

THE FLOWER MOUND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011 IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD, IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 6:30 P.M.

The Transportation Commission met in regular session with the following members present:

Stephen Harris	Place 2
Don McDaniel	Place 3
Mike Walker	Place 6
Thomas Walker	Place 7
Todd Schreiber	Alternate Place 8
David Wright	Alternate Place 9

With the following members absent:

Vacant	Place 1
Vacant	Place 4
Vacant	Place 5

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Steve Lyda	Town Council Liaison
Ken Parr	Director of Public Works
Annette Pawlak	Recording Secretary
Matthew Hotelling	Traffic Engineer

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Walker called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Mike Walker.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Stone, 709 Lake Bluff Dr. said Thursday is the Ribbon Cutting for Garden Ridge, Phase III. He mentioned that through the past couple of months he has heard a lot of discussion from Town Council talking about the successful projects the Town has either finished or started. He said it really makes him feel good and wanted to compliment the Town at getting to that point they could brag so much on how well the Town has done. He said the Town through its leaders, volunteers and staff members has accomplished a lot and that as a citizen he wanted to express his appreciation for that. He said that there is something that has not been

done when it comes to roads, which is the completion of Kirkpatrick Phase III. He understands that priorities are set every year and that the CIP changes. But he hates to see that project not being completed until sometime in the distant future since some fourteen years ago the voters of this Town authorized funding for it through a tax increase.

Mr. Stone said he understands timing is everything and that road's time will come, but thinks it would make an excellent connector as many of the other roads that the Town has funded and completed.

Mr. Stone said that he has shared with a member of the Town Council, individually with a member of the Transportation Commission and also collectively at a Town Council meeting that Toll Brothers are doing a development adjacent to Garden Ridge adjacent to the southern end of the future Kirkpatrick Phase III project. Mr. Stone said it would be good idea to put up a sign adjacent to the Toll Brothers' development informing the public about the future 4 lane thoroughfare, so that when people start moving in, Realtors will not be able to tell future residents not to worry about that area as it will always be a green area. Mr. Stone asked the Transportation Commission to encourage the Town Council to build Kirkpatrick Phase III and do it quickly. And in the interim to put up a sign.

Mr. Stone then thanked the Transportation Commission for their service and that he appreciates all they have done.

Chairman Mike Walker thanked Mr. Stone and said he had a question for staff as to what is the Town's policy for posting signs for future highway/street construction.

Mr. Parr said since he has been here we have not done it and was not familiar with Mr. Stone's efforts. Mr. Parr said Mr. Hotelling might know more about it.

Mr. Hotelling said since he has been here they have not put a signage detailing future projects nor has he heard of any interest to putting up a sign. He said it is currently in the CIP for sometime after 5 years.

Mr. Hotelling said with the Flower Mound Oaks development coming in at that location the Town is looking at getting the needed right-of-way at no cost through the platting of the development. Although this will reduce the cost of the project, it will still be expensive due to the bridge.

Chairman Mike Walker said other than of the cost of making and the installation of the sign, is there anything that would be a hindrance we are not aware of?

Mr. Parr said it was just something we have not done before and from staff's stand point we would need direction.

Commissioner McDaniel told Mr. Stone that with the conversation he had last week with Town Council regarding signage that they could go a step further by not only having signage for future projects but also for current ongoing projects to let folks

know who owns the project (TxDOT, County or the Town). To keep the public informed, there are a lot of outlets (internet, newspapers, Town Council meetings, TV). Not everybody sees those sources but everybody sees the construction. If we could keep the public informed as to who owns those project they would know who to contact is they had a grip.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if anyone wanted to add comments at his point.

Mr. Parr said that since he has been on with the Town, it has been brought up numerous times that the 1995 Bond issue included the Kirkpatrick Phase III project. He said there were definitely some concerns with the Town Council at that time and Town Councils since about this issue. He said he knows that staff that was here at that time had concerns about the project being delayed. The primary reason it did not get done even though it was listed in the bond issue was due to changing priorities with the Town. Due to growth demands in other areas of Town and limited funds previous Town Councils made a decision to move that project back and use those funds to do other projects where development was driving growth. Until recently growth was not happening in this part of Town. That does not eliminate the obligation from the 1995 Bond. Mr. Parr said he wanted the Transportation Commission to know what the driving force were that set past priorities and why the funds were used at other locations.

