

Memo

To: Tupelo City Council
From: Tupelo Traffic Committee
Subject: Review/Approve Traffic Committee Minutes of January 25, 2024
Date: January 31, 2024

Attached are the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting on January 25, 2024. The following is a summary of their actions.

Old Business:

1. A request from Mr. Trae Belk, 814 West Bay Circle, Tel. 662-231-9173, for the installation of speed tables on Mahogany Drive (Wildwood Subdivision).

Action: Postponed

2. A request from Mr. Jimmy Blaylock for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Green Street and Elliott Street.

Action: Denied

3. A request from Mr. Larry Sanders, 2326 Camelot Drive, for the installation of “No Big Trucks” signs.

Action: No action taken

New Business

1. A request from Harvester’s Square Homeowners Association, Jayden Borden, 662-660-3182, Harvesterssquarehoa@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables.

Action: Postponed

2. A request from Mr. Ray Ponders, 215 Rankin Blvd, 662-372-5302, rayponders3280@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Rankin Blvd between Blair and Main Streets.

Also submitted same request:

Tracie Bohannon, 217 Rankin Blvd, 662-60-2265, traciejo69@yahoo.com

Bertha Bowdry, 214 Rankin Blvd, 662-871-6077

Charles Fears, 229 Rankin Blvd, 662-523-4626
Carolyn Watson, 216 Rankin Blvd, 662-841-9754, carolynwatsonwatercolor@yahoo.com
Kiara Crowley, 214 Rankin Blvd, 662-372-1073
Deidre Hall, 212 Rankin Blvd, 662-491-1288, deidre@gmail.com
Randall Streetman, 208 Rankin Blvd, 662-706-4841
Owen Martin, 211 Rankin Blvd, 662-322-3821
Erica Montgomery, 207 Rankin Blvd, 662-372-2312
Maggie Webb, 213 Rankin Blvd, 662-678-3481, maggiweatherford@yahoo.com

Action: Denied

3. A request from Mr. Kenny Wooldridge, 905 Terry Road, 662-871-9713, for the installation of speed tables on:
 - a) Terry Road
 - b) Parrish Drive
 - c) Bickerstaff Street
 - d) Intersection of Green Street with Parrish Drive
 - e) Intersection of Green Street and Shell Street

Action: Postponed for Parrish Drive, Denied other streets

4. A request from Mr. Renard Perry, 1183 Indian Trail, 662-397-3242, Perryrenard7@gmail.com, to address the Traffic Committee about removing the recently installed "No Parking" signs on Indian Trail.

Action: Denied

5. A request from Mr. Jack Foster, 1018 Ridgeback Drive, 662-231-4095, jbfoster67@gmail.com, for the installation of a 4-way stop at Graham Drive and Jeff Homan Blvd.

Action: Denied

6. A request from Mr. Michael Gratz, 312 N Green Street, 662-844-5531, for the installation of speed tables on Green Street and Jefferson Street in the areas of First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church.

Action: Denied

7. A request from Ms. Zola Ward, 3291 Meadow Drive, 662-401-0120, for the installation of speed tables on the following streets:
 - a) Meadow Drive
 - b) Beasley Circle

- c) Brooks Street
- d) Moore Avenue
- e) Evans Circle
- f) Kennedy Drive

Action: Postponed

8. A request from Dr. Martin Herman, President of Spring Lake HOA, for the approval of speed tables once necessary signatures have been gathered.

Action: Postponed

9. A request from Mrs. Josefina Rayburn for the installation of a traffic signal at Coley Road and Village Lake Drive at the entrance to The Villages subdivision.

Action: Denied

10. A request from Greater Elevation Ministry, 1169 Hillsdale Drive, 601-402-4335, geraldspraggins74@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Hillsdale Drive.

Action: Denied

**MINUTES OF THE TUPELO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
JANUARY 25, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Tupelo Traffic Committee was held on January 25, 2024, at 9:00 am in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall. Members present were Mr. Dennis Bonds, Mr. Norman Cruse, Officer Jeff Griffin, Ms. Laura Kramer, Mr. Brent Spears, Mr. Barton Wynn and Mr. Mike Williams. Mr. Emmitt Foster was absent.

Audience members were Mayor Todd Jordan, Mr. Johnny Timmons, Manager TW&L, Mr. Don Lewis, COO, Mr. Chuck Williams, Public Works Director, and Mrs. Janet Gaston, Councilwoman Ward 6.

Call to Order

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

Old Business

1. **A request from Mr. Trae Belk, 814 West Bay Circle, Tel. 662-231-9173, for the installation of speed tables on Mahogany Drive (Wildwood Subdivision).**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that the Traffic Committee is awaiting further information from Mr. Belk. Therefore, Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting. Mr. Barton Wynn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Mr. Jimmy Blaylock for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Green Street and Elliott Street.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny since this intersection does not meet any of the 8 warrant conditions required by the MUTCD. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Mr. Larry Sanders, 2326 Camelot Drive, for the installation of a “No Big Trucks” signs.**

Mr. Chuck Williams stated that this request could be handled directly by the Public Works Department and no action was needed from the Traffic Committee.

