

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Arthur Brinkkoeter, Michael Dietert, Michael Yoder, Gary Kirkham, Ken Dalfonso

The following members were absent: Ernesto Rodriguez, Garrett Mechler

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the minutes of the June 13th, 2024
Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting.

Michael Dietert made a motion to accept the June 13, 2024, minutes as written. Ken Dalfonso seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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: Dennis Hoster mentioned that he sees a very heavy traffic count on Highway 46 E. and he feels like we should look into the light rail transit to maybe serve Austin to San Antonio. He also asked that we get with our state reps and political leaders to find funding for light-rail transit. Yoder asked Hoster if bus transportation would help the traffic issues.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A) Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation to staff on a Speed Management Program to replace the current Speed Hump Policy.

Elizabeth began the introduction of the speed management program, then Garry Ford went over the presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation of a speed management program to replace the

current speed hump policy. Ford explained that the old budget for speed hump installation was set at \$30,000 but for 2025 city will extend the budget to \$100,000 a year.

Also, we need the public to be educated on speed management and more enforcement. Dalfonso asked if new subdivision developers should be responsible for the study of traffic calming and speed control at the preliminary design. Dennis Hoster would like to see developers pay for their studies and designs that require any changes. Philip Brown would like to see the 85th percentile speed changed to help lower the speeding on our streets. Janie Smith is concerned about the amount of vehicle speeding down Caddell Lane. She would like to see the speed humps be installed.

6. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Garry Ford explained this item and said this road has a high car count.

Ashley Buchanan was concerned about the speeding on Howard Street and also on Wood Road. She said that she remembers several auto accidents around the area. She said she would like to see temporary stop signs to help slow down the speeding until we get funding to fix it permanently. Vanessa Brown also asked if we could install temporary signage to help slow down speeders. Phillip Brown said he would like to see signage on streets and sidewalks to slow down speeders. Julia Molphino is concerned of possible fatalities on the streets. Mike Dietert made the motion to go with Staff recommendation to approve the traffic calming plan on Howard Street, which will be installed as funding as available. Art 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

B) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to implement a traffic calming plan on Caddell Lane.

After Garry presented this item, Janie Smith said she wants to see speed humps to help slow down the traffic. Gene Smith expressed concern that there are small children playing near this road. Also, Hoster said he wants the cars to slow down on that road. Kirkham made a motion to go with staff recommendations to approve the traffic calming plan on Caddell Lane to be installed as funding is available. Michael Yoder 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

By: _____
GARY KIRKHAM, CHAIR

Attest:

CARLY FARMER, BOARD LIAISON