Chairman Mike Walker asked what the Transportation Commission could do to move this along for the Town Council to consider the installation of a sign showing a potential thoroughfare and to move the project up on the CIP.

Mr. Parr suggested a future agenda Item to formally discuss this matter if the Transportation Commission as a whole would like that to be considered to move it up on the CIP. The result of the discussion could be a formal recommendation to the Town Council on the matter.

Chairman Mike Walker said there were two things; one is where is it ranked for construction and the other can we put a sign up advising this is a future CIP project.

Mr. Parr said the CIP currently has the projected funding for this project to be sometime after FY 2015. If the Transportation Commission does want to address the scheduled funding for this project, it would best for it to be discussed as an agenda item. This would allow for a discussion on how projects are prioritized and staff to could provide other information as needed for the Transportation Commission to make a final decision on a formal recommendation.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if that would include the signage recommendation or does it need to be a separate issue:

Mr. Parr said they could be considered together. Mr. Parr asked Mr. Hotelling if he had any other suggestions.

Mr. Hotelling said he would take it up his chain of command and ask.

Chairman Mike Walker said the signage issue was not just for the Kirkpatrick project but for any CIP transportation project.

Mr. Parr pointed out the Town currently installs project signs for all of its CIP Transportation projects. There are currently a total of eight project signs at various locations along the Morriss/Gerualt project. He said that even for small projects there is at least one sign. Mr. Parr said that TxDOT does put up detail project signs like the Town.

Mr. Hotelling said TxDOT puts the typical Manual on Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) signage for their project contractor. Their sign is definitely different. Their construction sign that you will see everywhere you travel in State only includes the contractor name and address. TxDOT does provide the informational project signage for their project like the Town.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if there were any other comments on this issue form the Commission. There was none.

D. BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Mike Walker announced that the Transportation Commission has been invited by Town Council to attend a meeting on September 19, 2011, to give the Town Council an update what the Transportation Commission has accomplished so far this year and what is on our to do list. He stated as Chairman he has volunteered to attend the meeting.

E. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Parr gave out updates on the Town's CIP paving project, Town's CIP signal projects and TxDOT projects (on file in Public Works office).

Mr. Parr said he would like to discuss briefly the TxDOT projects. He said FM 407 has continued to have delays associated with some errors in the design of the project's storm water system. Based upon the last progress meeting it appears it will be sometime in late October before all of the storm water work will be completed. This will allow traffic to be moved to the south side of FM 407 and the construction on the west bound lanes to begin. This project is currently scheduled to be completed in August 2012. But there have been a lot of delays, not the fault of the contractor, and that date will probably be pushed back.

Mr. Parr said the FM 1171 Section 1 project is finished except for a few minor punch list items, landscaping and the permanent speed limit signage. The main landscaping item left to be completed is the installation of plantings and irrigation on landscaping berms located on the north side of FM 1171 between Trotter and Bridlewood. He said because of the hot weather TxDOT has shut down the completion of the landscaping until after September 15th. The ongoing issue

between last meeting and this meeting is the determination of the permanent speed limit. TxDOT has completed a speed study and even though the permanent signs have not been installed yet, it is going to go back to the prior speed limits which was 45 mph from FM 2499 to west of Glenwick and 50 mph for the rest of the project. The permanent signs are scheduled to go up in two weeks.

Mr. Parr said that for the next section of FM 1171, which is Shiloh to I35W, there really is no change from last month. Plans are at 95% and Town staff has submitted their comments. Mr. Parr said that staff is hoping their comments will be addressed by TxDOT. He said 98% of the right-of-way has been acquired. There is only one land owner who owns multiple pieces of land whose right-of-way is left to be acquired. Although there is still some issue with the land owner to be resolved, he was told this last weekend by that individual that all issues had been resolved and he was going to move forward and sell the right-of-way to TxDOT.

Mr. Parr said the big issue that is left to be completed is the relocation of utilities that are in conflict with the project. The franchise utilities are at various stages of design and none have actually started construction on relocation of utilities. The Town has some water line utilities in conflict and is hoping to get their relocation under construction by sometime in late November. It is anticipated that it will be about a 90 day project. Mr. Parr said TxDOT is anticipating letting the project in February but typically that gets pushed back. But TxDOT might proceed with the awarding of the contract, putting a delayed start of construction until utilities get relocated. Mr. Parr said he thinks realistically it will be the summer of next year before the projects get under construction. He said the project is fully funded.

