



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

REGULAR TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** February 7, 2023, at 4:00 PM

4:06 pm Ben O’Kane

2. **CALL OF ROLL**

TAB Members Present: Bob Harla, Bo Bowman, Ben O’Kane, Matt Joyce

TAB Members Not Present: Lindsey Deringer, Gary Callon, Aaron Reed

City Staff Present: Tim Patek, City Administrator; Nathan Glasier, Director of Planning and Public Works; Alexis Esparza, Public Works Assistant.

3. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

This provides an opportunity for the citizens to comment on agenda and non-agenda items in advance of the regular business of the Transportation Advisory Board. Those wishing to speak must sign-in before the meeting begins and observe a three-minute time limit when addressing the Board. Speakers will have one opportunity to speak during the time period. Comments from speakers should not be directed towards any specific member of the Board or City staff. Comments should not be accusatory, derogatory or threatening in nature.

None.

4. **MINUTES**

- 4.1. Consider approval of minutes from the Transportation Advisory Board held on December 7, 2022.

Motion to approve: Ben O’Kane; Second: Bob Harla

Motion carried unanimously

5. **CITY STAFF REPORT**

- 5.1. Receive update from City Staff regarding the following:

- Current road maintenance projects
- Transportation Alternatives grant application

- Engineering costs for future projects

Current road maintenance projects

Glasier: Priority is cleaning up from freeze, getting things off road. Tim and Nathan have been assisting Damien. City has been notified about guardrail damage on CR 1492 and limbs on 1492. Hoping to get a majority of everything done by Sunday. Public has been helping. City working to get everything out of easement. Some concern that people are dragging their branches and debris onto easement in hopes the city will pick it up.

Patek: TDS doesn't have equipment to pick up big stuff; only bundled stuff.

Glasier: We're taking our stuff to Blue Hole, and we're getting a chipper on Feb. 20, which is typically what we do with brush, to use on the trails.

Transportation Alternatives grant application

Glasier: City has applied for a Transportation Alternatives Grant. It's a preliminary application for TxDOT to determine if we're eligible to apply. We applied for funding to build sidewalks from the Square to 3237.

Sidewalk length is 6 to 12 feet in width, all TxDOT's right of way. Estimated cost \$817,000. We're obligated for 20%, hoping for American Rescue Act to cover all or part..

On the north side of Highway 12, sidewalk would be intermittent from Let Go to Oldham St. On the south side, sidewalk would be continuous from the Old Kyle Road intersection to the lift station, 8 to 12 foot in width.

City is also applying for funding for HACs (high-intensity activated crosswalks), which would be located at the Let Go and at Ranch Brand Springs. Should learn in March or April whether our application will be approved to proceed.

Engineering costs for future projects

Glasier: Ideas for spending the \$150,000 annual capital budget for road improvements:

The Square: overlaying asphalt and restriping. We would repaint the parking spaces at a different angle, which would result in losing a few spaces but would open more space for cars to move through the lanes. As it is, a fire truck cannot get through the street when the parking spots are occupied on either side. We also need to establish fire lanes for fire truck parking.

Just striping is \$35K

Striping with mill and overlay is \$180,000

River Road: Center striping and center reflectors. People slow down when they see the centerline. Total cost for that project: \$75,000. It's expensive because of the length, which is 30,810 feet.

Blue Heron: The concept is to do mill and overlay to make it more attractive so that people will use it to access 12 and so they're less likely to turn toward the square. \$82,000.

Motion to accept city staff report: O'Kane. Second: Bowman.

Motion to move up Item 6.2 and consider proposed road project priority list: O'Kane. Second: Bowman.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 6.1.** Discuss and consider a recommendation to Council regarding speed cushions/speed humps on, but not limited to, River Road and 1492. *(Tim Patek, City Administrator and Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning and Public Works)*

Glasier: Any further thoughts on speed cushions or thoughts on speed humps on 1492?

O'Kane: Following up with the county, they don't like the idea, law enforcement doesn't like the idea.

Joyce: What about installing stop signs on 1492 and River Road intersections to slow down drivers. Law

enforcement may be more amenable to stop signs because they can pass through them without stopping during an emergency.

Harla: Another idea could be to put raised bumps or rumble strips on 1492 at certain points to slow people down like before the downhill turn toward the river.

6.2. Discuss and consider a proposed road project priority list.

O'Kane: Another issue is deterioration of Spoke Hollow. It's been problematic for a long time. Spoke Hollow residents have been calling city council to complain.

Glasier: It's roughly .2 miles that is the focus.

(It's the section of the road from close to the Highway 12 intersection to the top of the hill where the road turns at the oak tree. The pavement is potholed and crumbling.)

O'Kane: I am telling people, yes, we are starting a new year, we are overwhelmed with the traffic plan but we need to get going on Spoke Hollow.

Glasier: In addition to the 150,000 for capital budget, we have a separate \$80,000 for maintenance.

Harla: I would suggest prioritizing this Spoke Hollow portion, and then re-striping around the square.

Patek: We can also look at bundling our projects with Dripping Springs to try to get better prices from contractors.

Bowman: Let's prioritize Spoke Hollow and Blue Heron. And then prep for the downtown for the future.

Patek: We currently have \$73,000 left of \$80,000 annual budget for road maintenance.

Joyce: Recommend addressing Spoke Hollow and re-striping on the Square this year, followed by Blue Heron in the future. We also have a big list of projects in the new Transportation Plan. Does that fit into this discussion? One possible signage issue related to Blue Heron is for city parking lots we could install better signage pointing to 12 via Blue Heron, pointing them away from the square.

General discussion of other roads that need work including River Road, Old Kyle Road.

Patek: The Old Kyle Road project is going to be done by the county.

O'Kane:: Recommendation: Do Blue Heron and Spoke Hollow and put off the total mill and overlay for the Square to next year.

No. 1 priority is Spoke Hollow; No. 2 is Blue Heron; No. 3 is square with overlay and striping.

(We can revisit Square project next year).

Motion to accept: O'Kane. Second: Bowman.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

7.1. Future agenda items

Idea of stop signs for 1492 and River Road.

Other ideas for traffic-slowing mechanisms on 1492 and River Road, other than speed cushions/humps/bumps

Patek: At next city council meeting, Feb. 16, Constable Montague giving an update on where things stand with updates on speed traffic enforcement on 1492 and elsewhere.

7.2. Announcements

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Other ideas for traffic-slowing mechanisms on 1492 and River Road, other than speed cushions/humps/bumps

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8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:30PM

RECORDED BY:

TAB Secretary



APPROVED BY:

TAB Chairperson