



Substandard Roads Task Force
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2024

Please sign-in from Teams chat: Cindy Decker, Jeremy Trahan, Rajeev Jain, Michael Bass, Ken Otter, Ge'Nell Gary, Glenn Trubee, Dan Lee, Steve Smith, Nicodemus Abowd, Patrick Lopez, Mick Long, Lisa McKenzie, VJ Sananda, Monique Coleman,

Substandard Road Task Force members:

Ge'Nell Gary

Rajeev Jain

Dan Lee

Patrick Lopez

Glenn Trubee

Travis County TNR representatives:

David Greear, P.E., Public Works Director

John Routh, P.E., PMP, Public Works Assistant Director

Kathy Hardin, P.E., Public Works Engineer

1. Citizen Communications

- a. Steve Smith presented Hillmoore and difficulties since the road is substandard. Mr. Smith had engineering design performed cost approximately \$80,000, the only item holding up a County permit is tree Mitigation. He stated that the engineer's estimate is \$500,000 including drainage improvements. He described the activities occurring on the weekend, on street parking, unlicensed food vendors, etc.
- b. Chief Trahan confirmed numerous calls to this location over the years and the difficult access for emergencies is a safety concern. He has the records of the calls to his office.
- c. The Task Force discussed if in-kind contributions would be acceptable. It was agreed this could be acceptable and could be reflected in Chapter 384. A matrix column for monetary or in-kind contributions was added. The Task Force also requested a column (benefit) be noted for parking and other safety specific problems.
- d. Michael Bass stated that he is representing the Senna Hills community with substandard roads. He asked about non-ADA compliant sidewalks and a license agreement. Travis County has not allowed that due to case law. Mr. Bass asked for a copy of that information. He also asked if ADA allowed for sidewalks along steep roads to be granted a waiver from ADA. That is unknown by the meeting attendees. Travis County pointed out some locations on the roads via Google maps that cannot be accepted, ADA ramps, etc.
- e. VJ Sananda stated that he lives in this area and is part of Senna Hills HOA. He stated that they have been working on this for a long time and are looking for direction to get these roads accepted and maintained. He does not feel the community will support switch-back sidewalks in their yards.
- f. Lisa McKenzie stated that she lives in Senna Hills and an RAS report is available. She stated they will share with Travis County and requested assistance.

2. Included in above.

3. Rajeev stated that the Task Force met and discussed their desire to prepare information for sustainability of the program. It was discussed to complete the Court directive first. Then work on sustainability after the Court receives the report, documents are finalized, and ranking model is completed.
4. Due to comments by Mr. Bass, Ge'Nell stated that she is concerned that Travis County is not responsive to the community. Mr. Bass apologized and stated that is not his impression of staff. Kathy also responded to Ge'Nell's comment and stated that TNR works well with Dev Services and R&B dispatch. These work groups receive the majority of calls for road assistance. The three work groups communicate often to get constituents to the correct person or department. Kathy stated she fields many calls received by the county and refers them to the appropriate work group. Cindy Decker in the chat wrote "The County has been extremely helpful in giving us guidance on the substandard road challenges we have in our neighborhood, etc."
5. Rajeev stated that he wants to evolve the Program.
6. We discussed the schedule to get to Court again. Needed are the finalized documents including report, Chapter 384 and the matrix. Glenn stated the Task Force needs to get the Court directives done and then think about working on the other objectives the Task Force came up with, sustainability and evolving.
7. Kathy provided the Substandard Road Program webpage link in the chat.