



**City of Denton**  
**MINUTES**  
**MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF THE DENTON CITY COUNCIL**

City Hall  
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Denton, Texas  
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**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**10:00am**

**City Council Work Session Room**

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After determining that a quorum of the Mobility Committee of the Denton City Council was present, the Mobility Committee thereafter convened into an Open Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Work Session Room 215 E. McKinney, Denton, Texas.

**Committee Members:** Council Member John Ryan, Council Member Keely Briggs and Council Member Paul Meltzer

**Staff Present:** Mario Canizares, ACM; Todd Estes, Engineering Director/City Engineer; Pritam Deshmukh, Deputy City Engineer; Tracy Beck, Traffic Engineer; Pamela Alummoottil, Traffic Engineer; Trey Langford, Deputy City Attorney; Becky Owens, Development Review Tech; Kathryn Welch, Management Analyst; and Kim Mankin, Administrative Manager

**REGULAR MEETING**

**A. MC18-041** Consider approval of the Mobility Committee meeting minutes of September 11, 2018.

Briggs motioned, Ryan seconded Vote 3-0. Approved

**B. MC18-043** Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Policy Bundle, a program in which applicants can receive Transportation Development Credits (TDCs).

Pritam Deshmukh introduced Katie Welch to present this item.

**Overview of policy bundle**

NCTCOG's Mobility 2045 Plan includes a voluntary list of recommended policies that local governments can choose to adopt. If an entity voluntarily adopts at least 50 percent of policies, they will receive Transportation Development Credits (TDCs). TDCs help to offset local matching funds for specific types of transportation projects

**Policies**

Program consists of 21 total policies

- Policies currently satisfied by the City
- Policies the City most likely satisfies
- Policies that may or may not be satisfied by the City

**Policies currently satisfied by the City, only need to gather the documentation**

- Clean Fleet
- School Siting Coordination
- Stormwater Management
- Transit Funding (Level 1)
- Idling Restrictions

**Policies the City most likely satisfies, staff needs to confirm with NCTCOG that what we are doing meeting their requirements**

- Copper Theft
- Parking Management
- Safe Access to Schools
- Railroad Safety
- Land Use Strategies
- Clean Construction
- Complete Streets
- Transit Funding (Level 2)

If we get confirmation from NCTCOG that the City meets their requirements, which will take us to 13, and only 10 is needed.

Briggs asked if we meet more than the 50 percent do we get more funding. Welch will confirm this with NCTCOG.

**Policies that may or may not be satisfied by the City, we may have partial or no activities for these items**

1. Urban Thoroughfare Revitalization
2. Integration
3. Traffic Incident Management
4. Freight Oriented Development
5. Wrong Way Driving
6. Securing Transportation Infrastructure
7. Employer Trip Reduction Program
8. Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Staff is looking at these to see which are pursued and wanted to check with this committee to see which they would be interested in.

Meltzer believes he heard that unmanned aircraft would be regulated at a different level, not a local level. Welch stated that may or may not stay on this list for the 2019 Policy Bundle. The official application has not been released as of yet but should be within the next couple of weeks. Deshmukh added staff will update when the official list is released.

**Schedule for the application process**

- November 2018: Receive application
- November 2018 - Spring 2019: Gather documentation; Prioritize/determine next steps for the policies the City does not currently meet
- Spring 2019 – Submit application
- May 2019 – Submit new transportation project to NCTCOG

That was the end of the presentation. The committee then asked questions and discussed the topic.

Briggs asked on the process, will the responsible department reach out to NCTCOG or one person for the entire City. Welch answered there will be one person handling the application coordinating with internal staff. Deshmukh added there will be one project manager keeping tabs so nothing gets lost in the translation.

Briggs then asked if there is something in the list of eight, will there be plenty of time to get the documents and policies to Council for updates or amendments or anything that needs to be changed. Deshmukh answered there may be time, staff will assess through December. There is three months to get on the agenda and see if there are ordinances required to get us in place for the first ten.

