



**City Council Transportation Committee**

Tuesday, May 12th, 2020

5:30 pm or Immediately Following Equipment Committee

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**Members:** Matthew Petty, Chairperson; Sarah Marsh; Sarah Bunch; Kyle Smith

**City Staff:** Chris Brown, City Engineer; Terry Gulley, Transportation Director

**Agenda:**

**1. Old Business:**

- A. TEMPORARY STREET AND LANE CLOSURES:** The Mayor has requested policy and technical recommendations from the Transportation Committee be developed in response to impacts of the current health to transportation and engineering workplans and changing mobility patterns. The attached memo includes suggested policies for selecting and maintaining project. A google map with a sampling of streets that fit this criteria may be found at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?userstoinvite=cedmonston%40fayetteville-ar.gov&actionButton=1&mid=171gXJTbl7OYALqBN8diM4E6fIK8VqwV6&ll=36.08555887333529%2C-94.16782731912963&z=16>

The Planning Commission's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> and developed recommendations for projects as well. Those recommendations will be submitted to the Transportation Committee directly from the LRPC.

**2. New Business:**

- A. None.**

**3. Adjourn**



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**TO:** Fayetteville City Council Transportation Committee

**THRU:** Chris Brown, City Engineer  
Terry Gulley, Transportation Director  
Matt Mihalevich, Trails Coordinator

**FROM:** Dane Eifling, Mobility Coordinator

**DATE:** May 8, 2020

**SUBJECT: Slow Streets & Temporary Road Diets During COVID-19**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider implementation of a “slow streets” program during the COVID-19 crisis by identifying one or more demonstration street for a city-led implementation. And refer residents wishing to implement other temporary slow street to the existing Tactical Urbanism Program application process for review and approval by city staff.

**BACKGROUND:**

At least 50 cities in the U.S. have implemented some version of slow streets in response to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines. These efforts have the purpose of facilitating safe space for walking, biking and children playing in residential areas to help people stay healthy while remaining close to their homes. Fayetteville’s Transportation Committee has requested city staff research other peer city programs and offer suitable options based on existing needs and available resources.

**DISCUSSION:**

In evaluating streets for consideration, it is important to consider need based on number of homes, sidewalk and trail access as well as the amount of cut-through traffic on the street.

Priority “slow street” locations should:

1. Be in an ordinary and predominantly residential area
2. Lack adequate sidewalks and/or easy access to trails and greenspace
3. Have a significant amount of cut-through traffic
4. Have long block lengths with minimal number of street intersections
5. Have parallel streets that offer drivers a reasonable detour when avoiding the street

Staff recommends the following defining characteristics for a slow street:

1. Advisory speed limit of 5 MPH
2. Closed to through traffic - except for delivery and service vehicles
3. Status to be consistent 24 hours per day for a set period of at least one week

Road Diet treatment could be performed with temporary lane closures of the outside lanes on 4 lane roads using traffic barrels to create lane for cycling and pedestrian activities. Two streets Gregg Avenue and Sycamore Street have been identified as potential locations for Road Diet Treatments. City Transportation Division does not have the material resources on-hand to implement these treatments. Materials could be rented from a road contractor.

**Attachments:**

Link to a draft digital map slow street locations

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?userstoinvite=cedmonston%40fayetteville-ar.gov&actionButton=1&mid=171gXJTbl7OYALqBN8diM4E6fIK8VqwV6&ll=36.08555887333529%2C-94.16782731912963&z=16>