
**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021
3:30-5:00 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairman – Travis Crow	Aaron Reed, Public Works Director
City Council Rep.—Geoffrey Tahuahua	Planning & Zoning Commission Member—Jim Martin
Barrett Criswell – Not Present	
Vice Chair-- Sharon Hamilton – Not Present	John Pettit
	Ben Sorrell – Non-Voting Member
	Chad Gilpin, P.E., City Engineer

INVITED GUESTS:

Hays Co. - Precinct 4 Comm. Walt Smith, Precinct 3 Comm. Lon Shell, County Engineer Jerry Borcharding, P.E., Adam Leach, EIT

DSISD – Pam Swanks, Clint Pruett (**Not Present**)

TxDOT, Austin District, So. Area Office – William Semora, P.E., Reed Smith, P.E. , Tommy

CAMPO – Doise Miers

HDR (City Traffic Engineering Consultant) –Leslie Pollack, P.E.

AGENDA

1. TXDOT
 - Project Updates
 - a. Highway 290 Study Update
 1. William Semora notes he should get a better update later this month or the next.
 - b. Hwy 290 Paving Project
 1. Finished
 - c. Martin Road Intersection Improvements
 1. Successfully started control for the wall. They're working with the County to make sure dimension and sight frames are good.

d. RM150 Shoulder Enhancements

1. Mr. Semora notes he and his team are bringing it up to snuff around Darden Hill. Jim Martin asks a question about trucks and heavy equipment coming through Darden as a shortcut and other vehicles being backed up. William Semora will follow up.

- New/Other Project(s) Update

2. Hays County

- Update on Proposed Roundabout at RM12 & RM150 and Utility Relocations
 - Commissioner Smith notes that weather might hinder construction
 - Commissioner Smith notes that the County's Transportation Department is not operating at full capacity not only because of COVID but also staff shortages.
- Update on Intersection Improvements Plans at RM150 & 1826
- Update on Southwest Bypass
 - Outreach to property owners, there is a small list left to talk to property owners. Commissioner Smith recalls maybe about 3 property owners.
 - Creek Road westbound has concerns about floodplain and preservation of character.
- New/Other Projects(s) Update
 - Trautwein is being waited on because of additional funding from the State. Possible light at this intersection.
 - Commissioner Smith notes his concerns for development on Fitzhugh. He has had a meeting with a developer about a possible Amphitheatre on Fitzhugh. They're currently going through their TIA. It's noted that they can mitigate about 800 cars internally. They anticipate most traffic from the East towards Austin and not from Hamilton Pool. Commissioner Smith notes they are underestimating Western traffic.
 - Patriot's Hall to be possibly a polling place.
 - Henley Loop may have a right turn lane
 - 967 on Buda and Dripping ETJ road is being flattened along with drainage being added.

3. Dripping Springs

- Proposed Rob Shelton North Improvements—Council Action 1/18
 - Aaron and Chad note the tree options for Rob Shelton's improvements adjacent to Cannon.
- Status of Rob Shelton South Improvements

- 2022 Traffic Symposium-Scheduling next meeting
 - Aaron would like to reach out and schedule for the next meeting of the Traffic Symposium
- Cannon East—Transportation Committee Representative needed for DAWG
- Public Comment
 - 150 Roundabout
 - Someone brings up concerns for lighting around Caliterra and the roundabout. County responds to the question. There will be an increase from 6 to 8 poles to accommodate for lighting decrease based on the height decrease.
 - Citizen brings up roundabouts and accidents. County and 3rd party, Joe, brings notes that the public was involved with extensive outreach. Hundreds of people were involved with their comments. 150 website is brought up and how the process has started. The roundabout study was completed about 2017. They note that roundabouts are generally safer.
 - Commissioner Smith notes roundabouts can be beneficial for growth and uses the City of Kyle as an example.
 - Question of Caliterra and the Roundabout. Carlos answers. Northbound movement occurs during the morning. Predominant movement from westbound 150 is to go north onto 12. The roundabout shouldn't create an issue for traffic movement as the light timing should create a gap to allow traffic to flow through the roundabout. Another roundabout may also be added to the entrance of Caliterra. Travis Crow states he needs hard data to back up and support the community. He cannot vie for people without hard facts.
 - Caliterra Lady notes the difficulty leaving Caliterra to go onto 12 both left and right. She notes her fears about make the left turn. She notes the light at 150 and 12 is great because of the paus. Jim Martin notes that roundabouts are generally good.
 - Al Gonzalez states he's been familiar with roundabouts and uphill and how people will speed up for that roundabout. Jackie Gonzalez restates about roundabouts and being considerate about yielding during roundabouts. She notes that she doesn't believe people will yield to others.
 - Commissioner Smith notes that the County didn't agree to roundabouts until the community pushed for one.

4. HDR (Traffic Engineering Consultant)

- Status of Traffic Impact Analysis Reviews/Task Orders:
 - a. New Growth

1. TIA on the extensions of Roger Hanks to the South. Additional commercial needs to be considered.

b. Village Grove

1. No Full TIA. There is an interim memo which notes challenges in access to the site.
2. Mrs. Foster has concerns about Village Grove and would like to know about the TIA since she is the adjacent landowner.

c. PDD 11—RR 12 Multi-family project

1. Extension of Rob Shelton

d. Arrowhead Ranch C-Store

1. TIA is being closed out. Access is the main concern. Approval from driveway location and deceleration from TxDOT.

e. Cannon East

1. Under Review

f. Ariza Springs

1. New. Accessing mostly off 290. They need to go back to Hays County to go back to the scope. This is east of Trautwein and west of Key Ranch.

5. New Business

6. Adjourn - 5:12pm