

# Memo

**To:** Tupelo City Council  
**From:** Tupelo Traffic Committee  
**Subject:** Review/Approve Traffic Committee Minutes of July 31, 2025  
**Date:** July 31, 2025

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Attached are the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting on July 31, 2025. The following is a summary of their actions.

## Old Business

1. A request from Ms. Lindsey Chaney, 2086 Lake Circle Drive, Tel. 662-315-1370, [lindsey.chaney@cadencebank.com](mailto:lindsey.chaney@cadencebank.com), for the installation of speed tables along Lake Circle Drive.

Action: Denied

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

Action: Postponed

## New Business

1. A request from Ms. Linda Hamby, Wilemon Acres Neighborhood Association, 2400 Rhenda Street, Tel. 662-372-5714, [lindafromtupelo@yahoo.com](mailto:lindafromtupelo@yahoo.com), for the following:

- Installation of stop signs at the intersection of N Foster Drive and Rhenda Street
- Installation of speed tables before and after the stop signs on N Foster Drive

Action: Denied speed tables; Postponed installation of stop signs

2. A request from Councilwoman Nettie Davis to change the name of Indian Trail to Palmer Foster Drive. (See attachment "A")

Action: Approved "Palmer Foster Memorial Way"

## **MINUTES OF THE TUPELO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

### **JULY 31, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Tupelo Traffic Committee was held on July 31, 2025, at 9:00 am in the council room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of city hall. Members present were Mr. Dennis Bonds, Mr. Norman Cruse, Ms. Laura Kramer, Officer Jeff Griffin, Mr. Barton Wynn, and Mr. Emmitt Foster. Mr. Brent Spears and Mr. Mike Williams were absent.

Audience members were Mr. Johnny Timmons, Manager TW&L, Mr. Don Lewis, COO, Mr. Tyler Scott, Fire Marshall, and Mrs. Nettie Davis, Councilwoman Ward 4.

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Old Business**

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Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that a speed study was conducted on Lake Circle Drive in September 2024. According to the speed study, Lake Circle does not meet the required criteria for speed tables. Therefore, Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny this request. It was seconded by Mr. Emmitt Foster and passed unanimously.

2. **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 stated that he is still working on the safety study and traffic counts. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to postpone this item. Mr. Emmitt Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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- **Installation of stop signs at the intersection of N Foster Drive and Rhenda Street**
- **Installation of speed tables before and after the stop signs on N Foster Drive**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that Foster Drive is classified as a Local road and is not eligible for speed tables. The posted speed limit on Foster Drive is 30 mph. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny the speed tables and postpone the installation of stop signs request to complete a study of this intersection. Mr. Barton Wynn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Councilwoman Nettie Davis to change the name of Indian Trail to Palmer Foster Drive. (See attachment “A”)**

Mr. Dennis Bonds read the letter written by Councilwoman Davis for the committee. He then stated that he has spoken with Paul Harkins, Director of 911, to discuss the process of changing a street name. Mr. Harkins stated that, at a minimum, the following must be notified: 911 and other emergency services, United States Post Office, United Parcel Service, Federal Express, Google Maps and all residents of the street. The city would also have to change their maps. Mr. Norman Cruse stated that, with the number of changes that would need to be made, this is more of a Development Services and City Council issue than traffic committee. Mr. Dennis Bonds then offered a suggestion to make Indian Trail, from N. Green Street to its end past Hilda Avenue, as “Palmer Foster Memorial Way” marked with decorative street signs. With this change, this area would still be a memorial to a great Tupelo citizen, without the many issues a street name change would create. Mr. Barton Wynn made a motion to mark Indian Trail as “Palmer Foster Memorial Way” and was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse. The motion passed unanimously.

With there being no further business, Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Pam Blassingame



# City of Tupelo

## City Council

July 14, 2025

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Councilwoman Nettie Davis  
71 East Troy Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804

RE: Street Name Recommendation

TO: The members of the City of Tupelo Traffic Committee,

As a Councilwoman of Ward 4, I would like to submit a recommendation to you, the change of a street name, Indian Trail to Palmer Foster Drive. Indian Trail is located in the Parkhill Neighborhood of Ward 4. Mr. Foster resided on this street for more than 70 years.

Mr. Palmer Foster was an active citizen of the Parkhill community most of his adult life, moving to tupelo in 1952 with his family to serve as Executive Director of the Boy Scouts of America for the African American boys in the community. For several years, a group of black leaders in the community worked with the teenage boys to develop skills in citizenship, education, and leadership, helping make them productive citizens. These men went to the city leaders, requesting a person to be recruited to start a Boy Scouts of America in the City of Tupelo and surrounding areas of North Mississippi for young African American boys. Mr. Foster was recruited and hired as the Executive Director by the Yacona Council for the North Mississippi area.

Boy Scout troops were developed throughout the areas at churches and organizations. A Boy Scout Camp was established called Camp Warrener in Corinth, MS under the supervision of Mr. Foster. Hundreds of young teenage boys were trained under Mr. Foster with the development of Boy Scout troop leaders. Many of the young men were able to advance in scouting attending a national scout camp at Philmont National Camp in New Mexico. Due to the superb training offered to the young men, many of them developed into outstanding leaders across the nation. Character building was included in much of the training and most of the young men in the

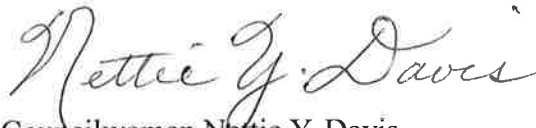
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community were a part of scouting. The Girl Scouts of America for young girls developed as a carryover of the Boy Scouts and all the young ladies became very active in the community as well.

With the productive services and leadership Mr. Foster offered to this community, he received many honors including the outstanding Citizen Award from the Tupelo Junior Auxiliary Award.

Please accept my recommendation for the street change in the Hilda Drive area of the City of Tupelo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nettie Y. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Councilwoman Nettie Y. Davis  
Ward 4