



DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

4:00 PM, Wednesday December 7, 2016

City Council Chambers
211 W. Aspen Avenue

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CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSION MEMBERS, voting:

Bob Kuhn, Flagstaff Unified School District, **Present**
Julie Leid, **Present**
Erika Mazza, NAIPTA, **Present**
Bob Mullen, **Present**
Kevin Parkes, **Present**
Gary Robbins, Chair, **Present**
Derik Spice, Vice-Chair

COMMISSION MEMBERS, non-voting:

Lt. Frank Higgins, Flagstaff Police Department
Jeff Bauman, Traffic Engineer

CITY STAFF:

Rita Severson, Recording Secretary

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not on this meeting's agenda. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commissioners may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of November 2, 2016

Commissioner Kuhn made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 02, 2016 meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Mazza, all in favor, motion carries.

II. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Flagstaff Unified School District – Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School – 1601 S. Lone Tree Road

At the November Transportation Commission Meeting a representative of Kinsey Elementary approached the Commission during public participation requesting speed limit feedback signs be installed on Lone Tree Road in front of the school.

Staff has taken several field visits to the school during pick up and drop off times, measured speeds and volumes, spoken with the crossing guards and the principal.

This agenda item could be carried over after December's discussion to the next meeting date for additional observation and measurement opportunities.

Staff Recommendation: Review and provide feedback to City Staff, FUSD and Commissioner observations. Staff does not have a

recommendation for improvements at this time, based on the observations and measurements.

Jeff Bauman the City's Transportation Engineer presented this item, this item was brought to the Commission in the November meeting. The presentation included:

1. The Kinsey School's Request Letter.
2. Background of speed reduction items completed in the past.
3. Arizona Revised Statute with the established placement of signs and vehicle speeds.
4. Recent speed data.
5. Recent crash data.
6. Current plans and recommendations.

Commission Discussion:

Chair Robbins inquired about the cost for the digital signs that display "Your Speed Is", Jeff replied 6-7 thousand each.

Chair Robbins also inquired about having a traffic signal installed, Jeff said traffic signals have a warrant need associated with them and this intersection wouldn't warrant a traffic light.

Chair Robbins asked about the cost to install the flashing light crossings that stop the traffic for pedestrians, Jeff said these types of installations can cost a minimum of 50K.

Commissioner Leid said she has noticed that at the beginning of the school year a police cruiser is stationed at Paseo Del Flag and Lone Tree which contains a decoy, does this have any effect on the speeding traffic, several responded "no many are aware that it's just a decoy."

Commissioner Mullen said when he stopped by the site he was told by the crossing guards that there are several police vehicles and motorcycles that do frequent the area at large volume times.

Chair Robbins opened the discussion for public comment:

Principal of Kinsey, Tammy Nelson told the Commission how this school handles their roll out signs, which are left out longer than the school is in session because of after school programs. Commissioner Leid said that she could understand the perception that most would have, which would be that the roll out signs were accidentally left out. School hours are perceived to be 8 A.M. until about 4 P.M. to the general public.

Jackie Rollie the secretary to the Principal at Kinsey approached the Commission by request of the Chair to talk about the student that was hit by a truck at Kinsey.

Commissioner Mazza followed up on Commissioner Leid's question regarding the flashing school crossing light to stay flashing up until the roll out signs are taken off the street, since these two warnings are not currently consistent with each other. Jeff said with reading the ARS leaving the signs & flashers on would require a crossing guard at the location during the same period. Commissioner Kuhn suggested a change in the area where the students cross, which would work but the newer crossing would be located within the 600 ft distance that is needed from a signal. This item will come back to the Commission after more data is collected including speed tubes installation and the City along with FUSD meet at the location to discuss alternatives.

Commissioner Mullen made a motion to bring this item back for the Transportation Commission meeting on February 01, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Mazza, all in favor, motion carries.

B. Linda Vista – Truck Prohibition – Chapter 09-01-001-0011

The enabling portion of City Code (Chapter 09-01-001-0011) that allows the City to prohibit Trucks on certain roadways in Flagstaff places that responsibility with the Transportation Commission.

A citizen has contacted Transportation Engineering regarding the possibility of prohibiting trucks on Linda Vista Drive between Fanning and West Street.

Staff Recommendation: Informational Item - Staff will present the code requirements and process for this change. Staff has invited the resident, who will speak to their concerns. Proper notification will need to take place prior to this becoming an actionable item.

Jeff Bauman told the Commission that this agenda item was requested by a citizen that lives on Linda Vista, Jeff added that first he will educate the Commission on the process and the City Code regarding truck prohibition. Also, the citizen is here to speak with the Commission. Jeff presented a power point to the Commission that included the following items:

1. Background on Linda Vista.
2. Locations around the City where there currently are Truck Prohibiting signage.
3. City Code and Definitions.
4. Map of truck routes.
5. Code: 9-01-001-0011-Truck Restrictions.
6. Truck data on Linda Vista.

Jeff told the Commission that currently there isn't any type of protocol or classifications to determine if trucks should be prohibited, or would the Commission prefer to deal with each complaint individually in the Commission meetings.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Mazza stated that with Lockett and some of the other streets that will be going into construction may affect some of the traffic patterns. Jeff said yes when Lockett is under construction there will be a higher traffic pattern on Linda Vista but Lockett is restricted to trucks.

William Seven a resident on Linda Vista spoke to the Commission. Mr. Seven stated that within the last ten years he has noticed not only heavier traffic on Linda Vista but also a change in the type of vehicles, traveling at a higher speed than a residential area should experience. He feels most of the traffic is avoiding Route 66 and that is why there is a high number of trucks. The trucks are disregarding the damage they are doing to the road and the safety issue because of school zones, bus stops and generally

speeding. Annually Mr. Seven does call the PD and they do confirm that the trucks should not be traveling on Linda Vista. Mr. Seven asked the Commission to consider putting into place a restriction for the type of traffic that travels on East Linda Vista.

Commissioner Kuhn said he does use Linda Vista and he agrees there is a significant amount of traffic on Linda Vista.

Commissioner Parkes asked if the signage on Lockett that prohibits trucks is working? He suggested that by pulling the before and after signage data on Lockett would give the Commission a better understanding that signage at each of the street does work. Chair Robbins said that he thinks truck prohibit signs at both ends of Linda Vista would make sense and Linda Vista should not be a short cut.

Commissioner Leid said she would like to hear from Lt. Higgins regarding documented infractions on Linda Vista.

Commissioner Mullen stated that he would like to have time to actually drive Linda Vista as he has in the past but be more aware of the truck traffic.

The Commission decided to table this item until the next meeting giving everyone time to observe Linda Vista and receive more data from the Transportation Engineer, Jeff Bauman.

Commissioner Leid made a motion to table the item to the next Transportation Commission meeting scheduled for February 01, 2017. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, all in favor motion carries.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Reports

1. Report from the Bicycle Advisory Committee:

<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1822>

2. Report from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1824>

B. Informational Items to/from Commissioners and Staff

1. Commissioner Discussion
2. Membership Vacancies

<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?NID=1886>

C. Next Meeting

1. **Regular Meeting: February 1st, 2016**

Tentative Agenda Items:

1. Kinsey follow-up

2. Transportation Program – Capital Updates

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mazza made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mullen, all in favor, meeting was adjourned.