

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 10, 2005**

**Present:**

Nat Cohen, Chairman  
Jess Fox, Vice Chairman  
Michael Copeland  
Boro Dedeitch  
Charles Gillett  
Michael Hutchison

**Absent:**

Candace Noble

**Staff:**

Lloyd Neal, Transportation Engineering Manager  
Ronnie Bell, Senior Traffic Engineer  
Tracy Nyholm, Safe Streets Program Engineer

The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 6:29 pm, in Planning Conference Room 2E.

Nat Cohen, Chairman, made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2005, meeting with three corrections. Jess Fox, Vice Chairman, seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES - TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Michael Copeland gave a report on the RTC activities. There will be public meetings on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. These will include information on NCTCOG Regional Plan and certification. Discussions will be held on adding truck lane restrictions to major roadways. Tests are to be conducted on the restrictions, restricting trucks to the outer two lanes of traffic, both with and without high concentration of enforcement. Lloyd Neal commented that there is currently new legislation being considered that would restrict trucks to the outside ramp lanes only.

## **SAFE STREETS PROGRAM UPDATE - TRACY NYHOLM**

Tracy Nyholm gave an update on current projects.

## **PRESENTATION ON THE USE OF SIGNAL LOUVERS**

Pat Ryan gave a brief presentation on signal louvers and their uses in the City of Plano. He answered questions from TAC members regarding their uses at diamond interchanges with multiple signals.

## **PRESENTATION ON TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR - LLOYD NEAL**

Lloyd Neal gave a presentation on the Trans-Texas Corridor and answered questions from TAC members.

## **PRESENTATION ON RED-LIGHT RUNNING CAMERAS - LT. PAUL RIMKA**

Lt. Rimka gave a presentation on the Police Department's red light enforcement efforts and briefly discussed the status of legislation for red light running cameras.

## **DISCUSSION ON THE SAFETY TOWN IN THE CITY OF FRISCO - MICHAEL COPELAND**

Mr. Copeland presented information on the development of a Safety Town for children in the City of Frisco. It is currently in the preliminary plan stages. Frisco has received donations to help pay for the costs. The town will include classroom teach and play areas at a very small scale for children. All of it will be built using MUTCD signs and markings and will be geared towards teaching children about the rules and regulations of the road. Mr. Copeland will bring back more information as the design progresses.

## **TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

The April meeting will only include training for the new TAC members.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Cohen adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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Chairman

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Lloyd Neal, P.E.  
Transportation Engineering Manager