
CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020
3:30-5:00 PM—VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Interim Chairman – P&Z Comm. Jim Martin	John Pettit
City Council Rep.—Travis Crow	Ben Sorrell – Non-Voting Member
Barrett Criswell	Chad Gilpin, P.E., City Engineer
Sharon Hamilton	

INVITED GUESTS:

Hays Co. - Precinct 4 Comm. Walt Smith, County Engineer Jerry Borcharding, P.E., Adam Leach, EIT

DSISD – Pam Swanks, Mike Garcia

TxDOT, Austin District, So. Area Office – Epigmenio Gonzales, P.E., Michelle Romage-Chambers, P.E., Reed Smith, P.E.

CAMPO – Doise Miers

HDR (City Traffic Engineering Consultant) – Rashed Islam, P.E., Leslie Pollack, P.E., Isabella Albino

AGENDA

1. TXDOT

- Project Updates
 - a. Highway 290 Study Update
 - No Updates
 - b. RR 12 Expansion Project
 - Sports Park to Post Oak as started construction. Construction will be ongoing for foreseeable future. Anything with lane closures or traffic impact will be relayed to Aaron Reed or Ginger Faught.
- New/Other Project(s) Update
 - Pre-con for Pedestrian Improvement Projects took place last week for Sportsplex Drive which goes from US 290 to Mighty Tiger.

- The meeting regard FM 150 and RR 12 traffic signal was cancelled, and the participants are currently trying to find a new date.
 - Overlay Project on 290 through town is coming up and it is scheduled to let in February. That work will not get done until the summertime. Will go from Rob Shelton on the East side through town. Epi will send the information on where it will stop.
 - Travis heard the study from 290 to 281 has been delayed and asks if there is any truth in that. Epi says that they have had to readjust their budget to account for consultants. This may be something they need to go back and look at, but he is no 100% sure if there is a delay. Barret Creswell says he has been told that the project is delayed until September 2021. Epi does not have that information but says he will confirm that. Leslie says that she doesn't know anything about it, but a lot of feasibility studies have been pushed. Without that what does it do for the City of Dripping Springs. The study would still be one year into design so it should be able to overlap with the schematic design.
- Zoom meeting was infiltrated and compromised. A new meeting was set up as soon as possible.

2. Hays County Update

- No update

3. HDR (Traffic Engineering Consultant)

- Master Transportation Plan Update

- They have a transportation thoroughfare plan map that is ready to go public. It is not finalized. By the end of the week they will have a website ready for city review.
- Open house meeting happening in November. It will be up for 2-3 weeks. It is a GIS based map which allows citizens to leave comments on the website.
- Campo has a copy of the thoroughfare plan and they are looking to get feedback.

- Status of Task Orders

- No new updates

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- Update on Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Projects (TASA) (Aaron Reed, Public Works Coordinator)

- From 2017 there is the Sportsplex Drive project fully designed. Let and Pre-con have happened. Our timeline shows construction being complete in the 3rd quarter of 2021 and close out in the 4th Quarter of 2021 is the ending. We are waiting on contractor to

give us timeline. They are estimating 30 days of construction. Aaron believes we are ahead of schedule as far as when we need to complete this project for federal funding.

- Rob Shelton Pedestrian Sidewalk and Middle School Sidewalk projects: Because they were both awarded in one grant cycle, they've been split up as much as possible. Rob Shelton is going on first. They are well ahead of schedule. Currently we are working with TxDot of reviewing our procurement procedures and our RFQ. Once approved we will go into procurement. Advanced Funding Agreement for the Middle school project has been approved by City Council and it was executed by the mayor and sent to TxDot.
- Update on Traffic Calming Requests (Aaron Reed, Public Works Coordinator)
 - Aaron has received 3 requests so far. He sent them all official request forms, but only one filled the form out and returned it.
 - Going to look at Blue Ridge to see about putting in more stop signs and if that would be efficient in stopping their traffic problem.
 - 2 digital speed signs on founders are going to get moved to Goodnight Trail. The 2 on Blue Ridge are going to get moved further down Blue Ridge.-
- Development Update (Amanda Padilla, Senior Planner)
 - a. Cannon Tract Residential Project—Ashton Woods
 - The cannon tract is on hold while the city talks about density within City Limits. Density will effect any road infrastructure.
 - Canon Tract TIA is pretty close to being finished. There are still some comments being resolved with Leslie.
 - b. Cynosure Tract—Wildwood
 - Located next to headwaters and adjacent to big sky ranch and Anarene. This is also on a temporary hold until the Density conversation has concluded.
 - No TIA has been submitted.
 - c. Heritage PDD
 - Located adjacent to the Retreat in the downtown area.
 - They are getting ready to submit first phase of construction plans
 - Leslie has sent back minimal comments for their TIA, it is nearly complete.
 - Offsite improvements will come with first phase of construction.

d. Planned Development District 11

- Multi Family development. Has some improvements to Rob Shelton at the intersection of 290 heading northbound. Will provide two left bound turn lanes onto 290 to address the queueing issues we see now. The TIA has been scoped but not submitted.
- Barret asks how many units will go in at PDD 11. Amanda answers 200. Barret asks if they have access to both 290 and Rob Shelton. Jim Martin clarifies that they will only have access through Rob Shelton. They will be constructing an extension of Rob Shelton to their southern property line.
- Barrett asks about the Heritage development, how many units. There are 595 single family units. There are multi family units proposed but they haven't shown us anything yet. They have multiple ingress and egress locations, the primary one is off of RR 12.
- PDD 11 is establishing the lot currently. They are working on the wastewater agreement with the city and need to begin construction within the next two years, it could be updated with the wastewater agreement.
- Sharon asks to let the committee members know when they can give some input on future projects. Amanda says that when we are working on new pdd's, they will be brought to the transportation committee.
- Travis Crow says that the biggest concern is the HEB light is going to be a problem, they've tried to get HEB to donate more land to extend that light. He believes we need to look further ahead.
- In talking about the Transpiration Plan, we've been talking for years about the bypass in the Northeast so you can travel east of town through the subdivisions to get to north of town on RR 12. Having the transportation plan gives us a negotiating point when developers come in. The roads only come as fast as the developers come because the City does not have the money to obtain that right-of-way.

5. New Business

- No new business

6. Adjourn

4:40 p.m.