Welch added that in the next couple of week's staff will be working closely with NCTCOG to determine the next steps and prioritize the list.

Meltzer hoped that staff and committee members could talk about the eight and see what items are good ideas or feel strongly about.

Welch gave the objective of each of the eight that were on the list and any activities that are associated.

The committee members and staff discussed each of the items and gave suggestions.

Meltzer stated that we need to do what we believe is a great policy for Denton not just checking a box for NCTCOG.

**C. MC18-042** Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction on the status of Texas Department of Transportation and City of Denton Capital Projects.

Pritam Deshmukh stating there was a discussion regarding how we overlay the City's capital projects that are in construction with the larger projects of TxDOT. Laying out the timeline overlaps and understanding the traffic impacts and give a big picture.

Deshmukh started with three projects.

City Capital Projects Include:

*Hickory Creek Road* - Estimate at Completion is \$5.9M  
Start Construction February 2019  
Complete Construction August 2021

*Vintage Boulevard* - Estimate at Completion is \$12M  
*Bonnie Brae Phase II* Start Construction August 2019  
Complete Construction August 2021

Small Transportation Projects

*Dallas Drive/Teasley Lane*  
Estimate at Completion is \$725K  
Start Construction November 2018  
Complete Construction February 2019

*Loop 288/Colorado Boulevard*  
Estimate at Completion is \$200K  
Start Construction February 2019  
Complete Construction April 2019

Briggs is excited about the Dallas Drive/Teasley Lane project. She asked Deshmukh to address the question of completing a project before another is started. Deshmukh opened up a map of the area and spoke to the intersections that are under construction at Brinker and at Loop 288. Teasley and Fort Worth Drive are currently being used as interchanges to leave and enter the City. The current timeline for the Brinker intersection is July 2019, but staff doesn't believe that is feasible. Will be more like end of 2019.

Also US 377 south of I-35 will be under construction soon as well. The utilities portion will begin the project which will have no effect on the lanes of traffic. While they are working on the utilities portion is the window to get the Dallas Drive/Teasley Lane project completed. Deshmukh went on to say traffic from directions going into the intersection of Dallas and Teasley heading to I-35 have that area completely backed up.

Project Overlays include:

*Hickory Creek Road* Start Construction February 2019  
Complete Construction August 2021

*FM2181* Start Construction currently under construction  
Complete Construction February 2020

Meltzer asked for an alternative route during this construction. Todd Estes stated with all these projects a detour route has been established. Staff tries to lessen the impact to the neighborhoods. If a problem occurs staff will go out and look to see if other alternatives need to be looked at. Meltzer suggested sending out helpful tips regarding travel in the particular area. Estes added they are working with the Public Information Office to do this very type of thing. Mario Canizares added that staff could work with PIO on short order for example if it rains on Monday and the street will not be closed until Wednesday get that information out. The latest and most up to date regarding scheduling. Also staff is looking at putting together a newsletter that highlights all the projects with a descriptor and a map to be mailed out to the community.

Briggs added that the WAZE app would be perfect for this type of communication.

Ryan asked if we have looked at a traffic signal at Hickory Creek. Deshmukh answered that is a separate project which is Hickory Creek East, there is a traffic signal design included. Ryan then asked if there is a way to get that signal in place before construction to allow FM2499 to become the relief for FM2181. Deshmukh added it is possible, there is a warrant analysis that will be sent to TxDOT, once they approve it can be expedited. Ryan added there has been 15 accidents at that intersection.

Meltzer asked how far we are from being able to enter a WAZE partnership. Deshmukh answered at least three to four months out. One of the biggest challenges is how the software is integrated into their system, Tech Services is looking into this. The map will be available on the website until that happens. Meltzer asked if there is a way to move that faster. Canizares answered they would look into expediting it.

