

Memo

To: Tupelo City Council
From: Tupelo Traffic Committee
Subject: Review/Approve Traffic Committee Minutes of May 28, 2026
Date: June 10, 2026

Attached are the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting on May 8, 2026. The following is a summary of their actions.

Old Business

1. A request from Ms. Mary Francis, 1249 N Coley Road, for a safety study at the intersection of Coley Road and Butler Road.

Action: Denied – No action warranted

2. A request from Ms. Linda Hamby, Wilemon Acres Neighborhood Association, 2400 Rhenda Street, Tel. 662-372-5714, lindafromtupelo@yahoo.com, for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of N. Foster Drive and Rhenda Street.

Action: Denied

New Business

1. A request from L.T. Ezell, 110 Mattie Florence Drive, Tel. 662-322-0164, for the installation of “No Littering (with fine)” signs on Mattie Florence Drive.

Action: Referred to Code Enforcement

2. A request from Mr. Wayne Dye, 5383 Purnell Road, Tel. 662-260-0991, for the installation of a guard rail or flashing stop signs at the intersection of Countrywood Road and Purnell Road. Mr. Dye states that many cars going too fast at this intersection end up in his pasture.

Action: Approved reflective strips on existing stop signs

3. A request from Mrs. Jennifer Torrent, 1004 Van Buren Avenue, Tel. 662-732-0881, jenniferdiane71@hotmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Van Buren Avenue between Eisenhower Street and President Avenue.

Action: Denied

4. A request from Ms. Tia Ballard, Tel. 828-231-9556, for the installation of a traffic light at 1228 W. Main Street at the Main Street Deli and Market.

Action: Denied

5. A request from Mr. Joel Bailey, 813 Poplarville Street, Tel. 662-397-2027, joelb@bellsouth.net, for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Poplarville Street and Rosewood Street.

Action: Denied

6. A request from Ms. Sara Ann Todd, 3254 Walsh Road, Tel. 254-317-3338, saraanntodd@gmail.com, for a reduction of the current posted speed limit of 30 mph.

Action: Denied

7. A request from the Cedar Pointe Homeowner's Association, Tel. 662-871-3657, for the following:

- 1) Installation of "No Parking" signs at:
 - a) Arlington Street and Cressant Street
 - b) Arlington Street and Bartlett Lane
 - c) Around the pool area on Arlington Street

- 2) Installation of speed tables on Arlington Street.

Action: Postponed

8. A request from Ms. Allye Alford, 2012 Van Street, Tel. 662-231-2312, allyealford@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Van Street.

Action: Denied

9. A request from Tupelo Christian Preparatory School, 5440 Endville Road, Tel. 662-844-8604, kroye@tcpsteachers.com, for the installation of "School Zone" signs with reduced speed during school hours.

Action: No action needed

10. A request from Mr. Jacob Gaines, 556 Ingram Drive, jakemarlon@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Ingram Drive.

Action: Denied

11. A request for speed calming at the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Church at 454 Road 653.

Action: Approved rumble strips

12. A request from Mr. Ricky Singh for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of S. Gloster Street (Hwy 145) and Barley Court.

Action: None – MDOT ROW

13. A request from Mr. Curtis Presley, 308 Rutland Drive, Tel. 865-242-3923, for the installation of a “Slow – Children At Play” sign on Rutland Drive.

Action: Postponed

14. A request from Ms. Kemela Agbo, 158 College Avenue, Tel. 662-882-7953, for the installation of speed tables on College Avenue.

Action: Denied

15. A request from Mr. Robert Hereford, Tel. 662-869-6555 or 662-841-5615, for help with traffic calming on Walsh Road at:

- a. Hopewell Baptist Church, 4809 Coleman Circle
- b. Kimble Chapel Baptist Church, 3215 Walsh Road

Action: Postponed

16. A request from Mr. Ben Gilliland, 2116 Cla Wood Place, Tel. 662-322-9619, for the installation of speed tables.

Action: Denied

17. A request from Mr. Darrius Williams, 2515 Walsh Road, Tel. 662-397-5883, dwilliams2515@comcast.net, for the installation of a guard rail in the curve in front of his home.

Action: Postponed

**MINUTES OF THE TUPELO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
MAY 28, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Tupelo Traffic Committee was held on May 28, 2026, at 9:00 am in the council room on the 2nd floor of city hall. Members present were Mr. Dennis Bonds, Mr. Norman Cruse, Ms. Laura Kramer, Mr. Tyler Scott, Mr. Brent Spears, Mr. Mike Williams and Mr. Emmitt Foster. Officer Jeff Griffin and Mr. Barton Wynn were absent.

Audience members were Mr. Johnny Timmons, Manager TW&L, Mr. Don Lewis, COO, Mr. Kelly Knight, Public Works Director, Mr. Donal Dykes, Public Works Department.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dennis Bonds.

