

**MEETING SUMMARY  
CITY OF CARROLLTON  
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
October 13, 2014**

**Committee Members Present**

John P. Denholm III  
Garry Kraus  
Ronald Edwards  
Elayne Fairchild

**Committee Members Absent**

Nand Singh  
Peter Sharrow  
Travis Coleman  
Robin Chavez  
Carolyn Sees

**Staff Members and City Officials**

Tom Hammons - Engineering  
Fernando Villarreal - Engineering  
Carmella Flemming – Engineering  
Sgt. Chuck Monroe – Carrollton Police Department

1. **Call to Order** – Garry Kraus called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. **Approval of minutes for September 8, 2014.** The meeting Summary of the **September 8, 2014** TAC meeting was reviewed by Committee members. A motion to approve the Meeting Summary as written was made by John Denholm. Seconded by Elayne Fairchild. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.
3. **Fall 2014 School Crossing Guard Index Summary and Locations (Fernando Villarreal)**

Fernando Villarreal explained that the crossing guard index summary is completed twice a year, once during the fall and once during the spring. The evaluation provides an opportunity to assess the current school crossing guard locations and determine if they still meet minimum requirements. It was explained that the city has twenty eight crossing guards located throughout the city who assist with pedestrian crossings. In addition, traffic counts and site visits by Engineering Department staff determine if any substantial changes in operational conditions have occurred. This information is evaluated and a school crossing guard index value is determined which is one of the criteria necessary to retain the school crossing guard and school zone, the other being a total of ten student crossings per day.

This year's evaluation determined that all current crossing guard locations met minimum School Crossing Index requirements except the crossing guard location at Keller Springs Road and Willowgate Lane that serves Country Place Elementary. This is the second consecutive evaluation period in which this location did not meet the minimum criteria. It is recommended that it continue on probationary status through the Fall 2014 semester.

There are no school crossing guard locations being added or removed. However, one location, previously on probation, Clearwater Trail at Arbor Creek Drive that serves Indian Creek

Elementary met the minimum criteria for a crossing guard and will return to active (non-probationary) status.

Therefore, staff recommends that the crossing guard location at Willowgate Lane and Keller Springs continue on probationary status and that the remaining 27 locations be reinstated or remain on active status for the duration of the Fall 2014 school semester.

Resident Carmen Perez addressed the committee, and expressed the continued need for the crossing guard at Willowgate Lane and Keller Springs.

Ronald Edwards made a motion to approve staff's recommendation that the crossing guard location at Willowgate Lane and Keller Springs continue on probationary status and that the remaining 27 locations be reinstated or remain on active status for the duration of the Fall 2014 school semester. John Denholm seconded the motion. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.

#### **4. I-35E Construction Update (Tom Hammons)**

Tom Hammons provided an update to the committee on the I-35E Phase 1 construction project, which extends from I-635 (LBJ freeway) in Dallas to US-380 in Denton. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) awarded the construction contract to AGL Constructors in May 2013. Construction is scheduled for completion by summer 2017.

Mr. Hammons explained that the greatest impact of the project to Carrollton will take place at the Belt Line Road interchange. He explained that plans call for Belt Line Road and the frontage roads to be elevated above the existing grade, and I-35E mainlanes will be elevated above Belt Line Road and the frontage roads approximately 60 feet above ground level. Mr. Hammons provided additional information related to the bridge widening at Crosby Road and Whitlock Lane, and the reconstruction of Dickerson Parkway south of Trinity Mills Road as a 4 lane divided arterial facility, elevated south of the Trinity Mills DART station to go over the railroad tracks, Broadway, and I-35E.

#### **Other Business (Garry Kraus)**

Tom Hammons announced that we should have one more meeting this fall to review the Signal Prioritization procedure and how we deal with the crossing guards at private and charter schools.

Ronald Edwards made a motion to adjourn. John Denholm seconded the motion. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.

#### **5. Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned at 7:39

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John Denholm, Vice Chairperson

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Tom Hammons  
Transportation Engineering  
Division Manager