



TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022

Members Present:

Arthur Brinkkoeter
Gary Kirkham

Michael Yoder
Daniel Santoni

Mike Dietert
Ron Munyan

Members Absent:

Charles Wentt

Staff Present:

Carly Farmer

Garry Ford

Citizens Present:

Ruby Moseley
Maria Mandijano

John Azzano
Mathew Hoyt

George Mandijano
Laura Hearnberger

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – called to order at 6:01 pm

2. **ROLL CALL**-

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Daniel made a motion to accept minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting. Yoder seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

5. **PRESENTATION**

A) ***Presentation on the City of New Braunfels requirements and process for the authorization and installation of traffic control devices.*** Garry Ford went over the requirements and process for the authorization and installation of traffic control devices. He explained that City Engineers use the MUTCD Manual which is the Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices for the guide to recommend and installation of traffic control devices for the safety and health of the citizens. T&T serves as an advisory to City Council for the recommendations from this meeting. Also, Chief of Police can recommend and authorize installation of traffic signs.

B) ***Presentation and discussion on the results of the Avery Parkway Traffic Study.*** Garry also explained the findings in the Avery Parkway Traffic Study and after hearing from City Council recommends to restudy this item. CISD said that they are changing the operations of pick-up and drop off times. Garry said that they don't recommend the installation of yellow center line marking and no extending the no parking zone at this time.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS**

A) ***Update on items previously considered by the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board.***

B) Approval of a recommendation to City Council to restrict parking on Hill Avenue.

Kirkham made motion to approve Consent Items. Ron 2nd.

7. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to amend Section 126-354 of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to remove 257 E South Street from Parking by Permit Area B.

After this item was explained and request remove from 257 E. South Street from the Parking by Permit Area B, Matthew Hoyt explained why he did not want the Parking by Permit at that location. Daniel made motion to go with staff recommendation, removing the north side of E. South Street from S. Washington Avenue to S. Houston Ave. Yoder 2nd. All in Favor.

- B) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to restrict parking on Red River Lane and a portion of Cherokee Boulevard.

Carly Farmer explained this item and explained why the children are using this exit to go home. Dietert made motion to go with staff and not recommend installing no parking zones on Red River Lane or Cherokee Boulevard. Daniel 2nd. All in Favor.

- C) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to restrict parking on Loop 337 Ramp between Loop 337 and Church Hill Drive.

This item was explained and showed pictures of all the traffic problems at this location. Ruby Moseley spoke for CISD and explained why they feel they should not be able to park along the ramp from Loop 337 to Churchill both sides. She said they will post a letter to explain how they use the pickup and drop off lane instead of parking and waiting for the kids to walk to the cars. It is too dangerous she added. Art made motion to go with staff recommendation and have no parking on both sides of 337 Ramp from intersection for SL337 to the intersection @ Churchill Drive. Munyan 2nd. All in favor.

- D) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to install speed humps on Old Marion Rd / S Mesquite Ave between Camellia Lane and Rolling Valley Drive.

After this item was explained several people asked questions and explained why they wanted speed humps. John Azzano said that he saw 3 accidents in a year. He also said people speed around the tight corners. He asked if the City could install new guard rails in that curve so people are warned before getting into that curve. Lorena Mandijano said their front of the house that is in that curve and she saw an accident which a drunk driver hit her brothers car and almost hit the house. She was very concerned about the request so she does not want to see anymore accidents there. George Mandijano also requested speed humps or any other warning or items to slow traffic down at the curve. He said many people drive too fast when they get to the curve. Ron Munyan asked staff if they could install a curve sign with flashing lights to slow down traffic. Daniel mentioned if maybe tighten up the lanes would slow down the traffic at the speed humps. Daniel made motion to go against staff recommendation and install speed humps. Munyan 2nd. All in favor.

- E) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to install an all-way stop at the intersection of S Plum Avenue and Lee Street.

This item was presented but not recommended. After staff presented this item Laura Hearnberger said she requested this item and would like to see this 4 way stop because speeders make this street dangerous. She feels that the road is dangerous for her children to play in her yard. She would like to see either 4 way stop or any other request to slow traffic down. Yoder made motion and Dietert 2nd to go with Staff recommendation and not install 4 way stop at Plum @ Cross Street and Plum @ Lee Street at this time. 5 yes, 1 (Daniel) no. Passed.

- F) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to amend Parking by Permit Area K.

This item was presented by Carly and then Daniel made motion to go with staff to amend Parking by Permit Area K to include the South side of Kessler St. between Kuehler Ave and Sanger Ave. Yoder 2nd. All in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dietert made motion to adjourn. Daniel 2nd at 7:03PM. Garry reminded us that open house Transportation & Economic and Community Development input meeting July 28 at New Braunfels Civic Center from 5 – 7:30PM.