

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 14, 2004

Present:

Nat Cohen
Dean McGowan
Jess Fox
Raj Minocha

Absent:

Michael Hutchison

Staff:

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

The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Nat Cohen at 6:30 p.m. on October 14, 2004, in Planning Conference Room 2E.

Raj Minocha made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 12, and September 9, 2004, with a minor correction to the September 9, 2004 minutes. Jess Fox seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Committee updates - Transportation Advisory Committee Members

Jess Fox gave an update on DART. No other updates were given.

Safe Streets Program update - Tracy Nyholm

Tracy Nyholm, Safe Streets Program Engineer, gave an update on the Safe Streets Program (SSP).

Discussion of truck restrictions on Parkwood Boulevard

Lloyd Neal, Transportation Engineering Manager, voiced concerns expressed by the residents in the Parkwood Boulevard area. Residents are requesting to restrict large trucks from the neighborhood and the possibility of restricting large trucks during certain hours of the day. Mr. Neal stated there was a sound wall along the east side of Parkwood Boulevard, which would be along the neighborhood side, but no wall to the north of Parker.

Discussion among TAC and David Romick, a resident who was present at the meeting, centered on the restriction that is being requested, future development in the area, and what can actually be done about both issues. Mr. Neal suggested the issues be brought to the Planning & Zoning Commission and that this issue be discussed in more detail at the November TAC meeting.

Discussion of development of a “Share the Road” Program

Nat Cohen gave a brief history of “Share the Road”, showed an ad that appeared in the Dallas Morning News and stated that he would like to explore the possibility of adding bike lanes on residential streets. Mr. Cohen would also like to have this discussion continued at the November TAC meeting.

Discussion of revisions to the SSP Policy

Ms. Nyholm gave a handout with potential SSP revisions for consideration. The items that are being considered are:

1. The percentage for a successful petition for an initial request.
2. Should the vote percentage in favor of removal of installed devices be raised?
3. Should the waiting period between device removal time and new devices being considered be raised?
4. Should there be a higher approval percentage for reinstallations if devices have been removed.

The text for these possible changes will be presented at the December TAC meeting for further discussion and vote.

There being no further discussion, Dean McGowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jess Fox seconded the motion. Nat Cohen then adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman

Lloyd Neal, P.E.
Transportation Engineering Manager