

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
Austin, Texas

Special Meeting -- April 22, 1969

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room in the First National Life Building.

Present

Hiram S. Brown  
Alan Taniguchi  
Roger Hanks  
R. B. Smith  
Robert Kinnan  
G. A. McNeil  
William Milstead

Absent

Samuel Dunnam  
Dr. William Hazard

C2-69-1(e) AUSTIN DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT  
Expressway and Arterial Plan

- Summary -

The recommendations of the Arterial Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Austin Transportation Plan were presented to the full Planning Commission. The staff submitted a summary of the Committee recommendations. The locations of these expressways and arterials are specific where they follow existing streets and tentative where new routes are established. The specific design of an arterial would be accomplished as the need arises.

It was pointed out that the study resulted because of two factors: (1) the increased rate of growth of the city at this time since the initial study and (2) recognition that the planning and construction of expressways require considerable time and that interim measures are needed to handle the traffic during this period.

The various amendments were discussed by Mr. Golden, Planning Coordinator. Mr. Rountree, Public Works Director, explained the paving policies of the city regarding property owners participation in the cost of construction. Mr. Joe Ternus, Director of Traffic and Transportation explained the need for certain street widths and gave the West 25th Street and West 24th Street one-way street system as an example of arterials that we need today.

The Chairman asked the Commission if they or anyone present had any questions or wanted to make any statements.

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There were several questions by citizens present on certain arterial locations and on specific design of streets and expressways particularly Mo-Pac Expressway.

Some members of the Commission as well as Mr. Davis and Mrs. Brooks among others, questioned why property owners were not notified for street improvements as they are for zoning changes or as they do in some other cities.

Several methods used by the city for notification were discussed. It was indicated that public discussion was held on specific projects at the annual budget hearings, before streets are assessed for paving, when projected street programs are reviewed by the Planning Commission in the Capital Improvements Program and, under the new City Council policy, of notification when applying for a building permit.

Mr. Milstead and Mr. McNeil concurred that many times the decisions vital to property owners along arterial streets are already made before the assessment program begins. They indicated the need for some additional notice to property owners perhaps on a project by project basis. The Commission asked the staff to submit this suggestion to the City Council.

With this in mind the Commission then

**VOTED:** To recommend acceptance of the Arterial Committee and Austin Transportation Plan Advisory Committee recommendations, including the map that shows, in general form, the planned routes for expressways and major arterials intended to be effected by the Austin Development Plan. The actual location of any particular expressway or major arterial and development thereof to adopted standards will be determined by the city as the community develops and the need warrants.