

**MEETING SUMMARY
CITY OF CARROLLTON
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 11, 2017**

Committee Members Present

Jason Carpenter
Howard Saltzman
Peter Sharrow
Sam Courtney
Toby Knighton
Fawaz Anwar

Committee Members Absent

Cheri Buckingham
Michael Stapp
Alejandro Arrieta

Staff Members and City Officials

Tom Hammons – Engineering
John Romberger – Engineering
Carmella Flemming – Engineering
Kentesha High - Engineering
Sgt. Gordon Putnam – Carrollton Police Department
James Lawrence – Councilman
Sunil Sundaran – Planning and Zoning Commission

1. **Call to Order** – Jason Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. **Approval of minutes for October 9, 2017.** The meeting Summary of the **October 9, 2017** TAC meeting was reviewed by Committee members. A motion to approve the Meeting Summary as written was made by Peter Sharrow. Seconded by Sam Courtney. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.
3. **Driftwood Drive Turn Restriction Assessment (John Romberger)**

John Romberger provided background information to the Traffic Advisory Committee on the turn restrictions along Driftwood Drive. He explained that prior to 2001 there was two way traffic along Trinity Mills Road, reducing the desirability of using Driftwood Lane and Woodcreek Drive as a cut through, but with the completion of President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT), and Trinity Mills Road becoming a one-way eastbound roadway at Driftwood Drive, traffic began to use Woodcreek and Driftwood as cut through from Kelly Blvd to access the office and commercial properties along Trinity Mills. As a result of multiple traffic studies and public meetings, turn restrictions were implemented at the driveways along Driftwood Drive and speed humps were installed along Woodcreek Drive between Driftwood and Kelly. Mr. Romberger stated that between these two measures there was a significant decrease in the volume of traffic on Woodcreek.

During the October TAC meeting an inquiry was made to the committee by a commercial property representative regarding the property located along Trinity Mills and Driftwood Drive, to allow turns from Driftwood into the property. As a result TAC asked Staff to assess the impacts of this request. New counts were conducted in November 2017 in order to assess the continued effectiveness of the turn restrictions. The study was conducted during the AM Peak Hour, Mid-Day, and PM Peak Hour, the results indicated that the speed humps on Woodcreek and the turn restrictions on Driftwood Drive continue to be effective in reducing the volume and cut-through traffic in the adjacent neighborhood. Staff recommended that the turn restrictions along Driftwood remain in place in order to continue discouraging cut through traffic on Woodcreek Drive.

Discussion amongst the committee members included, results of the November 2017 assessment of the speed humps on Woodcreek Drive and turn restrictions on Driftwood Drive. Additional Police enforcement, and the installation of a "No Thru Traffic" sign at Woodcreek Drive were also discussed.

Residents Al Overholt 2216 Ridgewood, Jon Ortega 2221 Ridgewood, Robin Chavez 2256 Valley Mill, , Barry Rubeck 2270 Woodcreek, John Lundquist 2251 Woodcreek, Matthew T. Messher2239 Woodcreek addressed the committee. They spoke to the continued volume of cut-through traffic on Driftwood Drive, asked that the turn restrictions remain in place, that additional Police enforcement be provided, and a "No Thru Traffic" sign be placed on Woodcreek Drive at the entrance to the neighborhood. Committee members expressed their support for additional Police enforcement and a sign on Woodcreek Drive.

Toby Knighton made a motion to approve staff recommendations that the turn restrictions along Driftwood Drive remain in place. Fawaz Anwar seconded the motion. All in Favor. Vote was unanimous.

4. Other Business (Jason Carpenter)

The Committee asked about the construction schedule for traffic signals that have been prioritized but not yet constructed. Tom Hammons explained that Keller Springs at Carmel has just been completed the next signals scheduled for construction are Rosemeade at Cemetery Hill and Dickerson at McArthur. Plans for these signals are completed, however, in order to complete all signal construction prioritized for 2017 and 2018 it is likely that one or two signals will need to be contracted out. This will have cost implications as contracting out signal construction in the current economic environment is likely to cost more than in-house construction.


Tom Hammons advised the committee that we would not have a meeting in January.

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

5. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 8:05.



Jason Carpenter, Chairperson



Tom Hammons
Transportation Engineering
Division Manager