

**Transportation Safety Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 14, 2024**  
**5:30 PM**

The Transportation Safety Advisory Commission (TSAC) convened for a Called Meeting on  
Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Building #4  
1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas 78154

TSAC Commissioners Present:

*Dziewit, Richard, Chairman*  
*Cornelisse, Chuck*  
*Heyward, Ferrando*  
*Ragsdale, Roy*  
*Stevens, Ronald*  
*Nolan, Donald*

TSAC Commissioners Absent:

*Hormel, Chris*  
*Winter, Michael*  
*Icke, Stephen*  
*Martinez, Will*

Staff Present:

*Brian James, Deputy City Manager*  
*Kathy Woodlee, City Engineer*  
*Larry Busch, Public Works Director*  
*Serena Contreras, Associate Engineer*  
*Tammy Lawrence, Administrative Assistant*  
*A.J. Arriaga, Police Department*  
*Mark Davis, City Council Liaison*

CALL TO ORDER at 5:31 PM by Chairman Richard Dziewit.

ROLL CALL

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

1. **Minutes:** Consideration/action for approval of September 5, 2024, TSAC Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Roy Ragsdale to approve September 5, 2024, minutes.  
Seconded by Commissioner Fernando Hayward. *Motion passed.*

2. **Traffic Study Updates:**

- **Kimley Horn Study Updates-**
- Kathy Woodlee updated the Commissioners with status of the current study, the consultant is working on the study of Schertz Parkway, particularly the intersections of Pecan and Buffalo, counts complete, evaluating those counts. A new request from Mayor Gutierrez

for a possible crosswalk between Veterans Plaza and Mikulski Hall. So, the entire corridor between Pecan and Curtiss now. The consultant will provide the City with better guidelines for crosswalks when requested and advisable or warranted. New updates will be provided at our February 2025 meeting.

- **Mulhouse Drive Signs/Traffic Study-**
- Kathy Woodlee reviewed the ADT counts and speeds, 10046 Mulhouse had 308 ADT does not meet the threshold of 500 and below the 25-mph threshold. but 9834 Mulhouse does warrant with ADT of 561 and speeds of 26.9 mph. Saddlebrook subdivision is still under development and the city will reevaluate once it comes online. Kathy stated that the City doesn't want to just throw up a speed hump but will continue to evaluate. Staff will continue to monitor with counts and evaluating. PD will continue to enforce this area, and we have received positive feedback from residents in Rhine Valley on enforcement.
- Commissioner Ronald Stevens asked if there were any stop signs at Mulhouse and Saverne Way.
- Commissioner Donald Nolan said there is only one at Mulhouse and Saverne Way, not one at Arches Valley and Saverne Way. He also stated that the number of cars that stop is about 50/50, cars are not even stopping, just rolling, speeds of 25 mph.
- Kathy said if a stop sign is not warranted, they are often not followed. Staff will check this out and report back to the Commission. Kathy stated there were No Thru Truck Traffic signs installed at the end of Mulhouse going into the Saddlebrook subdivision.
- Commissioner Donald Nolan stated that someone installed 3' or 4' white/orange barricades in the same area Public Works installed the No Thru Truck Traffic signage. And you can't drive into that area.
- Kathy asked if that was recently as the City had asked the Developer to remove them, it is possible they put them back.
- Commissioner Donald Nolan said it was recently, possibly 2-3 weeks ago. City staff will check to be sure they are removed. He asked if they could stay up otherwise Cement trucks, construction vehicles, large trucks, etc., it is not favorable to the residents until a certain number of residents move into Saddlebrook.
- Officer AJ Arriaga stated that he does enforce this area, and he did not remember the barricade being there. Officer Arriaga said the barricades could prevent emergency response vehicles from getting into this area.
- Commissioner Donald Nolan stated that they are at Rhine Valley (Mulhouse) at Saddlebrook. At the circle part at the end of Mulhouse and it is only construction workers using this area, he was fearful that large equipment will use Mulhouse.

### 3. **Citizen-Requested Item Updates:**

- Aero at Oak Street Stop Signs Installed- Public Works installed on September 13th.
- Commissioner Richard Dziejew stated that the number of cars coming from FM 1518 doesn't seem to need a stop sign at Aero and Oak but is glad that it is there now.
- Kathy Woodlee stated that the flags will stay for several months so that they won't lose their impact, then Public Works will remove them.

### 4. **Staff Comments and/or New Requests:**

- Street Light request – Guy Guisborne in Schertz Forest –Kathy Woodlee stated that a property owner requested additional lighting as they will be building on first corner lot of Guy Guisborne on the right. Kathy Woodlee also stated that Public Works is going out after dark to locate dark spots and address those areas. They have not gotten to Schertz Forest yet. Residents can request an additional light, but they would have to pay for it not one that the City pays for.
- Rhine Valley Bulb Out options- Kathy Woodlee stated that the City is still working on this issue, speeding and sight distances. The City is working to flush out final options, she showed the paint and button options which are about 6 inches, they are large and impactful at Kruth Point and Bening Valley. These would funnel traffic to a smaller pathway to allow the side street traffic to have a safer path onto Alsatian Way. It should act as a traffic calming option and that staff are working on a cost estimate. This would be the first location in Schertz to implement this new solution. Commissioner Donald Nolan asked if once these were installed at Kruth Point, would it narrow it and then open again back to regular street width, once past that intersection. Kathy Woodlee stated yes. Staff will provide a final layout and pricing at our next meeting.
- Shrub blocking visibility on Schertz Pkwy by Senior Center- Parks Department staff quickly trimmed it back.
- Speeding and blind spots in Fairhaven- Kathy Woodlee stated a few years back there was substantial speeding in this area, but we received a new complaint. There is already a set of speed humps installed now on Columbia, but Public Works has deployed counters but haven't received the data yet. Commissioner Donald Nolan stated that at his prior resident not in Schertz, they would not allow speed humps- that it affects Fire and Ems vehicles. Kathy Woodlee stated that it does slow response times somewhat a slight road hazard with slight damage to vehicles, so staff are very aware and in certain instances, they are warranted.

### 5. **Future Agenda Items Requests from Commissioners:**

- Commissioner Donald Nolan- none
- Commissioner Ronald Stevens- none
- Commissioner Ferrando Heyward- none

- Commissioner Roy Ragsdale- manholes are rising or streets are lowering – he has seen 3-4 in his neighborhood. Kathy asked for street names now or email- this in the Riata subdivision. Commissioner Roy Ragsdale stated Red tip and Hollow Ridge. LBJ stated that Commissioner Roy Ragsdale has identified a common problem, there are issues around manholes, Public Works is aware of, and that it is very challenging to patch and affects a lot of folks.
  - Commissioner Chuck Cornelisse- Elbel and Roy Richards, repainting the left turn arrow. The left only arrow is really faded. Kathy stated we can review the signage again. Public Works does do the restriping and painting. Txdot installing new signals at this area as well. The City can check and repaint.
  - Commissioner Richard Dziewit thanked Kathy and everyone. He thanked the commission and wished everyone a fantastic thanksgiving and holiday season, and the next session will be in February.
6. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Stevens to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chuck Cornelisse. *Motion passed. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM by Chair Richard Dziewit.*

Attest:

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Richard Dziewit, Chairperson

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Tammy Lawrence, Recording Secretary