

City Plan Commission – Transportation Committee

January 21, 2016

Minutes

Attendants: Paul E. Ridley – Chair, Michael Jung, Gary Lawler, Steve Stoner

Absent: Jarred Davis – Vice Chair, Terry Watson

Mr. Ridley called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Ms. Tanya Brooks, Interim Assistant Director for the Department of Planning and Urban Design welcomed the members of the committee and provided an overview of the proposed amendment item:

1. Change the dimensional classification of Knox Street from Travis Street to McKinney Avenue from a four-lane undivided (M-4-U) roadway within 60 feet of right-of-way to a special three-lane undivided (SPCL 3U) roadway within 60 feet of right-of-way.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Committee questions/concerns:

Mr. Lawler inquired about the attendance at the public meeting, and indicated that he wishes to be invited to public meetings regarding Thoroughfare Plan Amendments.

Mr. Jung asked what is happening to the west of Travis and east of McKinney. Staff responded those segments are remaining four-lanes and will have dedicated turn-lanes to transition.

Mr. Ridley asked about construction details and timing. Staff responded this project is planned to begin construction in the spring of 2017 and end in the spring of 2018. The southern curb will be moved providing more sidewalk space on the south side of the street.

Mr. Stoner asked if there was documentation that safety was an issue. Staff responded there have not been documented safety issues, only observed issues. Some of the enhancements are more pedestrian space, lighting, and angled parking.

Mr. Stoner mentioned that the impacts of the construction to the business owners should be minimal but there will be an increase of traffic once the project is completed. Staff summarized discussion at the public workshops and confirmed to the committee that the emphasis of the project is traffic calming, enhancing pedestrian experience, and improving walkability.

Mr. Ridley opened the floor for Richard Yeh with the Knox Street Public Improvement District (PID) to speak.

Mr. Richard Yeh, Knox PID Vice President/Treasure, indicated that the PID is in support of the project; they commissioned a traffic study but have concerns regarding design and would like to ensure that they are involved in the design process.

Mr. Ridley asked for clarification that there would not be any change to right-of-way or speed limit. Staff responded the right-of-way will remain the same as will the speed limit.

Mr. Jung made a motion to follow staff's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Other items:

Approval of minutes will be done moving forward.

Staff will create a Drop Box for Committee members to access to Traffic Impact Analysis (TIAs).

Future amendments to discuss in potentially March: McKinney/Cole conversion to two-way, CBD/Fair Park Link.

Mr. Stoner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Jung seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.