



MEETING AGENDA



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Sonya Y. McKinstry

Council Public Projects Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 Council Chamber 2:30 p.m.

TOPIC	PRESENTER	SUPPORTING MATERIAL
Approval of Minutes		
NEW BUSINESS		
1. Discussion of installation of rumble strips on Cypress Creek Avenue	Councilor McKinstry	2-3
2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate with the Alabama Department of Transportation to convert the designation of Greensboro Avenue from 15 th Street to Skyland Boulevard and 15 th Street/Veterans Memorial Parkway from Greensboro Avenue to University Boulevard from State surface routes to City streets	Mayor Maddox	4
3. Resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings regarding the Fosters Ferry Road Improvements project	Tom Bobitt	5-6
4. Discussion of policy requirements for speed calming devices	Councilor McKinstry	
ADJOURN		

Memorandum

May 7, 2021

To: Wendy Shelby, P.E.

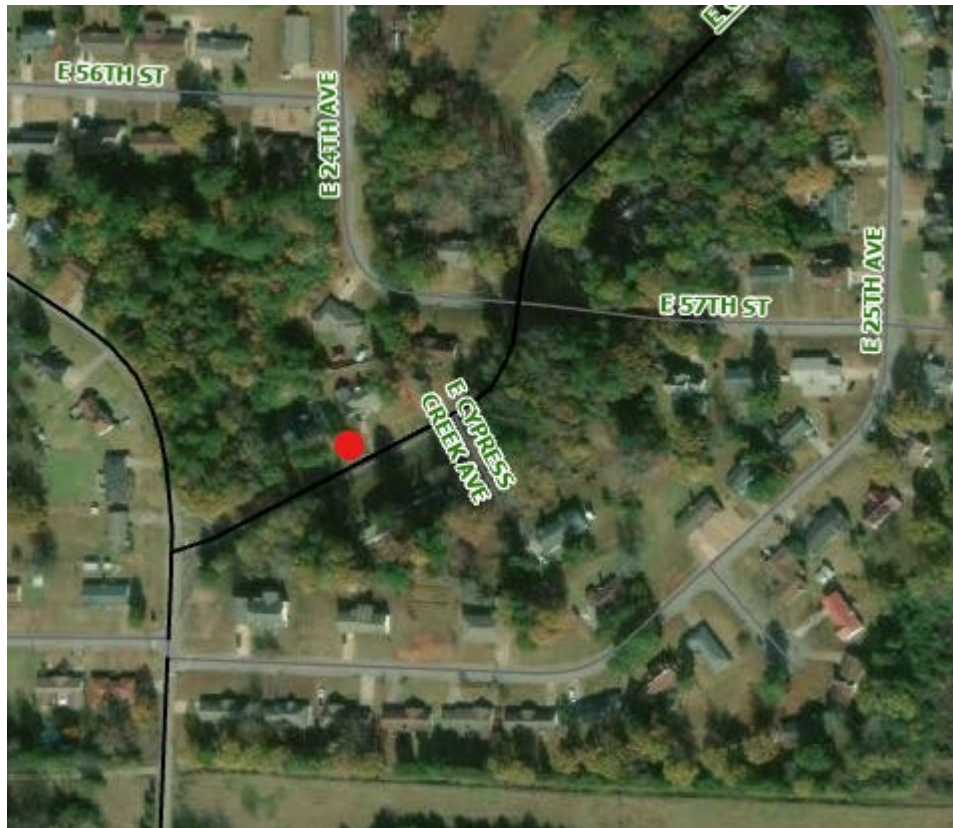
From: Jeremy D. Jones, P.E.

**RE: Cypress Creek Avenue – Rumble Strip request
Repeated private property damage due to run off the road vehicle collision**

Request:

Councilor McKinstry requested the installation of rumble strips on Cypress Creek Avenue in order to prevent, or mitigate potential additional damages to a brick mailbox located at 5720 Cypress Creek Avenue. Ms. McKinstry reported that the mailbox has been destroyed five times due to errant drivers, and she proposed the installation of rumble strips to alert drivers and cause them to slow down and pay closer attention to the roadway in this area.

Map:





Site/Roadway Conditions:

The subject site is a segment of Cypress Creek Avenue between Jug Factory Road and 57th Street East. This segment is within the City Limits and is maintained by the City of Tuscaloosa Infrastructure and Public Services Department. The Functional Classification is a 'Major Collector', and the legal speed limit is 25MPH. The nearest roadway to the south is Jug Factory Road and the intersection is stop controlled on the Cypress Creek Avenue approach. The nearest intersection to the north is with 57th Street East, which is all-way stop controlled.

