

THE JOINT FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORK SESSION HELD ON THE 27th DAY OF MARCH, 2018, IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 6:00 P.M.

[Meeting Video Link](#): (subject to change)

The Town Council and Transportation Commission met in a work session with the following members present:

Town Council

Tom Hayden	Mayor
Don McDaniel	Mayor Pro Tem
Kevin Bryant	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Jason Webb	Councilmember Place 1
Bryan Webb	Councilmember Place 2

Transportation Commission

Thomas Walker	Chair
Chris Reed	Vice Chair
Robert Gunter	Place 1
Robert Caput	Place 2
Ron Hogue	Place 3
Brian Smiley	Place 4
Donald Gilmore	Place 5
Edward Horne	Place 8, Alternate
Drew Larson	Place 9, Alternate

with the following members absent:

Claudio Forest	Councilmember Place 5
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constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Anne Carnes	Executive Assistant
Jimmy Stathatos	Town Manager
Bryn Meredith	Town Attorney (for 1 st 10-15 minutes only)
Debra Wallace	Deputy Town Manager/CFO
Tommy Dalton	Assistant Town Manager
Tiffany Bruce	Engineering Manager
Matt Hotelling	Traffic Engineer

A. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Hayden called the work session to order at 5:58 p.m.

Councilmember Bryan Webb indicated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has requested a joint meeting with Council to discuss Lakeside Village. He proposed Council proceed in doing so next Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Mr. Meredith responded to questions or concerns from Council regarding timing and the notification process, which included the April 4th and April 16th meeting dates.

There was Council discussion as follows:

- Concerns regarding the sense of urgency as it relates to the Lakeside Village item, and the possibility that specific factors might be driving the rush

There was Council consensus to proceed with the special meeting on April 4th.

B./C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE

The invocation and pledge was inadvertently omitted during the meeting.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Names listed below don't necessarily reflect the order in which each person spoke and all addresses are located in Flower Mound unless otherwise indicated.

Administrative Note: Public Participation was opened initially at 6:53 p.m. and again after the staff presentation and Town Council/Transportation Commission discussion at 8:36 p.m. where some of the speakers below spoke again.

	Speaker names and address	Subject
1.	Adam Schiestel, 2205 Waterford Dr With donated time from: • Larry Ford, 1921 Shenandoah Ln	Morriss Road
2.	Elena Johnson, 1314 Blairwood Dr With donated time from: • Dee Ford, 1921 Shenandoah Ln	Morriss Road
3.	Mary Strickland, 3204 Springwood Rd With donated time from: • Steve Strickland, 3204 Springwood Rd	Morriss Road
4.	Sandeep Sharma, 2504 Stillwater Ct	Public Hearing
5.	Cathy Strathmann, 2612 Belmont Ct	Morriss 6
6.	Sandy Fambrough, 4105 Spring Meadow Ln	Voting
7.	Jim Engel, 5110 Bayberry St	Morriss Road
8.	Susie Stroop, 1405 Longbow Trail	Morriss Road
9.	Paul Stone, 4100 Broadway	Morriss Road
10.	William Payne, 5112 Wildwood Dr	Morriss Road
11.	Tony Lawrence, 1121 Coker Dr	Morriss Road

E. WORK SESSION ITEM

1. Discuss and consider whether or not to keep or change the current Morriss Road Thoroughfare Plan designation, and safety improvements.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bryant provided background information about the purpose of the meeting, which includes consideration for the various options for Morriss Road improvements.

Mayor Hayden offered comments in response to statements made during the public participation portion of the meeting.

Mr. Stathatos provided background information on the scope of work that has been done by staff to date, including various meetings with residents. He also indicated that a representative from LISD is available this evening.