Old Business

1. **A request from Ms. Mary Francis, 1249 N Coley Road, for a safety study at the intersection of Coley Road and Butler Road.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that a crash and speed study from the Tupelo Police Department does not warrant any additional signage or calming measures at this intersection. Therefore, Mr. Emmitt Foster made a motion to deny this request. It was seconded by Mr. Brent Spears and passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Ms. Linda Hamby, Wilemon Acres Neighborhood Association, 2400 Rhenda Street, Tel. 662-372-5714, lindafromtupelo@yahoo.com, for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of N. Foster Drive and Rhenda Street.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that according to the TPD crash and speed data of this area, making this intersection a 3-way stop is not warranted by the MUTCD. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny this request which was seconded by Ms. Laura Kramer and it passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **A request from L.T. Ezell, 110 Mattie Florence Drive, Tel. 662-322-0164, for the installation of “No Littering (with fine)” signs on Mattie Florence Drive.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that there are only four (4) or five (5) homeowners on this street and therefore, this item should be referred to Code Enforcement. Mr. Brent Spears made a motion to refer this item to Code Enforcement. It was seconded by Mr. Mike Williams and passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Mr. Wayne Dye, 5383 Purnell Road, Tel. 662-260-0991, for the installation of a guard rail or flashing stop signs at the intersection of Countrywood Road and Purnell Road. Mr. Dye states that many cars going too fast at this intersection end up in his pasture.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that, according to the TPD crash history, there are no accidents reported at this intersection. Mr. Mike Williams made a motion to add a reflective red strip to the existing stop signs at this intersection. Mr. Emmitt Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Mrs. Jennifer Torrent, 1004 Van Buren Avenue, Tel. 662-732-0881, jenniferdiane71@hotmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Van Buren Avenue between Eisenhower Street and President Avenue.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that Van Buren Avenue is classified as a Local road and that speed tables are only allowed on streets classified as Residential. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny this request which was seconded by Mr. Emmitt Foster. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **A request from Ms. Tia Ballard, Tel. 828-231-9556, for the installation of a traffic light at 1228 W. Main Street at the Main Street Deli and Market.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that the MUTCD requires that there be 1/3 mile between traffic lights. Therefore, with the existing traffic lights located at the intersections of Lawndale and Main and Milford and Main, this traffic light would not meet this criteria. A motion was made to deny this request by Mr. Mike Williams and seconded by Mr. Brent Spears. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **A request from Mr. Joel Bailey, 813 Poplarville Street, Tel. 662-397-2027, joelb@bellsouth.net, for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Poplarville Street and Rosewood Street.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that there is only one recorded accident at this intersection with no significant speeding issues and no sight distance problems. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny this request. Mr. Tyler Scott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. **A request from Ms. Sara Ann Todd, 3254 Walsh Road, Tel. 254-317-3338, saraanntodd@gmail.com, for a reduction of the current posted speed limit of 30 mph.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that the crash history on Walsh Road does not show any significant accidents or excessive speeding. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Brent Spears to deny this request which was seconded by Ms. Laura Kramer. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **A request from the Cedar Pointe Homeowner's Association, Tel. 662-871-3657, for the following:**

- 1) **Installation of "No Parking" signs at:**
 - a) **Arlington Street and Cressant Street**
 - b) **Arlington Street and Bartlett Lane**
 - c) **Around the pool area on Arlington Street**

- 2) **Installation of speed tables on Arlington Street.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting to allow time to check with Code Enforcement about parking problems and collect some speed information. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. **A request from Ms. Allve Alford, 2012 Van Street, Tel. 662-231-2312, allyealford@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Van Street.**

Van Street is classified as a Local road and not eligible for speed tables. Mr. Mike Williams made a motion to deny this request based on the road classification. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. **A request from Tupelo Christian Preparatory School, 5440 Endville Road, Tel. 662-844-8604, krove@tcpsteachers.com, for the installation of “School Zone” signs with reduced speed during school hours.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that all appropriate signage, including the requested signs, are already installed and no action is needed by the Traffic Committee.

10. **A request from Mr. Jacob Gaines, 556 Ingram Drive, jakemarlon@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Ingram Drive.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that Ingram Drive is only 416-feet long and that speed tables must be placed in pairs 300 to 500-feet apart. Mr. Emmitt Foster made a motion to deny this request. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. **A request for speed calming at the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Church at 454 Road 653.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that there is a blind spot coming out of their parking lot due to a large curve right at the church and that a speed study showed speeds up to 50 mph on this road. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Williams to install rumble strips on each side of the curve leading to their parking lot. This motion was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse and passed unanimously.

12. **A request from Mr. Ricky Singh for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of S. Gloster Street (Hwy 145) and Barley Court.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that this is MDOT right-of-way and no action is needed by the traffic committee.

13. **A request from Mr. Curtis Presley, 308 Rutland Drive, Tel. 865-242-3923, for the installation of a “Slow – Children At Play” sign on Rutland Drive.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting. Mr. Emmitt Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

14. **A request from Ms. Kemela Agbo, 158 College Avenue, Tel. 662-882-7953, for the installation of speed tables on College Avenue.**

It was noted that this area of College Avenue is in Verona City limits. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny this request which was seconded by Mr. Brent Spears. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **A request from Mr. Robert Hereford, Tel. 662-869-6555 or 662-841-5615, for help with traffic calming on Walsh Road at:**
- a. **Hopewell Baptist Church, 4809 Coleman Circle**
 - b. **Kimble Chapel Baptist Church, 3215 Walsh Road**

Ms. Laura Kramer made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting to allow time to inspect the area and perform any needed studies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Williams and passed unanimously.

16. **A request from Mr. Ben Gilliland, 2116 Cla Wood Place, Tel. 662-322-9619, for the installation of speed tables.**

Cla Wood Place is classified as a Local road and not eligible for speed tables. Mr. Brent Spears made a motion to deny this request based on the road classification. Mr. Tyler Scott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

17. **A request from Mr. Darrius Williams, 2515 Walsh Road, Tel. 662-397-5883, dwilliams2515@comcast.net, for the installation of a guard rail in the curve in front of his home.**

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis Bonds to postpone this item until the next meeting to allow time to inspect the area and collect any pertinent information. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

With there being no further business, Mr. Mike Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tyler Scott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Pam Blassingame