



## TRAFFIC, STREETS, & SIDEWALK CONCERNS

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***Q: The “Do Not Block Intersection” signs at Bandera and Linkwood are missing.***

A: Public Works will order new signs to be placed at that intersection. The signs will take approximately two (2) weeks for delivery and then two (2) days for installation.

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***Q: How can we improve the maintenance of residential streets?***

A: The City of Leon Valley conducts four street sweeping events per year. The street edges are treated with herbicide prior to any slurry seal application. The City plans to have five (5) miles of streets slurried each fiscal year. These efforts along with residents sweeping up yard matter and debris should improve the appearance of the residential streets.

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***Q: When is the Huebner drainage/flood control improvement project going to begin?***

A: The plans for this project were finalized the week of May 2, 2014. The project site has been surveyed, marked and as of the week of May 5, 2014, construction has begun.

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***Q: Why is the County piling up dirt on the property at the end of El Verde Road and what do they plan to do with it?***

A: The dirt pile in question was actually purchased by a property owner who plans to use it on his property. There is a project underway in that location that is intended to reshape and widen Huebner Creek. Should the County pile up dirt at that site during the construction of this project, it would be at the direction and guidance of the project engineers.

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***Q: The “fly over” traffic at Bandera and Seneca is a real traffic problem. What improvements can be made here?***

A: Bandera Road is a State Highway and therefore maintained and planned by TxDOT. There is an on-going study that includes operational analyses in several corridors in San Antonio, among which is State Highway 16 (Bandera Road). TxDOT has assured us that they will let the consultants know of any concerns we may have and ask for feedback once current volumes are gathered and optimized timing plans have been developed. The City of Leon Valley has been placing traffic alerts on its website and will continue to update citizens in that manner about traffic projects in general. Please visit ([www.leonvalleytexas.gov/search.php?q=traffic+alerts](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov/search.php?q=traffic+alerts)).

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***Q: How do I request that a traffic signal light be installed at an intersection?***

A: A request for a traffic signal light would need to first be brought to City Council who would give staff direction on whether or not they to conduct traffic study to see if a traffic signal light is needed at the location. Once the results of the study are in, those results are brought before Council for a vote. If they vote YES to move forward with installation, the next step would to budget for the purchase of the light as these lights are costly.

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***Q: The sign that marks the end of the school zone on Huebner in front of the Villas is down and has been down for a while. How do we report this to get it replaced?***

A: Contact the Public Works Department and request that staff replace/repair the damaged sign. In this case, the sign has been replaced and installed.

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***Q: The Villas driveway is frequently blocked by traffic. How can we address this?***

A: Contact the Police Department to look into resolving the issue. The Police will look into it to see if perhaps a sign could be posted or to see if vehicles are illegally parked. In this case, a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign has been installed.

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***Q: The home next to the park has a huge truck parked on the property. They were cited many years ago for violating the R-1 Zoning. Is this allowable? There is also a 3-wheeler that is being run on the premises and is disturbing the peace. There are also old tires in the backyard. What can we do about these types of nuisances?***

A: Two (2) off-street parking spaces are to be provided for R-1 (Single-Family Dwelling) zoned properties. The Zoning Ordinance does not specify what can be parked on a lot. The ordinance does regulate outside storage but there are exceptions for vehicles, trailers and recreational vehicles. Additionally, home occupations are allowed in R-1, but commercial businesses are not, thus if the truck is being used for a home business then it is prohibited.

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***Q: If a citizen or a neighborhood would like sidewalks for safety of students walking to Marshall High School, what steps should be taken?***

A: Marshall High School is in the Monte Robles Park Subdivision. During discussions of revisions to the Master Plan and through meetings held with the public, the majority of the community was opposed to sidewalks and/or curbs in this subdivision. The desire of the community is to maintain the rural feeling of the neighborhood.

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***Q: What can be done about the speeding on Evers Road? The posted speed is 30mph and cars are going 40-45mph. People have also been known to run the stop signs on Seneca. Can something be done to stop this?***

A: The Police Department is aware of this and has increased patrol in that area.

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***Q: How many children cross at Driggers School on Grissom?***

A: No children should be crossing at Driggers at Grissom. This is not a school speed zone and therefore there are no crossing guards. This area was originally planned to be bused when the school was opened. The sign and yellow flashing lights are advisory only, asking motorists to slow down during the times other school zones are in effect.

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***Q: "Slow Down Children at Play" signs would be appreciated on Linkwood. How can we get them?***

A: The Public Works Department can order the signs if a request and location for placement is made.

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***Q: The ingress/egress from Linkwood onto Eckhert is blocked during rush hour. How can this be improved?***

A: "Do Not Block Intersection" signs have been ordered for each entrance on Eckhert. These signs will be posted as soon as possible.

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***Q: How can we get speed humps placed on our street?***

A: The City of Leon Valley has drafted a Speed Hump Policy which is currently being reviewed by the City's Human Resources Director and the City Attorney. Once approved, it will be published on the City's website. The procedure for placement of speed humps is outlined in this policy.

