

Matthews Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes March 27, 2008

The Matthews Transportation Advisory Committee met on March 27, 2008 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Larry Lester, Ken Randall and Ed Smallwood. Also present was Ralph Messera, Public Works Director.

Mr. Lester called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Mr. Smallwood moved that the minutes of the February 22nd meeting be approved and this was passed.

Again, due to the absence of a member, Mr. Randall moved that the election of officers be delayed one more month, seconded by Mr. Smallwood and passed. It was suggested that if there were still absences at the April meeting, that the election be held anyway.

Mr. Messera presented a petition from the residents of Tracelake Drive and Saddletree Court to convert the existing one-way stop to a three-way stop. Mr. Messera introduced Mr. Hubert Helms, the lead petitioner, who discussed the situation on Tracelake with speeding. Mr. Messera advised that the petition met the requirements for consideration. Mr. Smallwood moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the intersection be converted to a three-way stop, seconded by Mr. Lester and passed.

The committee then reviewed the rezoning petition #527, Plantation Village. Mr. Messera and Mr Rob Hume of Kimley Horn reviewed the history of the S. Trade Street project and the effect the petition will have on the committee recommended, and Board adopted, reconfiguration of the intersection. Mr. Smallwood reminded the committee that the committees original recommendation was to support the original five-lane configuration and that the four lane plan with the intersections configuration was a compromise. There was a substantial amount of discussion, along with input from the petitioners, who were present at the meeting. There was also concern expressed about the possible connection of S. Fremont Street to Fullwood Lane.

It was the consensus of the committee to wait until after the Board's public hearing on April 14th to take any position on the rezoning. It will be placed back on the Committee's agenda for April 17th.

Mr. Messera gave the committee updates on all of the road projects around town. He then presented to the committee the same presentation he had made for the Board of Commissioners at the Planning Conference, reviewing the results of the Pavement Condition Survey, the proposed Pavement Permit & Degradation Fee proposal, the possibility of an increased auto tag fee for street repair and maintenance, and the planned focus change of the Public Works Street Division.

There being no further business, Mr. Lester adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Ralph S. Messera
Public Works Director