

City Plan Commission – Transportation Committee

February 16, 2017

Minutes

Attendants: Jarred Davis – Vice Chair, Steve Stoner, Gary Lawler, Mark Rieves, Michael Anglin

Absent: Paul E. Ridley – Chair, Michael Jung, Terry Watson

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Agenda Items:

1. Approve Prior February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rieves motioned to approve the February 2, 2017 meeting minutes and Commissioner Anglin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Central Business District Streets and Vehicular Circulation Plan Amendment

AT&T Area

1. Change the operational characteristics of Commerce Street from Houston Street to Ervay Street from a four-lane eastbound roadway in 80 feet of right-of-way to a three-lane eastbound roadway in 80 feet of right-of-way;
2. Delete Akard Street between Jackson Street and Wood Street;
3. Change the operational characteristics of Akard Street from Wood Street to Young Street from a three-lane southbound roadway in 61-74 feet of right-of-way to a one-lane northbound and one-lane southbound roadway in 61-74 feet of right-of-way;
4. Delete Jackson Street between Field Street and 350 feet west of Lane Street;
5. Change the operational characteristics of Jackson Street from 350 feet west of Lane Street to Cesar Chavez Boulevard from a three-lane westbound roadway in 50-70 feet of right-of-way to a one-lane westbound and one-lane eastbound roadway in 50-70 feet of right-of-way; and
6. Change the operational characteristics of Wood Street from Griffin Street to Pearl Expressway from a three-lane eastbound roadway in 45-80 feet of right-of-way to a one-lane westbound and one-lane eastbound roadway in 45-80 feet of right-of-way.

Answers to questions from prior meeting:

Commissioner Davis requested:

1. More public involvement with stakeholders
 - Staff stated that AT&T held an open house on Saturday, February 11, 2017, morning at the Dallas Power and Lights building. There were 77 people signed in at the meeting.
 - AT&T has met with the Interurban owner and they are discussing options.
2. Provide more information regarding the bus service impacts resulting from the removal of the exclusive bus lane and diversion of buses from Commerce.
 - Staff explained that HNTB had analyzed the possibility of DART diverting some buses off Commerce.
3. Provide more information regarding the design of the closure on Jackson and how a driver would turn around.
 - Staff distributed the section of the City of Dallas Paving Design Manual that covered Dead-End Streets. Per City standards, a turnaround requires 50 feet of right-of-way and 43.5 feet of pavement. Jackson Street does not have the required right-of-way, at the proposed closure to accommodate a turnaround.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment and to change the limits on Commerce Street from Houston Street to Ervay Street to Houston Street and Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

Commissioner Anglin motioned to follow staff's recommendation and to extend the limits on Commerce to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. Commissioner Rieves seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Commissioner Davis stated that there should be further studies done on the vehicular and transit impacts of extending the amendment limits on Commerce Street to Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

Vote on motion:

For: 5 - Davis, Stoner, Lawler, Rieves, Anglin

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed.

3. Other Items

Commissioner Davis thanked Mr. Stoner for his 18 years of service on this Committee.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner Anglin moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rieves seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.