CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 3:30-5:00 PM—VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Interim Chairman – P&Z Comm. Jim Martin John Pettit (Absent)

City Council Rep.—Travis Crow Ben Sorrell – Non-Voting Member (Absent)

Barrett Criswell Chad Gilpin, P.E., City Engineer

Sharon Hamilton

INVITED GUESTS:

Hays Co. - Precinct 4 Comm. Walt Smith, County Engineer Jerry Borcherding, 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 update
 - New/Other Project(s) Update
 - Ranch Road 12 Project: Breaking ground next Monday
 - Trautwein light is activated
 - Traffic signals at Darden Hill and FM 1826 & FM 1826 and 150: Still being worked on.
 - Traffic Signal at 150 and RR 12: A protected left is not possible now because of sight distance and speed. Adding a right turn phase would provide and additional phase for people turning left.

Lowering the speed limit could also help. Engineer will get out there as soon as possible. Detection should be looked at.

- Study just West of Dripping Springs has begun
- Signal at Tiger Lane and 290:

2. Hays County Update

- Traffic circle at Darden Hill and Sawyer: Engineering has begun, and they should have something sharable within a week. Commission Smith wants to do some direct outreach to property owners out there
- Hays County has activated a citizen's advisory panel for the southern bypass that has been discussed in previous meetings. K Friese and associates are putting it together and are currently reaching out to citizens to serve on the panel. They've also reached out to people who worked on FM 150 character panel to see if they can work on it as well
- Master Transportation Plan has had over 400 comments so far. They anticipate having a better update at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Smith is going to have a meeting with some of the Campo representatives. He is
 going to be advocating to get corridor study money placed in our area to look at other ways traffic
 is moving to and from Austin.
- When Commissioner Smith looked at projects that were on the parks bond that could be beneficial for transportation. They had a panel put together that listened to possibilities, ranked and scored them, and then distributed money. Commissioner Smith looked at projects in the Dripping Springs Area that had some transportation component in order to have projects presented to commission with a dual purpose, both parks and transportation. There were two projects, first was the Mercer Street Shared Use Path, the second was the Town Square project. One that was not listed was 6-8 roundabouts that are referred to in the 150 Character study. They are looking at those roundabouts and trying to put parking next to them and establish "cultural spots".

3. HDR (Traffic Engineering Consultant)

- Master Transportation Plan Update
 - Storyboard prepared for online open house and they are close to public notice.
- Traffic Symposium Update
 - HDR is looking to hold of on the Symposium until after Covid. The City agrees with this stance.
- Status of Task Orders
 - No outstanding Task Orders. HDR is mainly reviewing TIAs at the moment.

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- Big Sky—Founders Park Rd and RR 12 Improvement Project Update (Aaron Reed, Public Works Coordinator)
 - Founders Park Road is near completion, they are only waiting on a few more things.
 - Ranch Road 12 is still working on their punch list.
- Update on Traffic Calming Requests (Aaron Reed, Public Works Coordinator)
 - Two of the four digital speed limit signs have been installed at Blue Ridge Drive and that data will be shared.
 - The remaining two have been installed at Founders Park Road
 - After this week, the Blue Ridge Drive signs will move to Goodnight Trail.
- Development Update (Amanda Padilla, Senior Planner)
 - a. Cannon Tract Residential Project—Ashton Woods
 - The PDD is still being worked on. They are proposing 40 & 45 ft lots, 16 acres of parkland.
 - They are working on Road Agreements now.
 - Leslie is working on the TIA, it is in process.

b. Cynosure Tract—Wildwood

- No TIA yet
- 43,50, & 60 ft. lots
- They are wanting to create a MUD

c. Heritage PDD

- Planning and Zoning has approved the preliminary plat. TIA has been resubmitted.

5. New Business

- City Council voted on their schedule for 2021. Christmas meeting is a week prior. Jim proposes a vote to adopt the City Council calendar which would move the Transportation meeting for November from the 22nd to the 15th and the 20th of December to the 13th. Travis seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0.

6. Adjourn