

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

Held via ZOOM

April 8, 2021

Members Present:

Arthur Brinkkoeter

Gary Kirkham

Mike Dietert

Daniel Santoni

Michael Yoder

Cutter Gonzalez

Staff Present:

Mary Hamann

Jessica Perry

Carly Farmer

Garry Ford

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting – via Zoom
Mr. Yoder made motion to approve. Mr. Santoni seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

None

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A) Presentation on the proposed City of New Braunfels Street Design Manual and Thoroughfare Plan Update. (This item was moved to the end of the Agenda due to audio difficulties.)
Garry Ford, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

Mr. Ford introduced this item and went over the draft Street Design Manual and also the Thoroughfare Plan Update. The Street Design Manual has 5 sections:

General

Street Design Standards

Access Management (driveways aprons)

Pavement Requirements (type of pavements)

Structural Requirements (retaining walls) and etc.

He also said the stakeholders and public outreach will be coming soon.

Mr. Kirkham asked about Zipp Rd – 725 and possible building bridge over Guadalupe River to help the traffic problems we have on SH 46 East. William Rodgers (public caller) asked if Street Design Manual will include drainage and water management and also ADA requirements.

6. **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A) Discuss and consider approval of the installation of speed humps on Broadway Drive between Rusk Street and Flushing
Jessica Perry, Graduate Engineer

Ms. Perry went over the request for speed humps Broadway Dr between Rusk St and Flushing. Staff does not recommend the installation of speed humps in this location because it does not meet the volume requirements in the speed hump policy. After questions from the board members, the floor was opened for citizen comments. Staci Zurcher said she works the medical center down the street and other drivers use this road as a cut through to get to Loop 337 and Bus 35. Travis Culpepper said people cut through when traffic is heavy on Loop 337. Also, there are some families that have young children playing outside. He did mention that the study was done on the snow weeks and he feels like it had less traffic then normal. Vinni Zamornas – Alcala (983 Broadway) said that Broadway is about ½ mile long and they pick up a lot of speed. She said that she is very concerned that people will get hurt when there are kids near these streets with speeds like this. Ms. Hamann provided clarification that the required curb extensions would only be at the speed humps, not the entire length of the street as well as on when the traffic study was conducted for this request – the week before the winter storm. Mr. Dietert said he uses this street sometimes and it is narrow, and he's seen people drive fast on this street. Mr. Dietert made a motion to recommend installing speed humps (3 sets) with curb extensions around the humps. Mr. Kirkham seconded the motion. Mr. Dietert, Mr. Yoder, and Mr. Kirkham voted in favor of installing the speed humps. Mr. Brinkkoeter, Mr. Santoni, and Mr. Gonzalez voted in opposition to the motion. Tied vote – motion failed.

- B) Discuss and consider approval of the installation of speed humps on Daisy Way between Marigold Way and Hibiscus.

Jessica Perry, Graduate Engineer

Ms. Perry provided information on this request. Staff does not recommend the installation of speed humps on Daisy Way between Marigold Way and Hibiscus. Mr. Kirkham made a motion to go with staff recommendation not to install speed humps. Mr. Yoder seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Yoder made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brinkkoeter seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm. Next meeting will be May 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm.