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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

### CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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AGENDA TOPIC: Recap of Transportation Safety Advisory Committee submittals  
DATE: June 5, 2025  
DEPARTMENT: Transportation Safety Advisory Committee  
PRESENTED BY: Carole Vanzant, CPM, Assistant City Manager  
Al Schmidt, Chairperson, Transportation Safety Advisory Committee

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#### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

On July 18, 2024, the City Council approved an ordinance establishing a Transportation Safety Advisory Committee ("TSAC"). The role of the Committee is to assist the City Council in the continuance of the city's quality of life through a citizen-government partnership that promotes safe and secure public roads and walks.

For the May 7 TSAC meeting, the committee received seven transportation safety submittals for its consideration. Below is a summary of each submittal. Staff seeks City Council direction on item #7:

1. Reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn West from 35 to 30 mph. **Recommendation failed on original request, and subsequent recommendation** to reduce speed limit to 30 mph on Dietz Elkhorn from Old Fredericksburg Road to Square Gate **failed**.
2. Create a fire lane on the east side of Terra Vista from the exit of the Fair Oaks Ranch Golf & Country Club's parking lot to Terra Manor, compel the Club to designate non-marked parking spaces in their parking lot with NO PARKING signs, paint areas red, and enforce towing for violators, and increase police enforcement. **No recommendation was made:**
  - a. New fire lane - In March, staff met with the City's Fire Code Official who determined the existing fire lane on the west side was sufficient and meets the International Fire Code requirements.
  - b. Club parking lot - The Official discussed Mr. Hurwitz's concerns with the Club. The City has no authority to enforce parking on private property.
  - c. Police enforcement - Police will continue to enforce the speed limit. Consideration of a radar feedback sign will be added to the priority location list that is to be presented to the City Council at an upcoming budget workshop.
3. Place two caution Intersection Ahead signs on Keeneland Drive before the Battle Intense and Venturer intersection. **No recommendation was made:**
  - a. February 26 - TSAC recommended the City Council consider adding cautionary Intersection Ahead signs due to increased traffic on Keeneland Drive.
  - b. March 20 - The City Council did not concur with the recommendation.
  - c. May 7 - The TSAC rules of procedure state that an item that has been acted upon by the Committee cannot be reheard for a period of 365 days from the day the Committee

heard the item, unless new pertinent safety information is provided.

4. Reduce the speed limit on Rolling Acres Trail from 35 to 30 mph. **Recommendation passed** to reduce the speed limit from Ammann Road to Silver Spur and to add cautionary ahead curve signs. Following next steps include:
  - a. Staff performing a traffic study and presenting the results to the City Council for its consideration and possible action on reducing the speed limit.
  - b. Submitter providing to staff public input data on the speed reduction.
  - c. Staff placing the cautionary signs at appropriate locations.
5. Do not re-install the raised crosswalk on Battle Intense. The Committee considered this request with Item 6, which requested re-installation of the crosswalk.
6. Re-install the raised crosswalk and lower the speed limit from 30 to 25 mph on Battle Intense from Fairway Valley and Keeneland Drive. **Recommendation passed to:**
  - a. re-install the raised crosswalk.
  - b. perform a traffic study, after installation of raised crosswalk, and report results back to TSAC.
7. Authorize the City Manager to submit a written request to TxDot for consideration of reducing the speed limit on Ralph Fair Road to 45 mph within the city limits. **Recommendation passed.** *The staff seek direction from City Council via resolution to submit a request to TxDOT requesting a reduced speed limit.*

On February 20 the City Council concurred with TSAC's recommendation to paint double yellow lines and install reflectors in the median on Fair Oaks Parkway at Front Gate, install intersection warning signs on Fair Oaks Parkway, and move the crossbar at the entrance of Front Gate. Upon completion of the tasks, the Council requested the area be monitored for a minimum of one month to evaluate the effectiveness of the calming measures and report back to them. Since installation, the police department reports one unrelated vehicle accident (failure to yield) and no speeding tickets or warnings issued. *Therefore, the staff believes the measures are effective and seeks additional direction, if any, from the City Council.*

Additionally, at the same meeting, the City Council requested staff to evaluate the feasibility of creating a northbound turn-lane from Fair Oaks Parkway onto Front Gate without widening the pavement. Staff opines left-turn lane cannot be done without widening both sides of Fair Oaks Parkway northbound. The City Manager authorized the city's GEC to perform a full analysis determining if a left-turn lane is warranted (approximate cost is \$5,000). Upon completion, staff will present the analysis to the City Council for consideration of placement in the roadway CIP at a future time.

**Exhibit A** provides detailed information on all ongoing submission tasks. Staff seek direction on the two highlighted cells.

#### **POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

1. Provides input from TSAC and citizens.
2. Allows for continued improvement of the city's quality of life relative to transportation safety.
3. Meets the City's Strategic Action Plan pillar of Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure.