

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022
REGULAR MEETING, TYLER CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
212 N. BONNER AVENUE**



Members Present:

Don Warren, Chair; Ed Broussard; Darin Jennings; Carolyn Caldwell; Leslie Black; Cary Nix; Frank Davis; Gary Halbrooks; and Vernon Webb.

Members Absent:

Dennis Ford and Nathaniel Moran.

Staff Present:

Heather Nick; Michael Howell; Zach Clark; and Shelia Henderson.

Don Warren called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Ed Broussard, to approve the minutes from November 18, 2021.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action Items:

1. Consider adopting an amendment to the Master Street Plan (MSP) extending Waljim Street connecting Market Square Boulevard and West Grande Boulevard

Mr. Howell presented the item and discussed the adoption an amendment to the Master Street Plan (MSP) extending Waljim Street connecting Market Square Boulevard and West Grande Boulevard. Mr. Howell summarized the origin of the proposal, the intention, future benefits and the steps to adopting the Master Street Plan (MSP) in detail.

Mr. Howell stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) unanimously recommends that the Policy Committee adopts the amendment to the Master Street Plan (MSP) extending Waljim Street connecting Market Square Boulevard and West Grande Boulevard.

Kris Bagley, minister of Day Spring United Methodist Church; 310 W. Cumberland Road, was in attendance with multiple members of the church who were in favor of the recommendation.

Ron Pinkerburg, 321 W. Cumberland Road, John Andrews, 315 W. Cumberland Road, and Larry Vinson, 309 W. Cumberland Road were in attendance and opposed to the recommendation because the route impacted their property.

Multiple residents of Courtyard Condos, 400 W. Southtown Drive, including Pamela Liska, Charlotte Stanchak, Nanette Roberson, David Ruth, Ashley Griffin, and Scott Roberson, were opposed to the recommendation due to concerns about the conceptual route affecting their parking lot.

Charles Mackey, 7019 Ridge Place Circle, was in attendance and stated that he had questions about if stop signs or traffic lights would be installed and what type of vehicles would be using the road.

Ronnie Lollar, 8315 Crooked Trail, was in attendance and had concerns about proposed new residential development in the area using Crooked Trail as their main access way. Mr. Howell discussed how the Waljim extension made it possible to reconstruct the intersection of Crooked Trail and Cumberland Road as a cul-de-sac which would address the neighborhood's concerns.

Will Richey, 1215 Pruitt Place, asked for clarification that the gas well on the Day Spring Church property was impacted by the conceptual route. Mr. Howell confirmed that it did not.

Don Warren said that the Committee had heard and understood the concerns that had been discussed and asked the attendees to acknowledge that, whether the Master Street Plan amendment was approved or not, the area would continue to grow and develop. Mr. Warren stated that it was better to approve a conceptual plan that could continue to be studied and refined than to not make any plans at all.

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Carolyn Caldwell, to adopt the amendment to the Master Street Plan (MSP) extending Waljim Street connecting Market Square Boulevard and West Grande Boulevard with the condition to have future meetings with the residents affected by the recommendation. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

*Chairman Don Warren called for a five-minute recess at 3:25 p.m.

*Meeting resumed at 3:30 p.m.

2. Consider adopting an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to revise revenue forecasts, adjust administrative costs, and make provisions to hire a consultant to perform a Downtown Tyler Traffic Study

Ms. Nick presented the item and discussed the amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to revise revenue forecasts, adjust administrative costs, and make provisions to hire a consultant to perform a Downtown Tyler Traffic Study. Ms. Nick added that the items were part of previous legislation, but the revisions are more specific and provide more direction.

Ms. Nick requested that action be taken to approve the amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Frank Davis moved, seconded by Ed Broussard, to adopt the amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to revise revenue forecasts, adjust administrative costs, and make provisions to hire a consultant to perform a Downtown Tyler Traffic Study. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Consider adopting revised performance measures and targets related to safety (PM1) and adopt amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect the targets

Mr. Howell presented the item stating as a requirement from the state local performance targets must be adopted. Mr. Howell brought in GIS Analyst, Zach Clark for a presentation of a traffic safety dashboard.

Mr. Clark demonstrated using an interactive dashboard to display crash related data, covering the range of years 2015 to 2020, that occurred in the Tyler area.

Mr. Howell stated that the recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee is to take action to support the statewide safety targets.

Vernon Webb moved, seconded by Ed Broussard, to adopt the revised performance measures and targets related to safety (PM1) and adopt amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect the targets.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nick presented the item stating that the current short range project list, called the TIP, is in the process of being drafted. Ms. Nick added that the new TIP will identify highway and transit projects within the next four years. Ms. Nick also introduced new Policy Committee member, City Engineer; Darin Jennings.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting on May 5, 2022 and the next Transportation Policy Committee meeting scheduled on May 26, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.