New Business

1. **A request from Harvester’s Square Homeowners Association, Jayden Borden, 662-660-3182, HarvesterSquarehoa@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that Harvester Square is classified as a residential street and that Mr. Borden has provided a petition (31 signatures) for the installation of the speed tables. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this request to allow time to verify the signatures and make sure there are enough to meet the required threshold. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Mr. Ray Pounders, 215 Rankin Blvd, 662-372-5302, raypounders3280@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Rankin Blvd between Blair and Main Streets.**

Also submitted same request:

Tracie Bohannon, 217 Rankin Blvd, 662-60-2265, traciejo69@yahoo.com

Bertha Bowdry, 214 Rankin Blvd, 662-871-6077

Charles Fears, 229 Rankin Blvd, 662-523-4626

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Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that Rankin Blvd is classified as a local road and therefore, does not qualify for speed tables. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny this request. Mr. Brent Spears seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Mr. Kenny Wooldridge, 905 Terry Road, 662-871-9713, for the installation of speed tables on:**
- a) **Terry Road Local**
 - b) **Parrish Drive Residential**
 - c) **Bickerstaff Street Local**
 - d) **Intersection of Green Street with Parrish Drive**
 - e) **Intersection of Green Street and Shell Street**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that Parrish Drive is the only street classified as residential and would be the only one eligible for speed tables. Also, we will not install speed tables at intersections. Mr. Wooldridge provided a petition with 40 signatures. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item to allow time to verify the signatures and make sure there are enough to meet the required threshold. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. **A request from Mr. Renard Perry, 1183 Indian Trail, 662-397-3242, Perryrenard7@gmail.com, to address the Traffic Committee about removing the recently installed “No Parking” signs on Indian Trail.**

Mr. Don Lewis and Mr. Chuck Williams stated that the “No Parking” signs on the south side of the road have already been removed (per admin). The one on the north side of the road remains. Mr. Bonds then made a motion to deny this request. The motion was seconded by Mike Williams and it passed unanimously.

5. **A request from Mr. Jack Foster, 1018 Ridgeback Drive, 662-231-4095, jbfooster67@gmail.com, for the installation of a 4-way stop at Graham Drive and Jeff Homan Blvd.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that the traffic counts and the crash data received from TPD do not meet the requirements of the MUTCD for a 4-way stop. Therefore, he made a motion to deny this request. Mr. Mike Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. **A request from Mr. Michael Gratz, 312 N Green Street, 662-844-5531, for the installation of speed tables on Green Street and Jefferson Street in the areas of First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church.**

According to the Speed Table Policy, Green Street is classified as a collector road and Jefferson Street is classified as a local road. Neither street qualifies for speed tables. Mr. Mike Williams made a motion to deny this request which was seconded by Mr. Brent Spears. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **A request from Ms. Zola Ward, 3291 Meadow Drive, 662-401-0120, for the installation of speed tables on the following streets:**

- a) **Meadow Drive**
- b) **Beasley Circle**
- c) **Brooks Street**
- d) **Moore Avenue**
- e) **Evans Circle**
- f) **Kennedy Drive**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that all these streets are classified as residential streets and Ms. Ward has provided petitions for each street with verified signatures. Mr. Chuck Williams stated concern for the police and fire departments to get in and out of the area quickly with this many speed tables. A suggestion was made to not install speed tables on Beasley Circle since it is the main in and out for the area. Mr. Mike Williams made a motion to postpone this item and speak with the noted departments. Ms. Laura Kramer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. **A request from Dr. Martin Herman, President of Spring Lake HOA, for the approval of speed tables once necessary signatures have been gathered.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that Columbine Drive is classified as a local road, but all other streets within Spring Lake are classified as residential. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item to get with Dr. Herman and the Spring Lake HOA to determine what streets they are wanting to install speed tables on and what signatures they will need. This request was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse and passed unanimously.

9. **A request from Mrs. Josefina Rayburn for the installation of a traffic signal at Coley Road and Village Lake Drive at the entrance to The Villages subdivision.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny this request since it does not meet the required conditions of the MUTCD for a traffic signal (see below). Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MUTCD CHAPTER 4C. TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL NEEDS STUDIES Guidance: A traffic control signal should not be installed if it will seriously disrupt progressive traffic flow.

MDOT Traffic Count on Coley Road = 17,000 (Assume 850 each way, 425 per lane)

Warrant 1. Eight Hour Vehicular Volume – TBD

Warrant 2. Four Hour Vehicular Volume – TBD

Warrant 3. Peak Hour – Does Not Apply

Warrant 4. Pedestrian Volume – Does Not Meet

Warrant 5. School Crossing – Does Not Meet

Warrant 6. Coordinated Signal System – Does Not Apply

Warrant 7. Crash Experience – from TPD

Warrant 8. Roadway Network – Does Not Meet

10. A request from Greater Elevation Ministry, 1169 Hillsdale Drive, 601-402-4335, geraldspraggins74@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Hillsdale Drive.

Hillsdale Drive is classified as a local road and does not qualify for speed tables. Mr. Chuck Williams stated that “Church Zone” signs can be installed if not already there. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny this request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brent Spears and it passed unanimously.

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

Submitted by: Pam Blassingame