

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2011

The City Council Transportation Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the 23rd day of June, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted in the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmembers Butler, Cubberley, Kovach,
Chairman Quinn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Mark Campbell, Interested citizen
Mr. Angelo Lombardo, Traffic Engineer
Mr. Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works
Ms. Janice Oak, Progressive Independence
Ms. Linda Price, Revitalization Manager
Ms. Syndi Runyon, Administrative Technician IV

DISCUSSION REGARDING CART RIDERSHIP REPORT INCLUDING SAFERIDE AND EXTENDED SERVICE.

Chairman Quinn said comments or question regarding the ridership report would have to be postponed as no Staff from CART is in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Items submitted for the record

1. Cleveland Area Rapid Transit Ridership Totals for the Month of May 2011

REPORT ON DUMP THE PUMP DAY EVENT.

CART Staff was not in attendance to give a report.

BIKE LANE IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE/SPEED TABLE MODIFICATION.

Mr. Angelo Lombardo, Traffic Engineer, said he wanted to update the Committee on the Bike Lane Implementation Plan and also discuss a new development of the plan. He said some of the streets scheduled for bike lanes have speed tables and modification to the speed tables will be required in order to install the bike lanes.

Mr. Lombardo said City Council approved Resolution R-1011-55 in October 2010, revising Norman's Bike Route Map as recommended by the Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee. He said the revised map features the re-introduction of five foot wide bike lanes along several streets; however, some of the streets have speed tables that will need to be modified. He said the streets identified with speed tables are Oklahoma Avenue, Shiloh Drive, and Beaumont Drive. He said the City is also in the process of receiving a 100% federally funded project to stripe City streets designated by the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) as federally functionally classified roadways and of those designated streets, three have speed tables and they are Boyd Street, McGee Drive, and Oakhurst Avenue. He said bike lane striping of streets not designated by ACOG will be funded by unused Bike Route Improvement Project funds.

Mr. Lombardo said highlighted the process of how speed tables should be modified. He said, on asphalt roadways the City will mill and overlay both edges of the speed table and on concrete roadways, the tables would be saw cut and the concrete panel removed or the table could be milled and patched with asphalt. He said there are seven concrete roadway tables to modify at a cost of \$3,650 per table and nine asphalt roadway tables at a cost of \$1,500 per table for a total project cost of \$39,050.

Mr. Lombardo said funds to modify the tables are available in the Bike Paths Project account; however, Staff would like to use that money for striping and signage, which would cost approximately \$55,000.00. He said Staff recommends utilizing funds from the Traffic Calming Program account, which has an unencumbered balance of \$74,350.57. He said City Council would need to approve a change order with Rudy Construction Company, the Traffic Calming Program contractor. He said the Street Division has a number of contracts they use for milling and overlaying that could be tapped into for this project.

Chairman Quinn was concerned that removing the edges of the tables that are currently adhered to the roadway would create a problem with water or moisture seeping in and loosening the tables. Mr. Lombardo said there are ways to seal the ends to prevent that and the contractor will form a two inch depression to tie the ends back onto the roadway. He said what you want to avoid is "feathering" off asphalt onto concrete service because the bonding would not last any length of time.

Councilmember Kovach said the risk for the bicyclist is not so much the speed table, but that it is not designed for bikes to travel over the table. He asked if work could be done in the bicycle lane to make the table more like a ramp so a bicyclist can transition over the table and asked if that had been reviewed. Mr. Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works, said that would be difficult to do and may create drainage problems.

Councilmember Cubberley suggested striping or coloring on the bike lanes so bicyclist will have a visual aid to warn them that speed table edges will be in the bike lanes and to use caution when approaching.

Councilmember Kovach said it will be hard to rationalize to the public that the cost of modifying speed tables cost more than the cost of the speed table.

Items submitted for the record

1. PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Bike Lane Implementation Updated Speed Table Modification," City Council Transportation Committee, June 23, 2011

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Items submitted for the record

1. Oklahoma Department of Transportation I-35 South Public Hearing with map dated June 22, 2011
2. Memorandum dated June 10, 2011, from Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works, to Steve Lewis, City Manager
3. PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Public Hearing I-35 South Environmental Assessment," dated June 22, 2011

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