Mr. Parr asked if there were any questions on the TxDOT projects.

Vice Chairman Thomas Walker said that he had a question Sections 2 &3 of the project. With design only being 95% complete is there a risk to the Town by starting their utility relocations at this time?

Mr. Parr said there is not. He said the main issue is the depth of the storm sewer lines and that is basically finalized. He said we are very comfortable moving forward, but that is part of what delayed some of the other utilities that are not as far as we are. They wanted 100% complete plans. Mr. Parr said staff is comfortable they can move forward with the project.

Mr. Parr said as far as the other handouts, the other thing he wanted to mention is Gerault/FM 2499 fly-over, the major item on the Morriss Rd/Gerault project that left to be completed. It is getting to the point you can tell what it is going to be. He said that is the ongoing driving force on that project.

Mr. Parr said he did not need to get into any of the other projects unless any of the Commissioners had questions.

Chairman Mike Walker said he had a few questions regarding Dixon Lane because of the school. He asked if it was still on track. He said he noticed that February 20, 2012, is the memo's date.

Mr. Parr answered that as far as he knows, he did not see any reason they would not finish by February. He said one thing that has helped the project is all the dry weather. Unless we get into a wet fall and winter, they should be finished by February.

Vice Chairman Thomas Walker said he had a question on the Morriss Rd/Gerault widening. He said there was some talk awhile ago about coordinating with Grapevine on the traffic signal there at the apartment complex. He asked if there was any progress or update on that.

Mr. Hotelling asked if the question was on traffic signal timing coordination or having the traffic signal removed?

Vice Chairman Thomas Walker answered there was some concerns that once the flyover was in place and traffic was flowing smoothly through the intersection, there would be congestion at the apartment complex traffic light. We had been previously told there was going to be some type coordination between Flower Mound and Grapevine on the timing of that traffic light.

Mr. Hotelling said the last time he talked to the Transportation Manager in Grapevine he had indicated that they are going to put in a Rhtym Engineering Adaptive Signal at that location and it is supposed to adapt to the different traffic patterns. Mr. Hotelling said he did not know if it was going to adapt enough. During peak times it is going to be a bottleneck. There is not true coordination timing that goes on with that type of system that can actually coordinate with our system if that is what you are asking.

Commissioner McDaniel asked how many feet there will be between the end of the flyover as people come off that ramp to that light. He said his concern with the light is drivers coming over the fly-over at a high speed, merging into traffic and then having to address the traffic light.

Mr. Hotelling said he would have to look it up.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if Grapevine would be willing to coordinate with the Town of Flower Mound about enhance flow down FM 2499 once the fly-over is complete.

Mr. Hotelling said that in addition to the apartment traffic light being a bottleneck, the light at Grapevine Mills Parkway and the light at Stars and Stripes will also be a bottleneck. Eventually, when the DFW Connector is completed, the Stars and Stripes signal and the Grapevine Mills Parkway signal will no longer be in the picture since these locations will become underpasses. FM 2499 becomes the underpass, so then it does come back to only that signal there at the apartments. He said they

have tried to talk with Grapevine; we have had some discussion with the State continuing it over, basically an overpass over the Riverwalk Apartments, which they would come out and get on a ramp to get on FM 2499. That is where we would like to keep TxDOT and the DFW Connector pushing forward that if they would not remove their light to go through there and create another overpass at that site. They do not have FM 2499 funded at this point. That is still a long ways to the future.

Commissioner Schreiber asked Mr. Parr to give an update on two projects on the list for the Town, Wichita Trail Phase II and West Windsor extension that are showing start of construction late 2011. He asked if staff still felt comfortable with that timing.

Mr. Parr said that he was comfortable with the Wichita Trail Schedule.

Mr. Hotelling said West Windsor is to start construction next April. The first public meeting to get input on 30% complete plans is scheduled for September 28th at the Library starting at 6:00 through 8:00 pm.

Commissioner Schreiber asked if the current start date of West Windsor will push the completion date which is now show to be late summer.

Mr. Hotelling said that through the public meetings we will find out what else may change for that project. But it will push that date back.

Chairman Mike Walker said for the Bridlewood residents he wanted to repeat that the public meeting date is the 28th at the Library and it is a public meeting to solicit input. He said the Town is going to present plans up to date and get public reaction at that time.

