existing no parking zone because of safety concerns due to on-street parking.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Traffic control signs cost approximately \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2024 Approved Streets and Drainage Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the previous study, it is recommended to maintain the existing parking restrictions on Springs Nursery.

Sec. 126-346. - Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.

(f) No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, in the following locations:

(149) On both sides of Comal Creek Trail from the eastern intersection with Springs Nursery westerly onto Springs Nursery to the intersection with Turtle Trail. Such no parking zone shall be designated as a tow-away zone.



— Proposed No Parking Zone

— Existing No Parking Zone

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Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Carly Farmer, Engineer

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to amend Section 126-346 and Section 86-7 to revise no parking zones in Cypress Bend Park.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Capital Improvements**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 5**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department has requested that the no parking ordinances for Cypress Bend Park be amended due to outdated language in the existing code and recent restructuring of public parking and water recreation loading zones in the park. New ordinance language was drafted to clarify the necessary parking restrictions in the park, which preserve traffic flow on the park roads and in the parking lots, as well as emergency vehicle access. In addition, some of the water recreation loading zones were recently reduced, and the available space must be clearly identified as public parking areas or no parking areas.

Public parking is available along the west side of Jesse Guerrero Cir from the intersection with the south park road to the entrance of the next parking lot to the north. It is also available in marked designated parking spaces within the parking lot areas of the park. By approving these ordinance revisions, staff will be able to post signs and enforce them when vehicles park in unauthorized areas of the park.

ISSUE:

The Parks and Recreation Department request updated ordinance language to support necessary parking restrictions in the park and to be able to post enforceable signs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

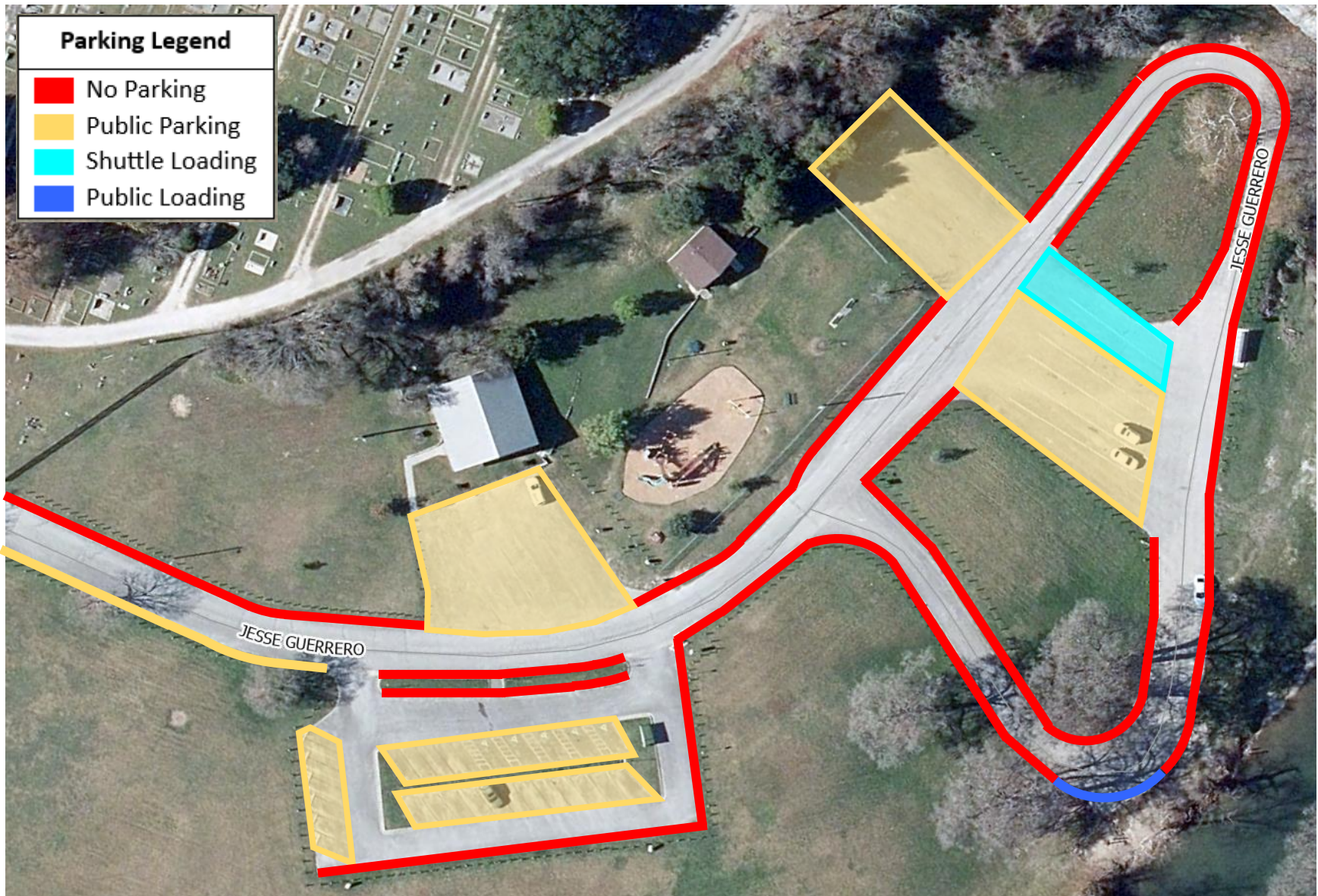
Traffic control signs cost approximately \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2024 approved streets and drainage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends establishing no parking zones along portions of Jesse Guerrero Circle and authorizing city staff to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the park parking lots other than in marked designated parking spaces.







Sec. 126-346. – Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places.

(f) No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, in the following locations:

(48). On the west side of Jesse Guerrero Circle from the intersection with Peace Avenue northerly for a distance of 665 feet. Such no parking zone shall be designated as a tow-away zone.

(49). On both sides of Jesse Guerrero Circle from a point 665 feet from the intersection with Peace Avenue northerly to and including the entirety of the Jesse Guerrero Circle loop, excluding the public water vessel loading zone established by ordinance. Such no parking zone shall be designated as a tow-away zone.

Sec. 86-7 – Operation of vehicles in parks.

(c) *Cypress Bend Park*. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle within Cypress Bend Park other than in designated marked parking spaces or in the designated on-street parking area that runs along the east side of Jesse Guerrero Circle from the intersection with Peace Avenue northerly for a distance of 645 feet.

(d) *Barricades authorized*. The director of parks and recreation is hereby authorized and directed to install barricades at the locations designated in this section in order to prohibit vehicular traffic on designated streets.

(e) Paid parking within parks is listed in section 126-381.