



**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION ITEM
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on a request for placement of two radar feedback signs on Dietz Elkhorn (west)

DATE: February 5, 2025

REQUESTER: Geri Pieper, Resident

REQUEST

Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns

This request is not for specific items on Dietz Elkhorn, but rather is a request for the City to follow through with what was funded and intended in 2021/22 but never accomplished.

The 2021/22 budget included \$175K for Dietz Elkhorn improvements. The June 28, 2021 budget workshop indicated \$175K would include Chartwell realignment (\$100K), Van Raub turn lane (\$50K), and speed signs (\$15K). The November 4, 2021 street projects update by staff indicated the \$175K was for the Dietz/Chartwell intersection plus other Dietz Elkhorn speed limit/radar feedback signs/intersection warning signs/no-truck signs. At the May 5, 2022 Council meeting, a Chartwell/Dietz intersection construction contract, under a much higher cost option than originally proposed, along with a budget amendment were approved by Council. The staff summary for the budget amendment for an additional \$298K specifically stated it would be for the Chartwell/Dietz intersection project plus would include “radar feedback signs (est \$25k) and pedestrian-activated crosswalks (est \$25k) at other locations on Dietz Elkhorn Rd”.

Note the specific reference to “at other locations on Dietz Elkhorn Rd.” These other intended improvements had nothing to do with the Chartwell/Dietz intersection project or location. Nothing has been done on Dietz Elkhorn other than the over budget Chartwell/Dietz intersection project. This request is primarily for those other intended improvements at other locations on Dietz Elkhorn.

Staff should identify for the TSAC what the other intended improvements were. This was identified by staff/General Engineering Consultant back in 2021/22. I don’t believe staff or the General Engineering Consultant publicly stated the specific locations of the other intended items.

At recent meetings, staff indicated two radar feedback signs were purchased in 2021/22, these were installed on Battle Intense, not Dietz Elkhorn. Recent staff comments also inferred additional signage on Dietz Elkhorn had been deferred due to the upcoming reconstruction and widening of Dietz Elkhorn east. Staff should identify what that additional signage included and whether those additions will be included in the reconstruction project.

In anticipation of having radar feedback signs placed on Dietz Elkhorn, I have one specific request for TSAC to consider. I request the TSAC consider placing two signs on the western end of Dietz

Elkhorn between the 4-way stop at Old Fredericksburg Road (for eastbound traffic) and the curve around the law firm property across from the Vantage apartments (for westbound traffic). It is evident from observing traffic during the day that many cars really get moving coming down the hill eastbound from the 4-way stop, and westbound as they round the curve and head down that hill. I believe radar signage would help slow them down.

Thank you for your consideration.

Desired Outcome/Resolution

Do what was budgeted for and intended in 2021/22.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Comments

Funding for additional radar feedback signs, like those on Battle Intense, is in the FY 2024-25 budget. Upon receipt of the signs, staff plan to install them where speeding is an ongoing issue. Possible locations include Dietz Elkhorn (west), Keeneland, and Meadow Creek Trail, etc.

Staff is open to recommendations on location from TSAC and Public Safety.

Public Safety Comments

Extra signage or radar feedback signs can be used to help remind travelers to obey the posted speed limit.

Estimated Costs, including but not limited to, required studies / analysis

Radar feedback signs are in this year's fiscal budget.

COMMITTEE ACTION / MOTION

I move to recommend