

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION BOARD
JANUARY 20, 2009**

Item 1:

The Lewisville Transportation Board was called to order at 6:48 p.m. Members present: Jim Gallegos (Vice-Chairman), James Davis, Alvin Turner, and Karen Boenker, Rod Russell (Chairman) and Joy Townsend. Member William "Bill" Price was absent.

Staff members present: Kevin Nims, John Black, Gene Lewis, Mary Paron-Boswell and Todd Taylor of the Police Department.

Item 2:

A motion was made by Karen Boenker to approve the October 21, 2008 meeting minutes, seconded by James Davis. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Item 3:

The visitors/citizens forum was the next item on the agenda. There being no one present to speak, the forum was closed.

Item 4:

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of establishing the maximum speed limit on College Street from the northbound frontage road of Interstate Highway 35E to Mill Street; and recommendation of the revision to the City Council. Staff gave a brief presentation indicating that they had conducted a speed study for this area which showed that the typical speeds ranged from 23 to 33 mph. The current speed limit for the section of College St. from Mill St. to Railroad St. is 30 mph, while the section from Interstate Highway 35E to Mill St. is 35 mph. The recommendation is to reduce the speed from 35 mph to 30 mph, making the entire stretch from IH 35E to Railroad St. uniform. James Davis asked how the residents would be made aware of the change. Staff indicated that they would post new signs and that flags would be placed on the signs to draw people's attention. A motion was made by Karen Boenker to recommend approval of the proposed lower speed limit to City Council. The motion was seconded by James Davis and approved unanimously (6-0).

Item 5:

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a comprehensive speed zone ordinance for existing speed zones listed in Article II Speed Limits Sec. 15-35, City Code of Ordinances. Staff gave a brief presentation indicating that they would like to create a new comprehensive speed zone ordinance that is both comprehensive and easier to read. A correction to one of the listed areas was pointed out, which staff indicated they would correct. A motion was made by Karen Boenker to recommend approval of the comprehensive speed zone ordinance, seconded by Joy Townsend. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Item 6:

A report on the Duncan Lane parking issue was the next item on the agenda. Staff reported that Flower Mound has posted no parking along their portion. Lewisville staff does not recommend parking restrictions in this area at this time, but think that a better alternative at this time is to erect guide signs encouraging patrons to use the parking lots provided in the park by the Town of Flower Mound. Since this is a park issue, staff feels that the expense of erecting and maintaining the signs should be borne by the Town of Flower Mound or GLASA (Greater Lewisville Area Soccer Association).

Item 7:

A report on traffic signal projects was the next item on the agenda. Members had questions on how the list was determined and what was involved in the warrant study to have a site not on the list approved. Staff went over that aspect of the selection process. Staff indicated that the project would take approximately 18 months to complete.

Item 8:

There was nothing on the agenda under "Other Business". Members asked staff what the best way to get their questions answered. Staff indicated that they could call staff any time. Staff indicated that they would be getting some grant money to replace existing ground sensors with video detection on various roads in the city. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

John Black
Traffic Engineer

Rod Russell
Chairman