

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirkham called the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Arthur Brinkkoeter, Ernesto Rodriguez, Gary Kirkham, Michael Yoder, Mike Dietert, Garrett Mechler, and Ron Munyan. The following members were absent: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the minutes of the January 11th, 2024
Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting.

Mike Dietert made a motion to accept the January 11, 2023, minutes as written. Michael Yoder seconded the motion. All in favor.

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 individuals spoke at this time: None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A) Presentation on the Street Safety Action Plan.

Garry Ford presented the Street Safety Action Plan. He mentioned that we will be involved with this item to help council and city staff to help make streets safer. Garry pointed out some items we can use to make streets safer and with using speed bumps, rumble strips, on street parking, protected bike lanes and raised medians. Gary Kirkham asked Garry if there could be more tools we will use to make streets safer. Then we had some of the citizens talk on the subject. Terry Brock said he felt narrowing the lanes would cause more problems. He'd seen arguments happen already when people park on the streets to pick the kids from school and block traffic. Beto asked about public transportation, more lighting on streets at night, and education. David

Lundquist mentioned needing more lighting on HWY 35 and HWY 46 and said San Marcos has good lighting on 35. Richard Boon said he would like to have T&T and City engineers take care of people requests and skip going thru City Council. Michael Di Dia and Charles Lundquist said they like to see more speed humps.

B) Presentation on Bikeway Selection.

Garry presented this item, and it targets the design of bike riders' usage and their safety.

He also showed us different designs of bike lanes on city streets to keep riders safe. Art mentioned that we also need safety classes for the riders. He sees some bike riders have no lights on the bikes when riding at night, and do not obey traffic signs, (stop and one-way streets) and maybe use of helmets and obey speed limits. Gary Kirkham pointed out that Gruene has no sidewalks or bike lanes. Michael Yoder also agreed. It was mentioned that we are seeing more of the E bikes on the streets, and some are going fast on city streets. David Lindquist asked if there are plans to have trails and loops for bikes, use users to get around the town.

6. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to implement a traffic calming plan on Willowbrook.

Carly Farmer presented this item and showed a traffic study was done in the subdivision which had car counts 1579 VPD and 85% was 31 mph. Willowbrook and other streets in August Fields had high traffic volume, cut through problems, and speeding in some areas. Carly showed the same ideas we could use is neck down on a portion of Willowbrook, raised crosswalks near playground, mini circle, and speed bumps. The residence had petitions signed, emails sent and now large public showing at T&T meeting. Carly showed us that staff recommends proposed items on Willowbrook as funded, monitor the surrounding streets, work with NBPD, also coordinate with Comal ISD. Ernesto Rodriguez asked what the timeline is to start to put these items into motion. Crowder asked a few questions on the speed bumps, and what is a raised crosswalk. David Rodriguez asked how much does crosswalks and speeds cost. Victor Sangory explained why traffic is so heavy in the subdivisions is that people cut through them from 46 to 35. He also said he sees trucks to this. David Lundquist asked of Willowbrook is explained, would it effect some homes and cause more vehicle problems. He also mentioned he

would like to see more speed humps near the 1101 Road. Nicole Zavala said the neck down will not work because the speed people drive, that would cause accidents. Michael Di Dia also worried about speeders will not slow down. He also feels they do the neck down, it will just move the problems down the road. He also asked if there are any studies done before any subdivisions are built and also why the city lets developers built it like that. Thomas Schubly asked if state would extend the turn lane on 1101 all the way down to let more traffic to park instead of parking in the subdivision. Chuck Lundquist would like to see more stop signs on Willowbrook. Teri Brock said they need speed bumps on all the streets in the subdivision. He also would like to see more NBPd presence. Randy Frazier, he sees people arguing and disagreeing while they're waiting to pick up their kids, James Crowder asked if they can make a no parking on one side of Willowbrook. Also, would like and NBPd speed limit trailer on site. Karen Fraleigh felt the speed bumps start would help and like to see it installed right now. Richard and Donna would like to see speed limit to be lowered and also concerned if speed bumps to be installed in Willowbrook, the drivers will go to the next street over. David Rodriguez asked if they could get a three-way stop sign installed. Victor Sangory pointed out that there are more subdivisions being built around their neighborhood and we will have the same problems there. Mike Dietert made motion to go with staff recommendation approval of the traffic calming plan on Willowbrook to be installed in phases as funding is available. Ernesto Rodriguez seconded motion, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

By: _____
GARY KIRKHAM, CHAIR

Attest:

CARLY FARMER, BOARD LIAISON