

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
APRIL 25, 2019**

Council Workroom

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order

The Strategic Plan Committee of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met on the 25 day of April, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room of City Hall for the Strategic Plan Committee meeting.

Present:	Tim Welch	City Council Member, Chairman
	Rita Wright-Oujesky	City Council Member, Vice Chairperson
	Brent Barrow	City Council Member
	Jerry Tyner	Planning and Zoning Commissioner
	Justin Welborn	Planning and Zoning Commissioner
	Amy Steele	Committee Member
	Brian Crowson	Committee Member
	Danny Beltran	Committee Member
	Karen Russell	Committee Member
	Lee Knight	Alternate Committee Member
	Mark Wood	Committee Member
	Suzy Compton	Committee Member
	Tracye Tipps	Committee Member
Absent:	Blake Hedgecock	Committee Member
	Skip Baskerville	Committee Member
	Tim Barth	Committee Member
Staff Members:	Clayton Comstock	Planning Director
	Clayton Husband	Principal Planner
	Chad VanSteenberg	Planner
	John Chapman	Planning Technician
	Caroline Waggoner	Public Works Director
	Mark Hindman	City Manager
	Paulette Hartman	Deputy City Manager

Council Member Tim Welch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Approve minutes of the November 5, 2018, Strategic Plan Committee meeting.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RITE WRIGHT-OUJESKY, SECONDED BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER JUSTIN WELBORN TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2018. STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 11-0.

3. **Presentation by City of North Richland Hills planning staff and Freese and Nichols, Inc. on the draft Vision2030 Transportation Plan, including the following:**

Planning Director Clayton Comstock welcomed the Committee Members and provided an overview of the agenda items.

- 3.A **Planning Process for the Transportation Plan, including input, goals, and existing and future transportation conditions.**

Mr. Comstock introduced the draft Vision2030 Transportation Plan and the consultants from Freese and Nichols, Inc.

Edward Haas with Freese and Nichols, Inc., provided the objectives associated with the Vision2030 Transportation Plan.

Mr. Haas provided the process overview of the Transportation Plan.

Mr. Haas presented the transportation goals: 1) Mobility and Access; 2) Focus on Implementation; 3) Improve Economic Vitality; and 4) Enhance Quality of Life.

Mr. Haas introduced the overview of existing conditions and introduced Daniel Herrig. Mr. Herrig presented the existing conditions of the transportation network.

Mr. Herrig presented on the regional and national bike cultures and how it relates to the existing transportation network.

Mr. Herrig presented future conditions base on the North Central Texas Council model. Mr. Herrig also presented on potential new technologies that could have an impact on the future conditions and transportation policies.

Mr. Herrig asked for questions from the Committee.

Council Member Tim Welch stated collectors within the City serve surrounding cities as well.

Committee Member Suzy Compton and Mr. Herrig discussed the future condition and layout of Hightower Drive.

Committee Member Amy Steele asked Freese and Nichols where the bike information was collected from. Mr. Herrig stated Texas Department of Transportation maintains a report of pedestrian and bike crashes involving vehicles.

3.B Explanation of the Design Decision Process, including rightsizing and functional classifications, land use contexts, the Bike Plan, and other design elements and cross section designs.

Mr. Herrig continued to present on the design decision process for the Transportation Plan, which includes five steps: 1) Functional Classification Map, 2) Land Use Context, 3) User Hierarchy, 4) Right-of-Way Zone Design Elements, and 5) Design Section.

Mr. Herrig presented step one, Functional Classifications, of the design decision process for the Transportation Plan. Mr. Herrig presented on rightsizing of streets, which identified certain rights-of-way through a travel demand model. Mr. Herrig stated rightsizing is the process of relocating pavement and right-of-way space to better serve the content of the roadway and goals of the community. Mr. Herrig stated there are two types of rightsizing: reallocation, which reduces travel lanes, and redesignation, which preempts widening.

Mr. Herrig presented step 2, Land Use Context, of the design decision process for the Transportation Plan. Mr. Herrig stated the right-of-way network should be context-sensitive, and flexible for future changes.

Mr. Herrig presented step 3, User Hierarchy, of the design decision process for the

Transportation Plan and introduced Ken Ray with Toole Design. Mr. Ray presented the bicycle facilities plan including the 2030 Plan, which identifies facilities that can be implemented by 2030, and the Vision Plan, which identifies a long-term network with higher comfort facilities. Mr. Ray provided an overview of the Active Transportation Pattern Book, which includes best practices, a visual glossary of building blocks, and flexibility for local content.

Mr. Ray presented step 4, Right-of-Way Zone Design Elements, of the design process for the Transportation Plan, which includes recommendations for intersection treatments, street lighting and furniture, and driveways and medians.

Mr. Ray presented step 5, Cross Section Design, of the design process for the Transportation Plan, which provides recommendations for development of design cross sections.

Mr. Ray asked the Committee for questions.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Justin Welborn asked how many roads in North Richland Hills have speed limits above miles per hour. Director of Public Works Caroline Waggoner stated many of the collectors and arterial roads have posted speed limits above or around 40 miles per hour. Mr. Herrig stated the plan has recommendations for safe facilities where the posted speed limit is 40 miles per hour. Commissioner Welborn and Mr. Herrig discussed recommended bicycle facility recommendations for major arterial and collector roadways.

Committee Member Steele and the consultants discussed what the various trails will look like. Committee Member Steele and the consultants also discussed wayfinding signs.

Committee Member Steele and the consultants discussed rightsizing scenarios where residents use the roadway as parking and how the Transportation Plan can facilitate citizen needs. Mr. Comstock also stated the plan gives the flexibility in design to facilitate citizen needs and also provide additional pedestrian facilities.

Committee Member Brian Crowson and the consultants discussed the plan's recommendation for roundabouts.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Jerry Tyner and the consultants discussed how unique the functional classifications are and if they can be related to adjacent cities.

Commissioner Tyner and the consultants discussed rightsizing on Smithfield and how the model looked at data based on A.M. or P.M. traffic patterns.

Commissioner Tyner and Mr. Ray discussed grade separation for trails.

Deputy City Manager Paulette Hartman stated the plan is a recommendation that may be adopted and implemented if the opportunity presented itself.

3.C Target corridor recommendations.

Mr. Herrig presented target corridors and what those corridors could look like based on the plan's recommendations. The corridors that were discussed included: Hightower Drive (Smithfield Rd to Davis Blvd), Hightower Drive (Michael to Eden), Eden Road (Rumfield Rd to Amundson Dr), Amundson Drive (Main St to Precinct Line Rd), Meadow Road (Hightower Dr to Chapman Rd), Iron Horse Boulevard (Rufe Snow Dr to Mid-Cities Blvd), Bedford-Eules Road (Boulevard 26 to Strummer), and Holiday Lane (NE Loop 820 to Liberty Way).

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Welborn, the consultants, and Ms. Waggoner discussed the plan's recommendation for Meadow Road from Hightower Drive to Chapman Road.

Committee Member Suzy Compton and the consultants discussed the level of safety along Holiday Lane.

3.D Action Plan

Mr. Herrig presented the Action Plan for the Draft Vision2030 Transportation Plan. The plan contains five categories: Operations and Maintenance, Transportation and Land Use Interface, Encouraging Multimodal Transportation, Technology and Innovation, and Funding and Prioritization.

4. Questions and discussion regarding the Vision2030 Transportation Plan.

There was no addition questions or discussion.


5. Adjournment

City Council Member Tim Welch adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



Tim Welch, Council Member

Attest:



John Chapman, Secretary