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**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021  
3:30-5:00 PM—VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Interim Chairman – P&Z Comm. Jim Martin  
City Council Rep.—Travis Crow  
Barrett Criswell  
Sharon Hamilton

John Pettit  
Ben Sorrell – Non-Voting Member  
Chad Gilpin, P.E., City Engineer

**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

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**AGENDA**

1. TXDOT

- Project Updates

- a. Highway 290 Study Update

- The study has been postponed until later this year.

- b. RR 12 Expansion Project

- Project is getting ready to move traffic to the other side and begin working on the northbound lane.

- New/Other Project(s) Update

- Oak Hill Project is currently in the design phase and TxDot is working with contractors.

2. Hays County

- Project Updates

- a. Hays County Transportation Plan Update

- Hays County Transportation Plan is currently open to the public and they are accepting comments. The plan will be up until February 7<sup>th</sup>.

- New/Other Projects(s) Update

3. HDR (Traffic Engineering Consultant)

- Update on Draft Transportation Master Plan

Master transportation plan comment period ended in early December and the comments are currently being worked through. There were three areas that received the majority of the comments. Those areas are the north east portion of the city on an east/west interceptor, in the northwest section of the city on an east west interceptor, and in the south east section of the city on an east west interceptor.

Jim Martin allowed for 10 minutes of public comment with 2 minutes awarded to each person.

Doug De Vidal “What is next after all the comments are addressed?” City Council will approve the final plan. Right now, the City is waiting for the County plan before moving forward any more in order to have the plans be more aligned. Council will have a town hall in March to discuss the plan. Doug asks “Connectivity is the overall focus. In regard to the Sawyer Ranch East West Connection, why was this selected and how would it add to capacity. He adds that Darden Hill runs parallel to the proposed roadway and that the improvements on that road could suffice for connectivity. Leslie states that looking at capacity data and future projects show that even with those improvements, Darden Hill would not be able to handle the increased traffic and the proposed Sawyer Ranch connector would help increase that capacity.

Austin Matcek “What would the effects of runoff be on their house and their well?” Every road will undergo an environmental study prior to construction to ensure there are no adverse effects to the local area. “It was mentioned that this is a long-range effort, what is long range” Jim states that every 5 years the plan is updated but it is looking at 20-25-year projection.

Lindsay Muse “Who is the final authority on the County Plan?” The city has no authority on the counties plan. Joe Cantelupo states that in the end, the Commissioners Court will accept or adopt the plan. He reinforces that it is a long-range plan and that any project in the Hays County Transportation Plan will go through more in the planning process. He reaffirms that the County Commissioners court will be the one that approves and accepts the plan.

- Status of Traffic Impact Analysis Reviews/Task Orders:

- a. Heritage Project

- Has been finished, working on roadway plans

b. Cannon—Ashton Woods Project

Analysis has been done, currently working with developer . Does not incorporate all of Cannon.

c. Anarene/Double L Project

Comments sent to developer, need to work on their TIA

d. Cynosure Ranch/Wild Ridge Project

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- Update on Transportation Alternative Grant Projects :

a. Sportsplex Drive

Sportsplex is at substantial completion. There are 4 manhole covers that need to be addressed but it is open to the public.

b. Rob Shelton

Rob Shelton is a part of the 2019 application package and was awarded a 20% match grant. RFQ has been done.

5. New Business

Ben Sorrell asked if the middle school project has sidewalks crossing 290 at the light at Tractor Supply. That is correct. He thinks the light at the middle school would be a better alternative. Leslie stated that during the time of application, the light at the middle school was not being talked about, but still thinks the Tractor Supply light makes more sense.

Ben asked if anyone knows the status of the Middle School lights. Reed said that there is no time frame.

Ben asks for an update on Rob Shelton and 290 intersection, Leslie stated that its being worked through with the developer. There is a meeting Wednesday on the process, and it will be fine tuned then.

Sharon let the committee know that Ann Kitchens asked or someone to reach out to participate in Project Connect discussions with the City of Austin.

6. Adjourn