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***Q: What is the future plan for traffic on Bandera Road now that we know it will not be a toll road?***

A: The City of Leon Valley does not have a detailed future plan for Bandera Road, as the road is a State highway and does not belong to the City (TxDOT responsibility). We do plan on communicating with TxDOT as their plans are developed. There is an on-going study that includes operational analyses in several corridors in San Antonio, among which is Bandera Road. TxDOT has assured us that they will let the consultants know of any concerns we may have and ask for their feedback once current volumes are gathered and optimized timing plans have been developed.

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***Q: The "Tree City USA" signs were approved nearly a year ago. When will they be installed?***

A: The signs were delivered to Public Works in October 2013. The signs are to be installed on new City limit signs poles. We have been waiting on the new City logo, so that we could order new City limit signs. The City limit signs have been received, so the "Tree City USA" signs will be installed shortly.

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***Q: Stop signs for pedestrians are down in front of the Library. What happened to them and can they be replaced?***

A: The signs were damaged and have since been replaced.

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***Q: The sidewalk on Huebner Onion frontage says "Sidewalk Ends". Shouldn't this sign be removed since the sidewalk has been completed?***

A: Yes. The sign has been removed.

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***Q: The MPO Evers Road Grant proposed options for raising the bridge and placing 8' rectangular drainage configurations under the bridge so the MPO trail grant could continue under the bridge to the City limits and others have suggested a trail from the City limits at Huebner Creek towards the Whitby trailhead behind HEB off Babcock. Where are we with this grant?***

A: The MPO Grant was denied. The City will investigate other methods of funding for this project.

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***Q: How can I have a STOP sign installed at Stirrup and Forest Meadow?***

A: STOP signs may be installed *if* approved by ordinance.

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***Q: What do I need to do if I feel my street needs repair/resurfacing or paving?***

A: You may contact Public Works and submit a request. At that time the staff will evaluate the street and if necessary, place it on the street maintenance schedule.

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***Q: I would like a LEFT turn lane from Huebner Road onto Evers Road. Is there a way to extend the turn lane? I have witnessed road rage in this area because people have to sit through two light cycles to get through.***

A: A traffic engineer has been contacted regarding this intersection and his suggestions are being reviewed. The entire intersection needs to be updated and this may be one of the improvements.

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***Q: What is being done to improve the traffic flow in Pavona Ridge?***

A: A traffic engineer has been contacted to evaluate the entire intersection. The developer of the DPS Supercenter signed an agreement with the City to share costs for improvements to this intersection. Public Works has ordered a "No U-Turn" sign for the intersection and contracted with a company to repair the traffic signal. DPS is in the process of ordering additional signage and correcting their exits on Huebner. Funding for the remainder of the improvements will need to be identified in the next budget year.

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***Q: A resident reported a large log on Sawyer Road behind the Loft Apartments.***

A: This log has been picked up by Public Works

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***Q: There is a need for reinforcement of the part of the streets where the Primo buses stop. Is the City of Leon Valley responsible for the repairs and cost of those repairs?***

A: The Poss Road VIA Primo bus stop is failing. Public Works will request that VIA pay for and perform the repairs. We will also ask that they investigate the other bus stops.

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***Q: Could the City install lighted STOP signs (like the ones near the library) because almost no vehicle comes to a complete stop in the neighborhood near Marshall High School.***

A: The LED STOP signs are designed to be used in high traffic areas, and were placed along Evers Road because people could not see the non-LED signs. These signs are not recommended for neighborhoods as they cause light pollution and they are expensive (\$2500 per set), but Public Works will install them if so directed.

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***Q: It seems that school buses frequently pass each other on the neighborhood roads which are rather narrow. Is it absolutely necessary or are they using our neighborhoods as a short-cut?***

A: The buses need to be in the neighborhood to drop off children from the middle school; however, Public Works will contact NISD and ask that the buses refrain from using the neighborhood as a pass through area.

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***Q: When the City put slurry seal on the streets, they covered a number of dividing and crosswalk lines, which were not repainted.***

A: Public Works crews will repaint the dividing and crosswalk lines.

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***Q: What can be done to regulate the use of 4 wheelers and the noise they create near the park?***

A: The City does not have the authority to regulate the use of 4 wheelers on private property. However, the City does have an ordinance to regulate noise. Section 8.07.002 states the following:

*“Prohibited noise*

*a) Shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any loud, or unusual noise that annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others. In determining whether a noise is loud, unnecessary, or unusual, the following factors shall be considered: time of day; whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant; the volume and intensity; whether the noise has been enhanced in volume or range by any type of electronic or mechanical means; and whether the noise is subject to being controlled without unreasonable effort or expense to the creator thereof.*

b) *Shall be unlawful for any person to make, assist in making, permit, continue, cause to be made or continued, or permit the continuance of any sound that either exceeds the maximum permitted sound levels specified in Section 8.07.004 of this article or otherwise unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others.*

c) *Shall be unlawful for the keeping of any animal, fowl, or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others.*

d) *Enumerated in the following sections of this article, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this article, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive.*

e) *This article shall not apply to any public utility or public works."*

**If a citizen feels this ordinance has been violated, that citizen may file charges against those in violation. Contact your police department to file a sworn complaint and then the police department will file charges under Section 8.07.002(a).**

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