Mr. Hotelling said they will have the 30% plans at that time.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if that includes the park design.

Mr. Hotelling said it would include the park amenities along this linear park line on both sides of West Windsor. The layout of the park will be given at the meeting.

Mr. Hotelling said he did not know how much the plans will show about the signal at West Windsor and FM 2499.

Commissioner Schreiber asked what the hours for the meeting were again.

Mr. Hotelling said it started at 6:00 pm and scheduled to last until 8:00 pm.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if there was anything else.

Although Mr. Stone previously mentioned it, Mr. Parr wanted to again state that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Garden Ridge is this Thursday, September 13th at

9:00 am for anybody who would like to attend. It will be at the intersection of Spinks and Garden Ridge.

F. CONSENT AGENDA - Consent Items

1. Consider approval of minutes from the regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on May 10, 2011.

Vice Chairman Thomas Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on May 10, 2011 and Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

AYES: Commissioner Schreiber
Vice Chairman Thomas Walker
Commissioner Mc Daniel
Commissioner Harris
Commissioner Wright

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider approval of minutes from the regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on July 26, 2011.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on July 26, 2011 and Vice Chairman Thomas Walker seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

AYES: Commissioner Wright
Commissioner Harris
Commissioner Mc Daniel
Vice Chairman Thomas Walker
Commissioner Schreiber

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

G. REGULAR ITEMS

3. Consider recommending approval of the School Crossing Guard Index to aid in establishing a school crossing guard location.

Mr. Hotelling gave a power point presentation (on file in Public Works office) on the background including statistical data. Mr. Hotelling provided to each of the Transportation Commissioners a map showing locations of the schools, where the school zones are located, and the crossing guards are currently located. The number in the circle shows the number of crossing guards actually located at that location. He said they also had each location the pedestrian counts from the May counting period, the week of May 16th. Mr. Hotelling continued the power point presentation showing the map of school zone locations, map of crossing guard locations, ITE Journal, Observations of ITE Journal, Carrollton School Crossing Guard Index (SCGI), Observations of Carrollton SCGI, Items for further study from the work session on SCGI, Crash rate factor, Physical handicap factor, SCGI threshold, SCGI overview, and recommended action.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Schreiber asked Mr. Hotelling to confirm that the study would occur twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, you would look at a full year doing this analysis, and then after that studying it twice, once in spring and then in fall you would make your recommendations. Is that correct?

Mr. Hotelling said they recommend that it be done over a full school year. He said in one of his meeting with the Police Department, they indicated that they may just do a count in the fall. At some of these locations, like the Bruton Orand and Kenwood, if you have a total crossing a day like that one has of 374 why spend the staff time and resources to come back and count it in the spring. So if you are seeing some locations that are quite a ways above threshold levels they may not come back to get the crossing guard index in the spring. But the ones closer to the border line are going to get counted and run through the index every semester.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if the Police were really taking the lead on whether or not to add or delete school crossing guards, relying on the observation of the school guards themselves or is it independent of the Police Department?

Mr. Hotelling said it ultimately will be a decision of the Police Department. The crossing guards are their employees. He said based upon conversations with the Patrol Captain and various other people in the Police Department, they will continue consulting with Engineering as far as recommendations of a certain location but they will have the final approval authority of the crossing guards as to if they go or not.

Commissioner Harris asked if the proposed index has been applied to the existing crossings. Do you have a number assigned to them now; just a test case to see what they would be?

Mr. Hotelling answered that they have not actually plugged these pedestrian numbers in, but he had run completed some preliminary numbers and at this time there was only a handful that were not meeting the 6.0.

Commissioner Harris said that was his question. Did you already identify some yellow flag, red flag situations based on the proposed index?

Mr. Hotelling answered what the Police Department and we talked about doing when we get this, what ever final version of the index is approved, there is one location out there we are going to use as a test case. We are going to have this one done by the end of the year for this set of index numbers. Mr. Hotelling said he did not believe they had counted it this fall. He said that in all their conversations he knew they would have it completed by the end of this semester.

Commissioner Harris said to Mr. Hotelling that he could see where he was headed. He stated methodology is less interesting to him than the result as to what is showing up as the borderline situation. He said he was just wondering if it was providing that information you are looking for.

