

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TSAC)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 3:00 PM Public Safety Training Room, Police Station, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch

MINUTES

OPEN MEETING

1. Roll Call - Declaration of a Quorum

Present:

Chairperson Al Schmidt, Vice Chairperson Chris Doepke

Committee Members: Shawn Balusek, Denise Fortenberry, John Wall, Sharon Brimhall,

and Josh Cooke

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance –** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM

3. Citizens to be heard

Resident Doug Miller spoke during agenda item #10 and requested that the speed limit be reduced to 30 mph due to public safety concerns citing inconsistencies of posted speed limit signs, hills, traffic and narrow roads in this residential area.

The following residents spoke regarding whether to replace the raised crosswalk on Battle Intense during agenda item #10.

Resident John Weir voiced opposition to keeping the raised crosswalk on Battle Intense.

Residents Cynthia Mitchell, Shirley Wold, and Carol Weir spoke in support of keeping the raised crosswalk.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of the February 26, 2025 Regular Transportation Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes

MOTION: Made by John Wall, seconded by Chris Doepke, to approve the consent agenda as

amended to include language about a study being performed for Item #8, No Le Hace as

a final action of the staff.

VOTE:

7 - 0, Motion Passed

CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Consideration and possible action on a request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn (west) to 30 mph

MOTION: Made by Sharon Brimhall, seconded by Al Schmidt, to recommend City Council lower the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn Road west from 35 mph to 30 to be more consistent with Diet Elkhorn east and due to the nearby playground.

VOTE: 2 - 5, Motion Failed, Nays: Doepke, Balusek, Fortenbery, Wall, and Cooke

MOTION: Made by Denise Fortenbery, seconded by Sharon Brimhall, to change the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph from the stop sign at Square Gate to Old Fredericksburg Road.

VOTE: 3 – 4, Motion Failed; Nays: Doepke, Balusek, Wall, and Cooke

6. Consideration and possible action on placing two caution "Intersection Ahead" signs on Keeneland Drive before the Battle Intense and Venturer intersection

By consensus, the Committee opted not to take up this item as it did not meet the requirement according to TSAC Rules and Procedures 8.4 as no new safety information was provided and a period of 365 days had not been met.

- 7. **Consideration and possible action to not replace the raised crosswalk on Battle Intense**By consensus, the Committee opted not to consider this item pending discussion on Item #10.
- 8. Consideration and possible action on reducing the speed limit on Rolling Acres Trail from 35 mph to 30 mph

MOTION: Made by Denise Fortenbery, seconded by Vice Chairperson Chris Doepke to recommend reducing the speed limit on Rolling Acres trail because of inconsistent signage, because it is narrow, there are sight line issues, there are sunshine problems at the most trafficked part of the day, there have been several mailboxes hit and there is high pedestrian and cyclist traffic on that road as well as a recommendation that caution signs be added to Rolling Acres indicating curves ahead.

VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Passed

9. Consideration and possible action on reducing the speed limit on FM 3351 (Ralph Fair Road) from 55 mph to 45 mph within the city limits of Fair Oaks Ranch

MOTION: Made by Denise Fortenbery, seconded by Sharon Brimhall to recommend that the City Council consider submitting an official request asking TxDOT to perform a traffic study within our City Limits on Ralph Fair Road.

VOTE: 6 – 0 – 1 Abstain: John Wall, Motion Passed

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Al Schmidt, Chairperson

10. Consideration and possible action to replace the Battle Intense raised crosswalk and to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on battle Intense from Fairway Valley and Keeneland Drive

MOTION: Made by John Wall, seconded by Chris Doepke to reaffirm Council's action and intent to

reinstall the raised crosswalk as soon as possible.

VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Passed

MOTION: Made by Chris Doepke, seconded by Denise Fortenbery, to ask the City to perform traffic

data studies after reinstalling the raised crosswalks to provide more information on the

effects of the crosswalk.

7 - 0. Motion Passed VOTE:

REPORTS

11. Create a second fire lane a Terra Vista and other suggested items

Carole Vanzant, Assistant City Manager, provided a report regarding a request for a second fire lane on Terra Vista. After consulting with the Fire Official it was concluded that a second fire lane was not warranted. Staff met with the Fair Oaks Ranch Golf and Country Club regarding parking enhancements. The existing fire lane has been repainted and the police will continue to monitor.

12. Status of ongoing transportation safety tasks

Carole Vanzant, Assistant City Manager, provided a status update on the ongoing transportation safety tasks.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 5:09 PM.

ATTEST:

Amanda Valdez, TRMC.

Deputy City Secretary