



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Dietz Elkhorn Road Traffic Safety Concern Follow Up
DATE: November 7, 2024
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
PRESENTED BY: Grant Watanabe, P.E., CFM, Director of Public Works and Engineering Services

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

At the October 3, 2024, regular City Council meeting, Council Member Olvera requested an agenda item in response to a resident's email on traffic safety concerns on Dietz Elkhorn Road. This workshop will provide a summary of the Dietz Elkhorn Road Corridor Study, which was conducted in 2020-2021, the planned improvements (\$175,000) budgeted in FY 2021-22, and how the funds were ultimately used.

The Dietz Elkhorn Road Corridor Study involved:

- Data collection and analysis (traffic volume, speed, truck traffic, origin/destination trends, crash data, drone footage, etc.).
- Input from project stakeholders which included a City Council member, representatives from Public Safety, Public Works, Boerne Independent School District, Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowner's Association, and several residents.
- Recommendations for various short, medium and long-term solutions.

In response, the City's FY 2021-22 budget included \$175,000 for various Dietz Elkhorn Road safety enhancements:

- Van Raub Elementary School right-turn lane.
- Dietz Elkhorn Road/Chartwell Lane intersection improvements.
- Dietz Elkhorn Road signage (radar feedback signs, chevrons, etc.).
- Crosswalks with pedestrian actuated device.

Ultimately, the City Council approved use of the funds toward the Dietz Elkhorn Road/Chartwell Lane Intersection Safety Improvement Project which was awarded in May 2022 and completed in November 2022. Additional funding would be necessary to implement other improvements identified in the study.

Staff recommends the resident's request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn Road (West) from 35 mph to 30 mph, and for additional signage on Dietz Elkhorn Road, be referred to the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to the City Council.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

N/A

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Dependent on direction of City Council.