

City Plan Commission – Transportation Committee

May 5, 2016

Minutes

Attendants: Paul E. Ridley – Chair, Jarred Davis – Vice Chair, Michael Jung, Gary Lawler, Steve Stoner, and Terry Watson

Commissioner Ridley called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

First order of business was to approve the January 21, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the January 21, 2016 meeting minutes and Mr. Watson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. Central Business District Streets and Vehicular Circulation Plan Amendments

a. Pearl Street Amendment

Change the operational characteristics of Pearl Expressway from Pacific Avenue to Live Oak Street from five-lanes southbound in 85-146 feet of right-of-way to two-lanes northbound and two-lanes southbound in 85 feet of right-of-way

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Motion: Mr. Watson made a motion to follow staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Results: The motion moved forward with a vote of four-for and two-against the motion; motion passes.

For: 4 – Commissioner Davis, Mr. Lawler, Mr. Stoner, Mr. Watson

Against: 2 – Commissioner Jung, Commissioner Ridley

Concerns: Commissioner Jung had concerns about the level of service and the impacts to traffic.

2. Thoroughfare Plan Amendments

The order of these items was changed and Gus Thomasson was moved up on the agenda.

b. Gus Thomasson

Change the dimensional classification of Gus Thomasson Road from Easton Road to Mesquite City Limits from an existing (EXISTING) roadway to a special four-lane divided (SPCL 4D) roadway in 80-85 feet of right-of-way.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Motion: Commissioner Jung made a motion to follow staff's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Lawler.

Results: Motion passed unanimously.

c. Tyler/Polk Amendments

Mr. Watson recused himself, before these items were briefed.

1. Change the dimensional classification of Tyler Street from Canty Street to Pembroke Avenue from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) roadway to a special four-lane undivided (SPCL 4U) roadway within 60 feet of right-of-way and 44 feet of pavement; and
2. Change the dimensional classification of Polk Street from Canty Street to Pembroke Avenue from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) roadway to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with bicycle lanes within 60 feet of right-of-way and 44 feet of pavement.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Motion: After hearing from numerous citizens on this proposal, Commissioner Davis made a motion to hold the Tyler-Polk two-way conversion amendment until July 21, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Jung.

Results: The motion moved forward with a vote of three-for and two-against the motion; motion passes to hold this item until July.

For: 3 - Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jung, Mr. Stoner

Against: 2 - Commissioner Ridley, Mr. Lawler

Commissioner Davis submitted an email asking staff to look into the following:

1. In light of the fact the conversion configurations have changed, I would like to verify the anticipated service levels at the affected intersections.

2. I strongly believe the committee needs to better understand how this proposed change affects DART bus service and what anticipated impact to traffic flow will exist. Ideally, I would like to see us have initial feedback from DART on this matter and solutions your department can create to minimize bus service and impediments to traffic flow.
3. In the meeting I made reference to my concerns of what a two way conversion could mean for the intersection nearest the 7-11 and the three institutional uses at Polk and 10th Street. I'd like to understand whether this project will provide solutions that ensure a safe navigation for pedestrians.
4. I think it important to have an answer as to whether the traffic light signal will be timed to better assist residents using Sunset get into the traffic flow.
5. A clear explanation of parking restrictions along Tyler and Polk. Also, a clear definition or determination of whether the outside right lane along Tyler is a "drive lane" or a "park lane", and the graphic reflects such. It is also important to have clearly identified the restricted parking areas along the roadway, both Polk and Tyler.

3. Other Matters

The committee was invited to a Public Meeting for McKinney-Cole two-way conversion meeting May 16, 2016, notice will be sent to the committee.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Jung motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Davis seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.