Safety Investigation:

A safety assessment was conducted which included a review of crash reports, a site review, and an interview with the property owner. Four crashes were found and reviewed using the Alabama Safety Portal. The first was a one-vehicle run-off-the-road collision with a brick mailbox at 5727 Cypress Creek Avenue, which is across the street from the subject address. The driver reported the incident occurred due to his driving drowsy. The other three crashes were incorrectly geographically located when entered into the safety portal. This issue raises some minor concerns over the completeness of the data being reviewed at the subject site. The second crash reviewed had an unknown cause, since there were no witnesses available to the event. The destroyed mailbox and vehicle parts were all that were available. In one of the remaining two crashes, the driver stated that after rounding the curve, the late afternoon sun got into his eyes, which affected his ability to clearly see the roadway. In the last crash report, the driver stated that she was looking for her lost hubcap and took her eyes off the roadway. No correlation among the crashes is apparent, nor is there any indication of a roadway deficiency. The crash reports estimate the vehicles speeds as being 30 to 35 MPH.

Engineering Considerations:

Rumble strips are an effective means of alerting drivers to a changing roadway condition, such as a stop sign being located where one is uncommon or unexpected. This location, however, is not consistent with that purpose/use since it is approximately mid-way between two stop signs.

Rumble strips have not been proven particularly effective at reducing speeds at other locations. In addition, overuse of traffic control devices conditions drivers to ignore them, thus diluting their effectiveness in other areas.

Recommendation:

Rumble strips should not be installed at this location.

A follow-up review of this roadway segment should be conducted in one year.

APPROVED


Office of the City Attorney

Prepared By: TDB/bpj

Requested: Projects 5/11/2021

Presentation on: 5/11/2021

Suspension of Rules: No

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVERT THE DESIGNATION OF GREENSBORO AVENUE FROM 15TH STREET TO SKYLAND BOULEVARD AND 15TH STREET/VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY FROM GREENSBORO AVENUE TO UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD FROM STATE SURFACE ROUTES TO CITY STREETS (A21-0608)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL that the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized to negotiate with the Alabama Department of Transportation to convert the designation of Greensboro Avenue from 15th Street to Skyland Boulevard and 15th Street/Veterans Memorial Parkway from Greensboro Avenue to University Boulevard from State surface routes to City streets subject to final approval of all terms and conditions by the City Council.

FUNDING REQUIRED: Yes No

By: _____
Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL ACTION

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

Office of the City Attorney

Prepared By: TDB
Requested: Projects Date: 5/11/21
Presentation on: 5/11/21
Suspension of Rules: No

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION BY CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR EASEMENTS AND PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS REGARDING RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND UTILITIES FOR THE FOSTERS FERRY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (A18-0643) (21-0099)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That it is hereby determined and declared by the City Council of Tuscaloosa that it is necessary, useful and expedient to acquire easements and property acquisitions regarding right of way for public street and utilities for the Fosters Ferry Road Improvements Project, a City of Tuscaloosa Infrastructure Project, and that such Project be constructed, used, maintained and operated across certain property located within Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; and, to that end, certain tracts of property for all purposes, presently, and from time to time in the future as the City may elect for construction of such Project on, over, across, or through lands as hereinafter described, be acquired by condemnation proceedings pursuant to Section 11-47-170 and Section 11-80-1 of the Code of Alabama (1975); and, that the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to institute and prosecute to conclusions such condemnation proceedings.

It is further declared that said property herein authorized to be acquired for the construction use, maintenance and operation of the Project and for the uses and purposes herein described, as located on, over, across and through the following described parcel of land in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, to-wit:

All identified Tracts of land describing easements or property acquisition regarding right of way for public street and utilities for the Fosters Ferry Road Improvements Project that have not been executed by the respective Tract property owners by May 11, 2021 and/or received by the City.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be done any and all things necessary, useful or expedient in carrying into effect all the things herein authorized, directed or provided to be done, and is also authorized to do, or cause to be done, any and all things necessary, useful or expedient to effect the condemnation of said land and other rights as aforesaid; that the said Mayor be, and he is hereby, further authorized to execute all bonds and other papers necessary or useful to be done in such condemnation proceedings and

to sign and issue checks for the payment of any and all costs, damages or compensation incurred or fixed in said condemnation proceedings.

STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA)

I, Carly Standridge City Clerk of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of Tuscaloosa at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11th day of May 2021, as the same appears and remains of record in the record book in my office wherein are recorded the Minutes of the proceedings of said Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the official seal of said City of Tuscaloosa, this the ____ day of _____, 2021.

Carly Standridge City Clerk

FUNDING REQUIRED: Yes No

By: _____
Finance Director

COUNCIL ACTION

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