



Transportation Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Jeffrey Osleeb, Catherine Reischmann, Kenneth Lineberger, Andrew Irvin, Jeffrey Sievers, Ruben A. Paige, and Peter Gottfried (virtual).

Staff Present

Director of Public Works Charles Ramdatt (virtual), Engineer Hong Lim, Transportation Planner Keith Moore, Sergeant Luke Hofer and Deputy City Clerk Kim Breland.

1. Call to Order

Chair Reischmann called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approve the regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2024.

Motion made by Andrew Irvin to approve the July 15, 2024 meeting minutes; seconded by Jeffrey Osleeb. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda):

The Board received public comments regarding traffic conditions on Railroad Avenue: Residents Sheila Reid 780 Carver Street and Tim Clark 915 Railroad Avenue, expressed concerns related to excessive speed, parking and traffic safety conditions on Railroad Avenue and appealed to the Board for mitigation, including a speed table study. Mr. Lim noted that the residents on Railroad Avenue have completed the traffic study petition, and staff is waiting for school to reconvene to assess typical traffic volume and speed conditions.

Mr. Lim explained the process for the traffic volume and speed tests and said traffic-calming plans and countermeasures will be identified once the traffic study results are complete. Discussion followed on traffic issues related to cut-through stemming from Webster Avenue, Denning Drive and 17-92.

Mr. Paige arrived at 4:12 p.m.

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

a. FY 2024 ADA Update

In accordance with the city's Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan, every October staff updates the Board about ADA improvements completed in the last fiscal year. In addition, staff encourages residents to come to TAB to express any issues or

concerns. He said staff received four emails related to ADA concerns prior to today's meeting, one issue has been forwarded to Orange County and staff will work to address the remaining concerns in FY25. Mr. Lim proceeded to review the FY24 ADA improvements:

- Under Public Works regular sidewalk maintenance program, city staff repaired 38,332 SF of sidewalk and curb ramps from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. If a 5' sidewalk is considered as the average width of the sidewalk, that is about 7,666 LF of sidewalk that was replaced in the city.
- In fiscal year FY23, 55,482 SF of sidewalk was replaced. The numbers are lower in FY24 because the city replaced many curbs in the Quail Hollow neighborhood.
- Foreshadowing FY25, city staff expects the numbers to be similar to FY24 numbers as city staff will be replacing curbs in the Golfside Dr neighborhood.

In response to questions, Mr. Lim explained the process for sidewalk repair.

6. Staff Updates

a. Denning Drive Trail Update

Mr. Lim presented photos of the completed project of Denning Drive Trail from Webster Avenue to Solana Avenue. He reported that the project runs from Denning Drive to Webster Avenue to Solana Avenue on the west side of the corridor and is a minor function that is part of the major Denning Drive route that will connect Winter Park, Maitland and Orlando. Solana Avenue improvements will be the next piece of this project and is currently in the design phase.

Mr. Lim provided an update on the portion of the Denning trail that runs from Orange Avenue to Mead Garden and will connect the City to the Orlando Urban area trail. The design is at 30% completion. Staff is in communication with the Water and Wastewater team to relocate a lift station in the area to keep the trail from meandering.

In response to questions, Mr. Lim explained the trail will extend down Denning Dr. and will tie into the existing asphalt trail where Mead Garden runs east to west. In addition, at the request of Mead Garden, an access gate will be installed so the trail is open 24/7. However, the Mead Garden would like to have the capability to close off access during special events. He said more information will be available as the design moves along and the trail should not impact the Garden Club.

b. Glenridge Way milling and paving operation update

Mr. Lim said the project has been completed successfully from East of Laurel Road and Lakemont Avenue intersections. He noted the project did not include the intersection at Lakemont Avenue/south of Glenridge Way. He showed photos of the completed project and reported signal timing at the intersection has been retrofitted to accommodate school hours and mitigate morning traffic congestion.

c. Via Tuscany neighborhood traffic calming update

Mr. Lim reminded the Board that a traffic study was conducted on Via Tuscany from Cypress to Howell Branch Road, which confirmed a speeding problem in the area.

Before speed tables could be installed, adjacent residents on Venetian Way at Tuscany

Place and Moss Lane expressed concerns that the speed tables would create more traffic on their streets. The neighborhood has asked staff to analyze the entire area.

The study of the entire area has been completed and identified an issue along Venetian Way. Speed tables will be installed on Venetian Way as well as raised pedestrian crossings on Tuscany Place at the intersection. The sidewalk gap at Tuscany Place will be repaired as well where it ends at the wall. He said these measures will mitigate speed and increase pedestrian safety for people trying to cross Via Tuscany.

Mr. Lim said that residents complained about the lack of sidewalks in the area. As sidewalk petition will be done to understand the volume of interest by residents. He reviewed proposed options for sidewalk improvements that would not impact the wall where the sidewalk ends at Tuscany Place.

d. Carver St Traffic Calming

Mr. Lim showed photos of the two speed tables that were installed on Carver Street. An "after study" will be conducted after the holidays to track how much speed reduction this traffic calming has created. The "after study" will determine if more speed tables are needed. Signs will be installed that read "Residential Neighborhood" will be posted.

e. Counter measures for Vision Zero

Mr. Lim presented a slide with a high-level overview of Engineering and Non- Engineering countermeasures for Vision Zero. He noted MetroPlan Orlando has received a number of inquiries for non-engineering and reviewed the following options:

- Public Information Campaigns/Social Marketing Campaigns/Educational Campaigns
- Enforcement, High Visibility Enforcement, Automated Enforcement
- Speed Limit Settings (Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads, and Streets in Florida provides flexibility in setting speed limits)
- Post-Crash Care
- Emerging Technology

7. Board Comments

Mr. Lim noted that typically the November and December TAB meetings were combined to accommodate holiday schedules. After a brief discussion, staff will send the board dates for consideration to schedule the next meeting.

Mr. Osleeb expressed concern about the construction of Seven Oaks Park on Orange Avenue and the impact to pedestrians. The sidewalk has been closed for 18 months and has created issues for pedestrians having to cross Orange Avenue, which can be dangerous. Mr. Paige added that the Minnesota Avenue light at the six-point intersection is a solid green light and consideration should be given to adding a turn light. The area is heavily congested and results in dangerous right turns. In depth discussion followed on traffic solutions for the area.

In response to questions regarding Quail Hollow street paving, Mr. Lim said staff is coordinating with the Quail Hollow HOA and improvements should have started, but the timeline has been pushed back due to the hurricane. He said Quail Hollow contacted staff

to ask to push the project back another week to accommodate their annual Halloween event. Staff is contacting the contractors to confirm the timeline will work. Additional discussion was held on the process for mitigating cut-through traffic throughout the city.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully,
Kim Breland
Board Secretary

Approved by the board on 12/02/2024
/s/Kim Breland