

Transportation Safety Advisory Commission
Minutes
Thursday, August 4, 2022
5:30 PM

The Transportation Safety Advisory Commission (TSAC) convened for a meeting on
Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Building #4,
1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas 78154

TSAC Commissioners Present:

Dziewit, Richard, Chair
Cornelisse, Chuck
Heyward, Ferrando
Ragsdale, Roy
Stevens, Ronald
Wiley, Paul

TSAC Commissioners Absent:

Dominguez, Andres
Icke, Steven
Winter, Michael

Staff Present:

Brian James, Assistant City Manager
Cyndi Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Williams, Public Works Director
Kathy Woodlee, City Engineer
Mark Davis, City Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 PM by Chair Richard Dziewit.

ROLL CALL

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

There were no residents signed up to address the Commission for this meeting.

1. **Minutes:** Consideration and/or action regarding the approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Ferrando Heyward to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Stevens. *Motion passed. Vote was unanimous.*
2. **Schertz Parkway/Prairie Lane:** Recommendation for establishing a restriction on turning/no U-turn on Schertz Parkway at Prairie Lane.

Kathy Woodlee reported that U-turns are generally legal if they can be made safely and without interfering with other traffic and as long as there is not a sign authorized by ordinance prohibiting the action. After conducting a study at this location, it was found that the sight distance, especially to the north, is not adequate and the median width is not adequate at this location for a safe U-turn. Commissioners asked for clarification as to whether staff was recommending no U-turns for only northbound traffic or southbound as well. Staff clarified it was for both directions. After discussion, it was agreed that this is a hazardous condition and that

a No U-Turn sign is recommended from both directions at Prairie Lane. Commissioner Robert Stevens motioned and Commissioner Ferrando Heyward seconded to recommend to City Council to authorize placement of a sign prohibiting U-turns on Schertz Parkway at Prairie Lane. *Motion passed. Vote was unanimous*

3. Cibolo Valley Drive Extension: Recommendation for naming the extension of Cibolo Valley Drive north of IH-35.

On May 3, 2022, City Council requested that TSAC provide a recommendation for the naming of the roadway to be extended north/west of IH-35 opposite Cibolo Valley Drive.

Commissioner Ferrando Heyward recommends that this extension be named after Eric White, the founder of Garden Ridge Pottery due to the proximity of the location of this extension to where the offices were located and for his contributions to the City of Schertz.

Commissioner Paul Wiley suggested that the TSAC draft a formal process for naming streets. Commissioner Ronald Stevens suggested another future street be named after Eric White. Brian James added that after further development in this area, there is a future street that will cross this extension that may be appropriate to name after Eric White.

Commissioner Chuck Cornelisse motioned and Paul Wiley seconded to recommend that this extension of Cibolo Valley Drive continue to be named Cibolo Valley Drive. *Motion passed. Vote four (4) ayes, two (2) nays.*

4. Updates on Various Requests and Studies: Report from Staff.

Kathy Woodlee reports that the following are the items that have been referred to the Engineering Consultant for review and recommendation:

- Request for Pedestrian Crosswalk on Savannah Drive near Willow Ranch.
- Request for Pedestrian Crossway on Homestead Parkway near Amenity Center.
- Request for Signalization of Schertz Parkway/Ashley Place intersection.
- Request for enhanced stop sign at Schertz Parkway/Curtiss Avenue intersection.

Status: Field data collection completed and the data analysis is underway.

Kathy Woodlee reports that the following are studies regarding request for traffic control devices:

- Misty Woods Subdivision
- Dimrock
- Woodland Oaks (east of FM 3009)
- Bench Trail
- Cliffside Drive
- Rhine Valley Subdivision

Status: Data collection is on hold pending diagnosis and repair of equipment issues.

The following are TSAC items with City Council involvement:

- Chapter 86 Update

- Waiting to update until inventory of all traffic control signs is completed (being collected with Pavement Condition Index (PCI) study.
- Field data collection complete, analysis underway, results expected soon
- Establishment of school speed zone and no parking/stopping/standing zones on Fairlawn near IH-35:
 - Approved by City Council on first reading May 24, 2022
 - Final reading was held June 7, 2022

Other Updates:

- Request for improved lighting at Belmont Parkway intersection with Old Wiederstein Road
 - Upgrade to LED
 - New LED light placed on existing pole

5. Summary of New Requests:

- a. Four-way stop sign at Aero Drive and Oak Street
- b. Speed Concerns
 - Westchester
 - Columbia
 - Wild Cherry

6. Staff Comments and/or New Requests:

- Speeding Concerns
 - Columbia (west of Country Club)
 - Westchester
 - Wild Cherry

7. Future Agenda Items Requests from Commissioners:

- Commissioner Ferrando Heyward inquired whether traffic counts will be conducted before the beginning of the school year and suggests that they begin two weeks after school starts to provide more accurate traffic counts.
- Commissioner Chuck Cornelisse requested that the white line markers at 3009 and I-35 intersection northbound be repainted. There is confusion between lanes and is creating a traffic hazard.
- Commissioner Paul Wiley noted that the white line markers at Hwy 78 and 3009 also need to be repainted. He also noted that there is a conflict between the left turn arrow traffic signals and the signage at Elbel and 3009.

8. Adjournment: *Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM by Chair Richard Dziewit.*

Attest:

Richard Dziewit, Chairperson

Cyndi Simmons, Recording Secretary

