

Transportation Safety Advisory Commission
Minutes
Thursday, February 1, 2024
5:30 PM

The Transportation Safety Advisory Commission (TSAC) convened for a Called Meeting on
Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Building #4
1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas 78154

TSAC Commissioners Present:

Dziewit, Richard, Chairman
Cornelisse, Chuck
Heyward, Ferrando
Icke, Steven
Martinez, Will
Ragsdale, Roy
Stevens, Ronald
Wiley, Paul

TSAC Commissioners Absent:

Dominguez, Andres
Hormel, Chris
Winter, Michael

Staff Present:

Brian James, Deputy City Manager
Kathy Woodlee, City Engineer
Travis Westbrook, Associate Engineer
Larry Busch, Public Works Director
Robert Martinez, Streets Superintendent
Cyndi Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Mark Davis, City Council Liaison
Albert Arriaga, Schertz Police
Tammy Lawrence, Engineering Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER at 5:33 PM by Chairman Richard Dziewit.

ROLL CALL

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

None present.

1. **Minutes:** Consideration/action for approval of November 2, 2023, TSAC Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Stevens to approve the November 2, 2023, minutes.
Seconded by Commissioner Ferrando Heyward. *Motion passed.*

2. **Updates on Various Requests and Studies:** Presented by Travis Westbrook, Associate Engineer.

a. Speed concerns

i. Data Collected: Columbia, Rhine Valley

- Columbia Speed Hump Request (Northcliffe)
 - 3437 Columbia Drive, ADT - 156, 85% - 24.4 MPH
 - Study Result: Counter does not meet volume criteria for speed hump (min. 500 average trips per day), 85% speed does not meet speed hump warrant (>25 mph)
 - Next Steps: Does not meet warrant – No action required.
- Alsatian Way (Rhine Valley Multiway Stop or Speed Hump Request)
 - North of Bening, ADT - 1,018, 85% - 28.9 MPH
 - South of Bening, ADT - 664, 85% - 29.6 MPH
 - Study Result: Counters do not warrant multiway stop (original request); counts do meet warrant for speed humps.
 - Steps Taken/Planned: Installed 2 additional speed limit signs; installed 1 missing speed limit sign; enhanced police presence; deployment of dynamic speed signs; plan to do additional counts in approximately 6 months; checking sight distances at intersections.

ii. Data Collection Pending: Mobile Villa

- Study Result: Pending
- Next Steps: Place counts at same locations from previous years and compare.

iii. Follow-up Data Collection Pending: Wild Cherry (Greenshire)

- 2827 Wild Cherry, ADT - 444, 85% - 25.0 MPH
- 2842 Wild Cherry, ADT - 496, 85% - 25.0 MPH
- Study Result: Counter does not meet volume criteria for speed hump (min. 500 average trips per day), 85% speed does not meet speed hump warranty (>25 mph)
- Steps Taken/Planned: Installed additional speed limit sign; enhanced police presence; plan to do additional counts in 6 months.

iv. Citizens on Patrol:

AJ Arriaga stated to utilize COP when PD is not available, COP can collect car counts but would provide no enforcement. COP would make observations, traffic counts, document and pass information along. There has been a rash of vehicles passing school buses, so COP could make a visual observation and provide this information to Schertz PD. Commissioner Richard Dziewit asked about the COP program, do participants get any training so that if council were to ok it, COP could drive into a private street. AJ Arriaga stated that there is an academy that participants must go through, they are given tasks to do and can radio to PD for assistance. They are an asset as they are visible in the community.

3. **Staff Comments and/or New Requests**

Travis Westbook stated that staff received email from Douglas Young in Scenic Hills- Mr. Young requested a stop sign on a private street/development. Travis Westbrook stated he will review special requirements as this is a private street. Commissioner Ferrando Heyward asked if our police could even enforce a stop sign on a private street, what benefit would we gain by installing it. As it is the residents who are doing the bad behavior. AJ Arriaga stated it would have to be sanctioned by the Council first. Any data collected; staff could not do anything about it since it is in a private street. The Municipal Court would not be able to do anything. It would be visual only. Will Martinez asked if this request would go through a warrant study. Travis Westbrook stated that staff would be looking into this request for installation of a sign on a private street.

4. **Future Agenda Items Requests from Commissioners**

- Commissioner Ronald Stevens asked if there was update on the Basketball goals. Brian had done the research, but could not recall, he stated he would bring that to the next meeting.
- Commissioner Ferrando Heyward stated that he was thankful for the research about the COP program and its enforceability, but that it does free up Schertz PD.
- Commissioner Chuck Cornelisse asked Brian James about Lazy Oak/Crest Oak bushes.
- Travis Westbook responded that he attempted to reach out to the resident at Lazy Oak/Crest Oak, knocking on the door. Schertz has not issued an official notice yet. Travis did state that bushes do interfere with site distant. If notice is given, the owner will have 10 days to resolve the bushes or clearance, or the City can resolve it and then charge the resident. But staff recommend we leave a letter first, giving the resident time to resolve it before an official notice is issued. Travis drove by last week, which is still an issue.
- Commissioner Chuck Cornelisse remarked that a street sign at FM 78 for Randolph he saw on Facebook, was misspelled. It had Randolf, not Randolph. Robert Martinez stated that he sent a notice to TXDOT, a sign has been ordered and is pending arrival and installation.

5. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Chuck Cornelisse to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Roy Ragsdale. *Motion passed. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM by Chair Richard Dziewit.*

Attest:

Richard Dziewit, Chairperson

Cyndi Simmons, Recording Secretary