MEETING SUMMARY
CITY OF CARROLLTON
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 19, 2018

Committee Members Present
Jason Carpenter
Howard Saltzman
Toby Knighton
Fawaz Anwar
Alejandro Arrieta
Cheri Buckingham
Michael Stapp

Committee Members Absent
Peter Sharrow
Sam Courtney

Staff Members and City Officials
Tom Hammons – Engineering
John Romberger – Engineering
Carmella Flemming – Engineering
Sgt. Charles Monroe – Carrollton Police Department
James Lawrence – Councilman

1. Call to Order – Jason Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes for December 11, 2017. The meeting Summary of the December 11, 2017 TAC meeting was reviewed by Committee members. A motion to approve the Meeting Summary as written was made by Toby Knighton. Seconded by Howard Saltzman. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.

3. Visitors Input. (Jason Carpenter)

Traffic Advisory Committee Chairperson, Jason Carpenter, moved the “Visitors Input” agenda item ahead of the “Neighborhood Traffic Management Program” Prioritization to accommodate the residents from the Trafalgar Square Neighborhood who wanted to address the committee.

Mr. Eric Dion, representing the Trafalgar Square neighborhood, began with a short presentation to the committee on the traffic conditions at the Stonehenge Drive intersection with Marsh Lane and the need for a traffic signal at this location. Residents Peter St Charles 3113 Squireswood, Steve Gerdes 3207 Squireswood, and Steve Babick 3705 Canon Gate Circle addressed the committee about safety concerns related to the current traffic condition at Stonehenge and Marsh Lane. They expressed concerns regarding high speeds, the increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Marsh Lane making it difficult to enter and exit the Trafalgar Square Townhome complex during peak hour traffic, and the need for additional traffic control enhancements in the intersection for increased safety. The residents also spoke to the future DART rail service on the Cotton Belt line.
4. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Prioritization (John Romberger)

John Romberger provided background on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), explaining that its purpose is to try to reduce speeding and cut through traffic problems on residential and collector streets throughout the city, when passive methods such as speed limit signage and high police enforcement have not sufficiently addressed the problem. He summarized the criteria for a street segment to be included in the NTMP, and completed a review of the two NTMP prioritization lists, Table A with street segments that have greater than 50% residential frontage (segments where speed humps can be installed) and Table B with street segments with less than 50% residential frontage (where speed humps are not allowed based on current NTMP policy). Mr. Romberger also explained that as a result of discussion and input provided by committee members during the October and December 2016 meetings, accident data has been included in Table A and Table B, however the additional information does not contribute to the overall NTMP score.

Staff recommended the extension of bike lane striping on Eisenhower, from Pawnee to Marken Drive, making both the bike lane and center line striping continuous from Frankford to Marken Drive. Staff also recommended bike lane and centerline on Province Drive from Ridgecrest to Avignon Drive.

Discussion amongst the committee members included, safety and effectiveness of bike lanes to reduce the speed on Eisenhower, and installation of a four way stop at Branch Hollow and Eisenhower. They discussed going forward with the installation of a previously prioritized median island on Furneaux at the Blue Trail crossing. Budgeting practices for NTMP projects, and the decision process when recommending projects from Table A or Table B was discussed.

Toby Knighton made a motion to approve staff recommendations to continue the bike lane striping on Eisenhower, from Pawnee to Marken Drive, and bike lane striping and centerline markings on Province Drive from Ridgecrest to Avignon Drive. Alejandro Arrieta seconded the motion. All in Favor. Vote was unanimous.

5. Other Business (Jason Carpenter)

Tom Hammons advised the committee that we would have a meeting in April to discuss the Signal Prioritization for the fiscal year 2019, and in May for the Spring 2018 School Crossing Guard Index Summary.

Michael Stapp made a motion to adjourn. Toby Knighton seconded the motion. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.

6. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Jason Carpenter, Chairperson

Tom Hammons
Transportation Engineering
Division Manager