



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

City Hall
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Tuesday, January 8, 2019

10:00am

City Council Work Session Room

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, January 8, 2019 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; Trey Langford, Deputy City Attorney; Becky Owens, Technician; and Kathryn Welch, Management Analyst;

REGULAR MEETING

A. MC19-001 Consider approval of the Mobility Committee meeting minutes of November 13, 2018.

Briggs motioned, Ryan seconded Vote 3-0. Approved

B. MC19-002 Receive a report, hold a discussion and make recommendation to City Council regarding the prohibition of electric scooters on City rights-of-way.

Briggs questioned the presentation to council in work session and now this is back with Traffic Safety and Mobility for review and what happened with the process.

Pritam Deshmukh clarified the specific ordinance and mention was about bike share. We have not included the electric scooters as part of that ordinance. At this time we are trying to tie up any loose ends that our ordinance clearly specifies electric scooters. Mario Canizares added Council gave clear direction to prohibit these types of vehicles in our rights-of-way however it was not codified in the current ordinance. We have been working under the premise that Council did not want to allow them as businesses have been approaching the City with request for permission to operate. This item is being presented to create the ordinance to codify for the records. This is a procedural process for the ordinance at the direction of Council.

Meltzer asked why this could not procedurally have gone directly from Work Session to ordinance instead of going back through committee for ordinance. Mario Canizares responded the rule of thumb we have been using is before an item comes before Council is that it goes through the respective committee for the additional approvals to be vetted appropriately before presentation to Council.

Marc Oliphant acknowledge the previous presentation and provided background update information.

- Typical Scooter Types
- Dockless E-Scooter Share
- Safety Concerns

Meltzer asked Marc for his point of view on the contrasting safety records of scooters versus bicycles. Marc said he could not yet give an opinion as he was waiting to review the report information from the CDC for scooters.

- Texas Code
- Other Cities Use
- City of Denton Code
- Scooter Ban Interest
- Bike Share Expiration Association
- Action Proposal

Briggs expressed agreement of the recommendation with continued interest in the safety data when it becomes available. In her research she found several cities looking at this and adding certain restrictions. She is glad that we are taking time to get ahead of it and think about it before it overtakes us.

Meltzer also shared an interest to learn more in parallel path about the power assisted bikes that have more pluses versus the minuses of scooters. Is there such a thing that can be defined as recreational use in follow-up to a question received from a member of the Traffic Safety Commission Committee? It is not clear on how this can be defined differently? Briggs added this would apply to scooters that kids have. Would banning them also apply to these? Marc Oliphant confirmed that as the ordinance stands currently, it would ban all electric scooters from the public rights-of-way. Meaning both from the shared companies and those owned by private individuals. Pritam Deshmukh added they would not be allowed in the streets or on sidewalks but would be limited to parks, designated recreational places or personal property. Mario Canizares commented additionally the for-profit providers through the app for release of liability of the company for injury are requiring the use of a helmet. The likelihood of the user to try this out this new vehicle having one versus the child recreational usage situation a parent in a controlled environment would want them to have appropriate safety equipment. Meltzer asked if we could also in coordination with the ordinance put together some type of public communication of where you can or cannot use them and suggested safety measures.

Ryan motioned, Briggs seconded Vote 3-0. Approved

C. **MC19-003** Receive an updated report, hold a discussion and provide direction on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Policy Bundle, a program in which applicants apply to receive Transportation Development Credits (TDCs).

Katie Welch presented a status update.

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 20 total policies

- 12 Policies currently satisfied by the City
- 5 Policies not currently satisfied but benefit the City
- 3 Policies needing further research

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

- Clean Fleet

- Integration
- Copper Theft
- Safe Access to Schools
- School Siting Coordination
- Transit Funding Level 1
- Transit Funding Level 2
- Freight Oriented Development
- Securing Transportation Infrastructure
- Urban Thoroughfare Revitalization

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

- Idling Restrictions
- Parking Management
- Complete Streets
- Wrong Way Driving
- Employer Trip Reduction

Policies needing further research

- Traffic Incident Management
- Land Use Strategies
- Clean Construction

Schedule

- March 15, 2019: Early application deadline
- April 15, 2019: Final application deadline
- July 2019 – NCTCOG grants TDCs
- August 2019 – Submit new transportation project to NCTCOG during TIP modification process

That was the end of the presentation.

During the presentation Meltzer asked how many credits we would qualify for or if it was scaled in some way. Polster explained each project submittal going forward is applied to the bank of existing credits. They are awarded by either project or program. The City of Denton submits by project the local match would be by project. These credits are not real money. The credits are simply applied to the project. He further explained how the funds were collected and how they can be applied or allocated based on the qualifications to the policy bundle.

