

**City Plan Commission – Thoroughfare Committee**  
**April 8, 2021**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Michael Jung (D9) – Chair, Commissioner Brent Rubin (P15) – Vice Chair, Commissioner Kristine Schwope (D12), Commissioner Wayne Garcia (D14), Commissioner Jayne Suhler (D11), Tom Grant, John Denholm, Jeremy McGahan

**Absent:** -

Commissioner Jung called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Agenda Items:

1. First, order of business was to approve the January 7, 2021 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Schwope moved to approve the January 7, 2021 meeting minutes and Commissioner Suhler seconded the motion.

Vote on motion:

For: 8 – Jung, Rubin, Schwope, Garcia, Suhler, Grant, Denholm, McGahan

Opposed: 0

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Union Bikeway Connector Thoroughfare Plan Amendments

Staff presented an overview of the Union Bikeway Connector and the proposed Thoroughfare Plan amendments, explained the current operation, and the proposed changes. The proposed amendments are:

1. Change the dimensional classification of Nowitzki Way from Houston Street to Field Street from a special six-lane undivided roadway (SPCL 6U) within 122 feet of right-of-way to a special five-lane divided roadway (SPCL 5D) with two-way cycle track on the southside of the roadway in 122 feet of right-of-way.
2. Change the dimensional classification of Field Street from Nowitzki Way to Ashland Street from an existing roadway (EXST) to a special six-lane divided roadway (SPCL 6D) with bicycle facility in 100 feet of right-of-way.
3. Change the dimensional classification of Harwood Street from Cedar Springs Road to Woodall Rodgers Freeway from standard four-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) in 60 feet of right-of-way to a special three-lane roadway (SPCL 3U) with two-way cycle track on the west side of roadway in 60 to 62 feet of right-of-way.

Staff recommended approval of changing the Thoroughfare Plan.

Mr. Grant recused himself from this agenda item.

Mr. McGahan moved to modify staff's recommendation to:

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Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion.

#### Discussion on the motion

Commissioner Jung stated he would be supporting the motion but has some reservations of reducing the number of lanes on Nowitzki Way. This could impact the inbound and outbound traffic for American Airlines Center. He understood staff's point that roadways should be constructed for the normal situation not the special, however the American Airlines Center is a regional event center and there are many events there, more than most event centers. If we reduce capacity that would create more than the existing delay for vehicles to get in and out of the district. This is an issue he would like staff to continue to explore, and then reiterated his support for the motion.

#### Vote on motion:

For: 8 – Jung, Rubin, Schwope, Garcia, Suhler, Grant, Denholm, McGahan

Opposed: 0

Motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Other matters

Staff stated that there could be several amendments coming this year some of them are: Davis Street study which is currently studying the corridor that would change the roadway from a six-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with bicycle facilities; we anticipate getting amendment applications for: Young Street in the Central Business District and Bataan Street in West Dallas. The next meeting might be in June depending on when we receive the developer applications.

#### 4. Adjournment

Commissioner Jung adjourned at 9:30 a.m.