

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 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, Stanley Laskowski, and Art Brinkkoeter

The following members were absent: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the minutes of the April 10th, 2025
Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting.

Amended to correct Carla to Clara on page 5 about $\frac{3}{4}$ way down of the page. Motion to approve as amended by Mike Dietert, seconded by Clara Montas.

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. CONSENT ITEMS

All items listed below are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as part of the normal order of business.

None.

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 opened this item and explained the traffic calming plan on Mission Drive between Valley View and Trail View. Then Gary opened the item for public comment with a 3-minute limit per person to speak on this item. 1) Jackline Smith 76 Mission Dr said her neighbor is elderly and has a hard time backing out of his driveway. She also says the vegetation looks like it blocks the view, but she feels it doesn't. 2) David Smith 76 Mission Dr. said people drive fast, and one car took out a tree after crashing into it. 3) Jon Cooper 87 Mission Dr. said the map didn't show all the area of the speeding problems. 4) Herb Payne 86 Mission Dr said he has a very hard time backing out of his driveway because people are speeding, and he has almost been hit several times. They need to slow down. 5) Brent Perry 81 Mission Dr. pointed to areas on the streets that should be extended and feels the city should install speed humps and/or install sidewalks. 6) Keith Sieczkowski 80 Mission Dr. feels that lowering the speed limit would help and backing out of the driveway is hard to do. 7) Debbie Cooper 87 Mission Dr. said the painted markings was not a good idea and said the markings are already fading or washing off. 8) Ron Smith 84 Mission Dr said he wants speed bumps installed. 9) Fey Sullivan 89 Mission Dr. said they hit her mailbox already. 10) Kathy Bassett 108 Mission Dr. complained that people run the stop sign at Mission at Wood Rd. 11) Richard Hall 111 Mission Dr. said that drivers slow down or yield at the stop signs at the Mission Dr at Wood Rd intersection. 12) Sarah Hall 111 Mission Dr. also said that they run the stop signs and they will stop really fast and squeal the tires. She also says it is dangerous for the kids to play around the house. 13) Tom Gallagher 110 Mission Dr. also said they run the stop signs at Wood and Mission because they are driving too fast down the hill. 14) Kathy Sieczkowski 80 Mission Dr says that kids play around the streets, and she feels it is so unsafe. There are some golf carts that drive by fast, but cars fly by. Cars will park along the streets, and people walk down the streets, and kids also play near the roads, and she says cars drive by too fast. Gary Kirkham closed the public hearing. Stanley from District 2 of the board said that he drove the area and felt like the traffic calming that was done did not help. Kirkham asked if street lighting and sidewalks would help.

Gary Kirkham made a motion to go with staff recommendation of correcting existing advanced warning signs, curve warning signs, and clean up the vegetation along the curves, repaint the edge of road white line markings and a hardscape neck-down on Mission Dr. Mike Dietert seconded the motion. 5 yes and 1 no. 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 restrict parking on the northeast side of Old FM 306 from Hunter Road to Common Street.

Jessica Perry presented this item to restrict the parking on the north side of Old FM306 from Hunter Rd. to Common Street. Karen Wigginton 1950 Hunter Rd. owner of Gruene Cottages was concerned of the overflow parking from the rentals of the homes at corner of Old FM 306 along the northeast side of the street and causing the edge of the pavement to be damaged. She recommends restricting parking on that side of the street. Fred Wigginton 1950 Hunter Rd. also felt like it should not be allowed to park on that side of street. Stanley Laskowski made motion to go with staff recommendation to restrict parking on the Northeast side of Old FM 306 from the intersection with Hunter Rd. to the intersection with Common St. Mike Dietert seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

- C) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to adopt a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy to replace the current Speed Hump Policy.

Carly discussed this item and explained the changes from the current speed hump policy to adopt the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy. Keith and Kathy Sieczkowski mentioned some concerns of the traffic count on the city streets, and the new policy sounds like it would help in traffic control. Kathy also thanked Carly for all she does for the city and public taking care of their concerns. Clara also asked questions on the number of cars traveling on city streets. Mike Dietert made motion to go with staff recommendations to adopt the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy to replace the existing speed hump policy. Ken Dalfonso seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

By: _____
GARY KIRKHAM, CHAIR

Attest:

CARLY FARMER, BOARD LIAISON

