



Minutes

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WORK SESSION
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS
Pat Bryson Municipal Hall ~ 201 North Brushy Street
Leander, Texas**

Thursday ~ July 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm

**Place 1 Chris Schwendenmann
Place 2 Morgan Cotten
Place 3 Jason Anderson
Place 4 Sid Sokol - Chair**

**Place 5 Richard Allen – Vice Chair
Place 6 Angela Means
Place 7 Marshall Hines**

This meeting is open to the Public but does not allow for public participation. No action will be taken by the Planning and Zoning Commissioners regarding City business before, during or after this meeting

1. Open Work Session
Vice Chair Allen opened the work session at 6:05 pm
2. Roll Call
**All Commissioners were present except Chair Sokol, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Cotten.
Chair Sokol arrived at 6:10 p.m. and took his seat.
Commissioner Cotten arrived at 6:55 p.m. and took his seat.**
3. Transportation Plan Discussion
 - a. Staff Presentation (10 minutes)
Terri Crauford, Assistant City Engineer, presented the draft of the Transportation Plan.
 - b. Thoroughfare Map and Cross Sections (15 minutes)
 - c. Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Plan and Map (15 minutes)
 - d. General Discussion (10 minutes)
The Planning & Zoning Commission discussed the draft of the Transportation Plan.
 - **Staff needs to consider intersection controls such as roundabouts.**

- Provisions should be included for right turn lanes with regard to encouraging the traffic to not go straight and to turn right.
- The entire community needs to be considered with this plan including pedestrians, cyclists, and people with disabilities.
- Wider travel lanes encourage higher speeds, the extra pavement width should be used for on street cyclist facilities. Consider providing on-street bike lanes for higher speed cyclists and wider sidewalks/hike and bike trails for slower speed cyclists.
- Provide data to support the need for bicycle lanes on the street.
- The City should consider adopting requirements for cyclist visibility such as flags or blinking lights.
- Sidewalk construction should be part of the construction of all new roadways.
- Sidewalk construction should not be deferred until site development for projects other than single-family.
- The timing for pedestrian crosswalk signals should be evaluated.
- Sidewalk alignment should be rational and provide for direct connections to the crossing, reduce curvy sidewalks close to intersections.
- Provide refuge areas in the median breaks for pedestrians.
- Include provisions that will require landscaping in medians along arterial and collector roadways.
- Plan for street trees.

4. Adjournment at **7:05 pm**