The next project overlay talked about was:

*Vintage Boulevard* Start Construction August 2019  
Complete Construction August 2021

*US377* Start Construction November 2018  
Complete Construction November 2020

Lastly the small transportation projects

Start Construction November 2018  
Complete Construction April 2019

I-35 E interchange Project

Start Construction currently under construction  
Complete Construction July 2019

Other Projects:

Street maintenance projects was shown on a map as well as Other CIP Projects.

Briggs asked if the projects are on a list waiting for street repair or rehab, all the utilities have been moved. Estes answered by in large yes, except for Windsor which is a little different. It is bundled for Water, Wastewater and Streets to be completed as a package. It will be bid out to a contractor to complete.

Next steps with the Citywide Overlay include most of the entries to Denton being under construction. The end goal is to complete a map with dates of beginning and end with detour routes available.

Meltzer asked if we should sequence it a little differently. Estes answered it is balancing. Staff and TxDOT meet weekly to have that discussion. There are many factors involved that include right-of-way acquisitions and utilities. This is evaluated constantly. There was a lot of discussion.

Briggs is thankful for the plan going forward and the City Streets that are getting repaired and replaced.

Meltzer suggested bringing this same presentation to the Citizens Engagement Committee.

Ryan asked about Forrestridge that should be coming up. Deshmukh will make sure to add it.

Meltzer asked how much Denton expects to get in credits if the criteria is met. Deshmukh answered the transportation credits can be used as the local match.

**D. MC18-045** Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction regarding Texas Department of Transportation On-System projects in the Denton area to include the 35Express Project.

Pritam Deshmukh went through the projects.

*FM2181 North/South* – Schedule Complete Feb 2020, potential could push out because the contractor is under performing. Briggs asked if this has to do with the issue that TxDOT has to choose the contractor with the lowest bid. Estes responded it does. Briggs added this is on the legislation for the Denton Regional Committee.

*US377/Fort Worth* – Pre-construction meeting this month utilities early next year. There has been an open house for this. Ryan stated an item that TxDOT did not answer was the detour routes. Deshmukh stated they are working on getting this out.

*I-35E/Mayhill Improvements* – Let Dec 2019. It will be a final configuration when complete.

*I-35E/Loop 288/Brinker/Mayhill* – Will be complete closer to the end of 2019, will keep this committee posted.

*I-35 North* – Currently in Environmental phase.

*I-35 W Main Lanes* – Just starting

*US380/East* – Project is currently in right of way acquisition phase. Begin construction 2021.

*Loop 288 West* – This is a long term project. Schematic approval April 2019. Ryan stated this is a very important project for traffic purposes when I-35N starts. Deshmukh answered that they are working with John Polster on this to get the project going earlier with the frontage roads. Estes stated this really comes

down to when TxDOT can put the funds toward it. Staff meets with them on a bi-weekly basis and work on items to move them forward. Briggs asked if we could qualify with NCTCOG to add funds to this project. This would help alleviate traffic through Denton with big trucks

*FM1515* – Under design, the 30 percent schematic was submitted to TxDOT for review on October 8, 2018. Environmentally cleared by December 2020.

*FM1173* – the eastern portion will be realigned to connect at US-77. Schematic should be complete December 2018.

- E. **MC18-044** Staff Reports:  
1. Matrix  
2. Street Construction Report

### **CONCLUDING ITEMS**

Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Public Utilities Board or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

Briggs - Presentation on protected bike lanes  
- Request this group take a walk down to the square and view the signals

Ryan – Are the signals at Bonnie Brae and I-35 interconnected

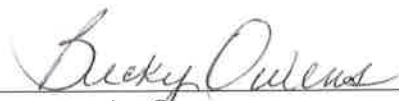
Meltzer – Asked about a ‘list’ for small requests. Estes answered there is a ‘list’ and the newly expanded traffic department will work on these. Introductions were made.

**Adjournment: 11:34**

APPROVED



Council Member Paul Meltzer  
Chair



Becky Owens  
Administrative Assistant