Mr. Hotelling said he is pretty confident it will provide the information needed just by looking at all these risk factors. If nothing else it gets every location looked at every time. He said what it is going to show is that all the existing locations are all needed. He said he is fairly confident it will show one or two location that really needs to be looked at closer. The answer is yes, it will show us what we want. Have we vetted it out yet, the answer is no.

Commissioner McDaniel said as you previously discussed we did look at this as more of a black and white issue using this index at the last meeting. Since the Police Department has requested that this is used as a tool not necessarily black and white, but as a way to make a decision part of that process. He said there are intangibles in reports back from the crossing guards, patrol officers, whatever. Leaving that intangible aspect in there will be a process which by the Public will be able to contribute to this intangible so they will have a say in this?

Mr. Hotelling said what you are asking is where there is a new location or existing location that has a possibility of going away is there a mechanism in place at this point in time for whether it is communicated directly to PD or a Public forum like this is that folks can come in and provide their input into the situation.

Commissioner McDaniel said his point is where we use the index to be black and white that identifies the department to a certain degree, they can say look this is the formula we all agreed to and this is what came out, and this is the decision made based on that. If we allow a gray area, these intangibles, which is probably smart, you have to allow that to be transparent for one, otherwise it leaves too many questions, too many how that decision was made. He said if you cannot just point to the index and say this is how the decision was made, he thinks it should be more transparent than it was just a tangible.

Mr. Hotelling said even though we are not using this as black and white, if the Police want to put a location on probation they are still going to do what we talked about before. They are going to send a letter to the school and they are going to send it to the PTA. They are going to try to get that information out in a manner necessary to get feedback. At some point after they have gotten feedback, they might request to come back before the Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Harris asked assuming there is not a new school being built how does a new location for potential new crossing guards get identified? Is it based on HOA input, resident complaint, or something else?

Mr. Hotelling said it will be either one. The location that the Police are going to use as a test location came basically through the HOA. A resident felt this location needed a crossing guard so they contacted the HOA President, who through the various channels got this to the Police and that is the why it is being used a test case.

Commissioner McDaniel asked where that location is.

Mr. Hotelling answered it was at Matterhorn and Winding Oaks.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if there were any other questions.

Commissioner Schreiber asked a question about the study, so when this is done, even though it is not the entire list like you said are there some that are obvious to do a count, the idea is that the study process will go on for one week in the fall or/and spring and you are saying that is the case?

Mr. Hotelling answered yes.

Commissioner Schreiber said asked whether or not any counts had been done so far for the fall. He said he understood staff saying they did not know if Police have done it yet for the fall.

Mr. Hotelling said he believed they have not done any counts this fall.

Commissioner Schreiber said he hoped they have not done any this fall because of the extreme hot weather that we have been having. He is sure even kids in high traffic areas have been walking less than normal.

Mr. Hotelling said he thought the Police wanted to find out what was recommendation was going to come out of this meeting. He said he did not think they wanted to go out there and spend the time and energy to do these counts and then the Commission come back and ask them to do something different. He said that is probably the reason they held off on the counts, not that it has been 105.

Chairman Mike Walker asked what would be the time frame for this next school year for Policy implementing changes to the School Crossing Guard Policy?

Mr. Hotelling said they would start it for this fall. If there is a location that indicates there should be a change, the Police will send out a probation letter and then do a recount next spring.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if there would be an additions or deletions during the school year.

Mr. Hotelling said it will not be during the school year but the probation notice would go out.

Chairman Mike Walker said but it would effective the next school year.

Mr. Hotelling answered correct.

Commissioner McDaniel said he would like to make a recommendation. He said he thinks the Transportation Commission is leaning toward accepting this index and that is probably wise. Also, accepting it in the way the Police Department is proposing to allow those intangibles to help influence that decision. He said he would like to see the Transportation Commission to consider making a recommendation that there is a standardized and formulized process by which removals which are contentious in anyway or have intangibles involved in it are approved. And that it should be a formulized open meetings process, maybe in front of the Transportation Commission or something like that for the Public participation. This would assure that nobody can ever come back and say; what were those intangibles, why were we not informed, why didn't I know. He stated that I will probably be the first to acknowledge that they will be waiting here in an empty room for the very first one of those that will come up. But he would still like for it to be available for the Public.

