



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

City Hall  
215 E. McKinney Street  
Denton, Texas  
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**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

**8:30 AM**

**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, August 13, 2019 at 8:30 am 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; Pritam Deshmukh, Deputy City Engineer; Todd Estes, City Engineer; Trey Lansford, Deputy City Attorney; Marc Oliphant, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator; Pam Alummoottil, Traffic Engineer; Becky Owens Administrative Assistant

**REGULAR MEETING**

A. MC19-042 Considered the approval of the Mobility Committee meeting minutes of April 9, 2019.

CM Briggs motioned to approve, CM Meltzer seconded the motion. Approved by Vote 2-0.

E. MC19-046 John Polster from Innovative Transportation Solutions Incorporated presented the On-Systems Project Summary and a status update for:

- FM 2181 North-South
- US 377/Fort Worth Drive
- I-35E/Mayhill Improvements
- I-35/Loop 288/Brinker/Mayhill
- I-35/35E/35W Merge
- I-35 North (US 380 to FM 3002)
- I-35 W Main Lanes
- I-35W Frontage Roads
- US 380 East
- Loop 288
- FM 1515
- FM 1173
- FM 428

The total value for this list of project is \$2,438,705,128. Most of these have been funded or are in the pipeline to be funded within the next 18 to 24 months.

Todd Estes responded to questions regarding the Bonnie Brae projects and the associated schedules.

All questions presented were reviewed and addressed.

B. MC19-049 Raymond Suarez, DCTA CEO shared a message from Nicole Recker that she is recovering and looking forward to returning to work and presenting to this committee again soon.

Presentation materials were shared to provide information on Quiet Zones to include a full descriptive definition, examples and physical elements and supplemental safety measures. Typically DCTA hires inspectors and they are on the railroad almost every day looking for everything from railroad ties to bridge quality and health, signal systems and crossings. Since the inception of the system, DCTA tends to take care of everything within the 50 foot boundary. Because the paint is on the street, the inspectors have not been asked to look at that in the past. With a new railroad you don't typically focus on the maintenance as hard until it begins to age. City staff and DCTA have discussed having a good process in place to inspect and maintain. The recertification inspection every 5 years by the FRA ensures that we are looking at all of these quality issues. DCTA hired a contractor in 2017 to recertify the quiet zones. After the recent event with the cyclist the FRA sent in inspectors and it is common place with any incident along the railroad. They met with DCTA and City Staff to inspect several crossings since the recertification in 2017 was satisfactory. In the past the City has not had a process for inspecting these crossings but a plan is in the works to develop a program for these inspections and requirements to be covered under the maintenance and operating costs for Traffic Operations similar to the one in place for sidewalk crossings. DCTA will also be including this in there inspection criteria as well.

Thanks were expressed to City Staff for the speed and cooperation in working with DCTA for the corrective actions and noted as impressive and doing an exceptional job.

A bus stop move was reviewed in response to previous citizen concerns for traffic and safety concerns and a new corrective action plan was also presented for Bell and University in the Rayzor Ranch area and rides the #7 bus. Citizen concern with the construction and the re-routing of Route 7 was addressed by DCTA. Eva Greco a resident at 802 W Oak Street spoke. She works on University and she noted the #7 has stopped running and has cited significant problems with the lack of communication of the schedule changes. The conversation was taken out of the committee meeting to be addressed directly by the DCTA representatives since it is not specifically a City service. DCTA met with her outside of the meeting immediately after the presentation.

- D. MC19-050 In the essence of available meeting room time, this item will be rescheduled to the next available City Council Work Session for presentation.
- E. MC19-052 Pam Alummoottil presented and update on the City of Denton Mobility Plan work completed and planned future task items. Work completed in July was outlined with upcoming events planned for August. Results will be shared next month. Data for existing conditions was collected and included in the presentation materials. Feedback and will be used to begin the travel demand modeling analysis in the next month. A link has been added to the City web site online for public input.

Pritam Deshmukh noted there is a meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Student Ministries Center at the Argyle United Methodist Church from 6 to 7:30.

F. MC19-054 Staff Report

Street Construction Report was provided. It was noted that Forrestridge is not showing up on the report but it is proceeding on schedule.

Matrix was reviewed and updates provided.

Concluding items were shared, questions addressed and additions made to the matrix for future review.

**Adjournment: 9:50 am**

**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



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Council Member Paul Meltzer  
Chair



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Becky Owens  
Administrative Assistant