



MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OCTOBER 20, 2009

**Item 1:**

The Lewisville Transportation Board was called to order at 6:42 p.m. Members present: Karen Boenker, Jim Gallegos (Vice-Chairman), Alvin Turner, Rod Russell (Chairman), William "Bill" Price, Joy Townsend, and James Davis.

Staff members present: Kevin Nims, John Black and Gene Lewis.

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**Item 2:**

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from July 7, 2009. The board moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

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**Item 3:**

The visitors/citizens forum was the next item on the agenda. The chairman opened the opportunity for anyone present to speak on items not on the agenda. There being no one present to speak, the forum was closed.

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**Item 4:**

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Kevin Nims on a consideration to prohibit parking on the east side of Savage Street from Point Road to 400 feet northwest of Oakridge Boulevard. Mr. Nims explained that the school property was being converted from district office space to a middle school for the 2010 school year beginning next August. Some of the students currently attending Delay Middle School will be transferred to this new facility.

Joy Townsend expressed a concern about the lack of parking and asked if the City could provide more parking on site. Gene Lewis explained that additional parking will be built on site as part of the development.

Rod Russell asked why the parking prohibition should be moved to the east side when the existing parking prohibition on the west side of Savage Street seemed to be working well. Kevin Nims explained that the parking restriction on the west side of Savage Street was intended to keep the driveways clear and improve visibility for drivers exiting the drives. Mr. Nims also explained that the request came from local residents.

Dan Howard of 414 Sandra Drive spoke to the board in support of the request. He presented a photograph to illustrate his concern about the width of the street. Mr. Howard stated that the width of the roadway was inadequate for two-way traffic with parking allowed on both sides of the street. Joy Townsend commented that his picture helped to clarify his concern.

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A motion was made by Karen Boenker to make a recommendation to the City Council to prohibit parking on the east side of Savage Street from Point Road to 400 feet northwest of Oakridge Boulevard. The motion was seconded by James Davis and approved unanimously (7-0).

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**Item 5:**

The next item was presented by Kevin Nims concerning the speed limits on the frontage roads of State Highway 121 from Farm to Market Road 544 to Standridge Drive. Mr. Nims explained that this completed the establishment of new speed limits on the frontage roads of SH 121 required by the completion of the main toll-lanes. He explained that the Transportation Board had already considered the speed limits for the sections in southern Lewisville and the section to the south of FM 544 and that the City Council had approved those speed limits. He explained that this recent speed study completed the survey for the frontage roads in Lewisville.

Rod Russell asked what the present posted speed is. Kevin Nims explained that it is presently posted for 55 miles per hour established by the design engineer for the construction period, but that an ordinance must be established to continue enforcement.

A motion was made by Karen Boenker to make a recommendation to the City Council to establish the speed limits on the State Highway 121 frontage roads from Farm to Market Road 544 to Standridge Drive of 55 miles per hour. The motion was seconded by Jim Gallegos and approved unanimously (7-0).

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**Item 6:**

The next item was an information item presented by Kevin Nims concerning recent State regulations prohibiting the use of cell phones in school zones. Mr. Nims explained that the maximum \$200 fine posted under all school zone signs in the City provides the maximum possible fine for a vehicle misdemeanor and that the law only applies to hand held phone usage.

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**Item 7:**

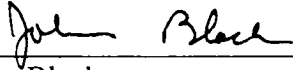
The next item on the agenda was a report on traffic signal improvements and grant projects. John Black updated the board on current CIP and grant projects underway in the City. A map was provided to show the locations of the projects and familiarize the board with work underway over the next 18 months.

The City will complete three new traffic signals on Vista Ridge Mall Boulevard within a month. These locations were recommended by the Transportation Board for the 2008-2009 Traffic Signal Improvement Program. Mr. Black explained that traffic studies are underway to assist the Board recommend locations for the 2010 – 2011 Traffic Signal Improvement Program at the next meeting in January.

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There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

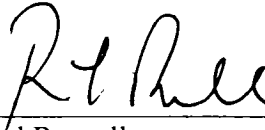
Respectfully submitted,



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John Black  
City Traffic Engineer

Approved,



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Rod Russell  
Chairman