Mr. Hotelling said not necessarily, he has been involved with the ones in the past and had a full house.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if there were any comments from anyone else. He thanked Mr. Hotelling for running analysis again as it is a way to establish a policy where there was not a policy. It is also going to create an index which is not the ultimate decision maker but beckons a decision based on standardization which looks like it has been proven effective in other municipalities. He said he was happy with it also and the Transportation Commission has taken a step in the right direction to standardize this. He said he also agrees with a forum so the Public can participate, voice concerns about decisions being made about adding or subtracting crossing guard areas. He asked if there way anything else.

Commissioner Harris said he would propose no physical change would occur until next summer and that sometime late spring Mr. Hotelling come back with the results of what they learned from the surveys; just to let us know how things are processing.

Mr. Hotelling said he will provide the first follow up from the fall counts since that would be a complete list of locations. We know they will count every location starting this fall and after that we will come back with a follow up in the spring.

Commissioner Schreiber asked about the frequency of the follow up reports. The Transportation Commission would like to get a report and update on a regular basis. He did not know if the report or update should be an annually or what. It should not be something that would take a lot of effort. The Commission just needs to understand where a crossing maybe added or deleted on an annual basis.

Mr. Hotelling answered that he could look at adding an information item to the agenda whenever the appropriate time is to give the Transportation Commission an update progress report.

Chairman Mike Walker asked if there way anybody else. He called for a motion.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to recommending approval of the School Crossing Guard Index to aid in establishing a school crossing guard location with the amendment of having a Public participation procedures included in the process and Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

AYES: Commissioner Schreiber
Vice Chairman Thomas Walker
Commissioner Mc Daniel
Commissioner Harris
Commissioner Wright

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Mike Walker said the last part was to go back to future agenda items and meetings. He asked Mr. Parr if there was something they needed to be aware of.

Mr. Parr said the first thing he would like to ask Councilmember Lyda if he knew when new appointments would be made to the Transportation Commission.

Councilmember Lyda answered the end of this month. He said they had a lot of people apply for the Transportation Commission.

Mr. Parr said realistically the first meeting with a full Commission would be in November. Mr. Parr asked Mr. Hotelling if he was aware of anything we need to meet about between now and the first of the year or should we have our first meeting in January. Mr. Hotelling answered that he know there is a speed limit exception, we will have Michael Ryan there to talk about the communication policies the Town has, we will be looking at appointing/electing a liaison like we use

to have before the person moved on. Those are two items we will definitely have, so we should probably have a November meeting.

Chairman Mike Walker said it has been asked for an update on North Texas Council Governments (COG) also. He said that would be appropriate when the new members where here. He said not everyone is up to speed on their future plans and how Flower Mound fits into the Regional Transportation schemes. He said if we could get someone from COG to come in and give an update of what is happening at this point.

Mr. Hotelling said we will also have as part of the Complete Streets we passed on last meeting as part of that the Complete Streets will need to do a Thoroughfare Plan to incorporate some of these items into the Thoroughfare Plan to get some bike lanes and etc, so that will be another item. We will probably do a November so we can get it to Planning and Zoning and have it to Town Council in January.

Chairman Mike Walker said okay so we have something to do.

Commissioner Schreiber said he would also like to have a presentation from the DCTA liaison at some point. He said he had just read an article that the permanent railcars have been delivered so he would like to be able to understand how that new system is operating and what their other future plans are.

Commissioner Harris said that over the last few meetings we have had several requests for speed limit changes in subdivisions and he propose we add that as an agenda item, the criteria to establishing those with the eye of making it more stringent. He said he does not understand why all of Flower Mound needs to be 25 mph.

Chairman Mike Walker said he thinks this would also be good topic because this request is an agenda item on a regular basis. This would be a good topic for the new Commission members so they will understand why we review the request and the criteria used in making a recommendation to implement a speed limit change. He feels it would be good to bring it up for review as to why we are doing this and the history behind the policy. He said that would be added to the list.

Commissioner McDaniel said he would like the Commission and staff to thank Commissioner Wright for his service on the Commission because he has made the decision he will not be joining us in the future. He said we should all extend our thanks for the time he has spent with us and wish Commissioner Wright good endeavors from here on.

Commissioner Wright said he wanted to say thanks to the Town Council for the opportunity to serve these last few years.

Chairman Mike Walker told Commissioner Wright that they hate to see him leave. He thanked Commissioner Wright again for his service.

I. ADJOURNMENT – REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Mike Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.