Staff Presentation

Mr. Hotelling and Ms. Bruce gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- Thoroughfare designations
- Base project
- Project options
- Estimated cost
- Funding
- Other considerations

and they responded to questions from Transportation Commission members, Council, or the public as a result of public participation as follows:

- How wide is the bike lane on Wichita Trail
- Is it possible to take space out of the median to add a bike lane
- If the 12 foot lane option was considered, how would that be implemented
- What is the most narrow median width along the roadway between 3040 and 1171
- What about the possibility of shifting the road and making a dedicated combination bike lane/sidewalk similar to what they have in Europe
- Projecting out and maintenance cost associated with adding 2 feet over the lifetime of the roadway
- For the Fuqua and Forestwood Middle School right turn lane, where would the stop sign be if the hump is removed
- Clarification regarding signal timing improvement adjustments at FM 3040 and Morriss
- What is the available funding in the regional transportation funds
- Is there a certain funding amount and a period of time to complete the ADA requirements
- Clarification regarding the upgraded material option referenced for crosswalks
- What is considered the best way to get people out of Forestwood Middle School at Garden and Morriss
- What would be the purpose of the proposed no right on red at Garden and Morriss, and whether or not it can be dedicated to just school drop off and pick up times
- Possibility of adding another lane at Garden and Morriss for a dedicated right turn to create a better flow
- Clarification on areas of Town that have an extended school zone, and is the Forestwood Middle School at the maximum school zone length
- For the option of a 3 way stop, what is the problem that would be solved
- Would better markings come with the panel replacements
- Is there evidence that active speed limit signs reduce speed

- Is there going to be another traffic study now that the speed limit has been changed to know if there has been an impact (and how long will the orange flags remain up)
- What type of changes would LISD need to make if there were changes in pick up locations
- Since the conclusion has been reached to not have Morriss Road six lanes, can an amendment to the CIP be made to remove the capacity element, and are there any unintended consequences in doing that
- Concerns regarding not losing the regional funding previously earmarked given they are tied to capacity improvements
- On the Valley Ridge intersection improvements can the regional funds be used on that

There was discussion by either members of the Transportation Commission or Town Council as follows:

- What prompted the request for more input by the Transportation Commission after their last meeting on the topic of Morriss Road
- Clarification regarding the panel replacement aspects of the project and the associated cost
- Concerns regarding failure rates if the road was expanded to 12-ft lanes given it wouldn't be a full size panel
- If the fire department has concerns regarding the existing roadway width
- The possibility of adding a 5 foot bike lane and the 2 feet for a total of 7 feet to make up a full panel
- The Fuqua and Forestwood Middle School right turn lane option and the overall benefit, as well as cost concerns
- Would LISD be willing to assist with the traffic problem by lengthening the pickup line
- Transportation members sought clarification from Council regarding what are the expectations, what is the plan, what are the priorities, is there flexibility with funding, and is phasing an option
- How the role of the Transportation Commission is to consider the best plan possible and to consider consistency of service that is fair and equitable to all the citizens of the Town as it relates to standards and crosswalks, etc.
- How the feedback from the residents is in essence to do almost nothing
- How the designation change and speed limit was previously the only items being considered by the Transportation Commission at the last meeting, and now it appears that is shifting to potential fixes for Morriss Road and to make recommendations on those
- How more information, such as SMARTGrowth data or more traffic analysis, is needed prior to the Transportation Commission making a recommendation on a road designation change
- Since the conclusion has been reached to not have Morriss Road six lanes, can an amendment to the CIP be made to remove the capacity element, and are there any unintended consequences in doing that
- Background information about how the topic of Morriss Road improvements came back on the agenda

- How there will be an opportunity for public input at the Transportation Commission meeting when they are considering the options

Matthew Garrett, LISD, Director of Safety and Security

Mr. Garrett indicated he has been working with staff on exploring options, and he has been taking notes from comments made at tonight's meeting.

Council did not provide direction to staff because (and as stated by Councilmember Bryan Webb) the purpose of the meeting was to have a conversation with the Transportation Commission members, and then to allow them to do their job by evaluating the options presented, and then give their recommendation on what should happen. Then Council can take it forward from there.

F. ADJOURN WORK SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel adjourned the work session at 8:48pm and all were in favor.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

Thomas E. Hayden

THOMAS E. HAYDEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Anne Carnes

ANNE CARNES, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT