
Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-106

Date: January 26, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Henderson, Interim City Manager
Re: January TxDOT Meeting 

The City of Anna met with staff from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on January 6, 2023 to discuss concerns regarding the maintenance of the US 75 right-of-way: trash, mowing, illegal parking, and the rutting of the shoulders by large trucks. In addition, the group discussed updates regarding construction projects, including the widening of US 75 and State Highway 5, and traffic signal projects at SH5/Finley Boulevard and at FM 455/Oak Hollow Drive.

US 75 Mowing, Trash, and Debris

Anna officials brought up concerns with the amount of trash along the US 75 corridor. TxDOT has committed to six cycles of trash pick-up per year, occurring every two months. In addition, TxDOT has committed to three mowings per year. Staff is currently looking at augmenting the mowings occurring on the US 75 right-of-way through a new city-wide mowing contract.

US 75 Illegal Parking

Staff informed TxDOT that the “No Parking” signs recently installed by TxDOT have been effective in allowing the Anna Police Department to enforce the rules along the frontage roads.

Upcoming TxDOT Projects in Anna

The group discussed upcoming TxDOT projects in Anna including a future traffic signal at SH 5/Finley Boulevard. Lights, poles, preemption equipment, and Opticom’s equipment have been ordered. Final design has been completed. TxDOT is waiting on railroad preemption equipment and poles to arrive. As soon as they are delivered construction will begin.

The group also discussed the future traffic signal at FM 455/Oak Hollow Drive. The first round of design was submitted for city staff review a month ago. Staff reviewed, marked up, and sent documents back to TxDOT. Once 90% plans are approved, TxDOT will order equipment which is generally 9-13 months out. A tentative completion date at this time is 12-24 months from now.

Future Traffic Signal Needs

The group discussed future traffic signal needs in two locations, SH 5/Rosamond Parkway and FM 455/Victoria Falls Drive. It has been determined that the intersection of SH 5 and Rosamond Parkway will most likely warrant a signal. Anna officials brought up traffic concerns regarding the intersection of FM 455 and Victoria Falls Drive. Staff will meet with TxDOT to further discuss this intersection as well as all future signal needs.

Staff has created a separate webpage on the City's website dedicated to informing the community of the progress on all signal requests and timelines for signals that have met warrant criteria. It can be found on the Streets page under the Public Works Department section and it will be updated as information is received from TxDOT.

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