Meltzer then suggested if there were items listed just for show but don't change actual behavior that we not put more time into them. Items where we would potentially be pursuing good new policies schedule them into our agenda.

D. MC19-004 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Texas Department of Transportation on-System projects in the Denton area to include the 35Express Project.

Meltzer requested a quick review of the overall concept as we move into the individual projects update.

Pritam Deshmukh showed and referenced the Citywide Overlay map presented in last month's committee meeting. He spoke about locations where the City is trying to overlay some the TxDOT projects along with some of our internal projects we are working on as CIP projects long term and street reconstruction projects coming up. We are trying to build an overview picture of how the City will be under construction with different projects. Council Chair is asking how TxDOT looks at it long term for their

individual projects within the region, city limits and the county. Todd Estes stated that it is a conglomeration of efforts between the County, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the local communities looking at regionally how people move around the entire community as a network. So the state has goals. Long term goals statewide how do they move people to and from with their projections for vehicular traffic. They get into the conversations with us as frequently as possible to understand where we have issues.

Todd Estes provided additional commentary about this is a conglomeration of efforts between the County, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the local communities looking regionally at how people move around as a network.

John Polster shared an overview of the project list:

FM 2181 North- South - MCM is a contractor that TxDOT has had trouble with since day one. They have five contracts in the state of Texas. Four are in Denton County and one is in Collin County. They are getting out of the construction business. MCM is doing the City's water and waste water as part of this construction. Most of what they have been working on is moving temporary pavement around in order to do the utility construction first. At the end of 2018 TxDOT District was probably going to submit the 10 Day Letter to get them to perform or begin the process of defaulting MCM on the contract. They are working to avoid this but it could turn into a very lengthy delay in the construction schedule.

US377/Fort Worth – The project was awarded to SEMA to November. A permit was received from UP on January 2, 2019. We will continue to provide monthly updates.

I-35E/Mayhill Improvements – The project is funded. LTRA is preparing the design work. It is already environmentally cleared. We are looking at a contract let in December 2019.

I-35E/Loop 288/Brinker/Mayhill – The north bound main lanes are in construction now. In February they are planning to flip all the traffic up to the new north bound lanes and start building the south bound main lanes. Completion date is presented as July 2019 but probably not be the case and is being renegotiated now.

I-35 North – Schematic approval was received in January. Changes had to be made due to a historical farm in the northern area. This needs to be cleared as part of the Wishbone project. Should be cleared by spring next year.

I-35 W Main Lanes – Just starting. Going through environmental clearance.

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

Loop 288 West – This is a long term project. They are working to get the project going earlier with the frontage roads.

FM1515 – Under design, the 60 percent schematic was submitted to TxDOT for review on December 31st, 2018.

FM1173 – It is now in the mobility plan. The County will send a letter to the State stating they will fund the project.

E. **MC19-005** Staff Reports:

1. **Matrix**

Mario Canizares noted for item #6, DCTA - former Council Member Sara Bagheri is now a DCTA Board Member representing in Denton. She has asked for the opportunity to come to the Mobility Committee in the near future to receive feedback on the key areas the City of Denton Mobility Committee would like to give direction to her to represent for the community.

Pritam Deshmukh would like to schedule the walking tour as shown in item #7.

2. Street Construction Report

Meltzer asked for an update on Waze. Pritam Deshmukh stated we are currently working on the software component working to integrate it with our IT. We want to make it a live update versus a static update process. Kathryn Welch confirmed that we are working with IT to get the street segments from the construction report to be integrated by Waze. Meltzer asked specifically who the liaison is to Waze. Kathryn Welch identified Hayley Salazar. Todd Estes also noted the planned items are already beginning to populate Waze. Meltzer suggested we pursue a co-branded app to have one thing to say and that thing says all this activity that is frustrating you is part of improving Denton.

Briggs requested the Hickory Street options for bikes come before this committee very soon. Pritam Deshmukh stated our plan was to have an ISR for this Friday packet and then we can come back to City Council.

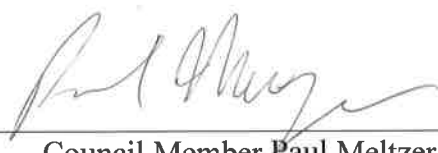
Briggs also asked for an update to the timeline for widening east Sherman and what the improvements will be all in one section, specifically at the Loop and to the north.

Adjournment: 11:09

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

APPROVED



Council Member Paul Meltzer
Chair



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