

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: JONATHAN OKRAY, COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE
SUBJECT: SURFACE TRAVEL SAFETY
DATE: 2/28/2016

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I request that council receive a briefing regarding Surface Travel Management and Safety regarding the travel corridors within and surrounding the incorporated city limits. This request for briefing supports citizen concern regarding safety conditions stemming from the series of accidents that have occurred at the westbound intersection of Highway 195 and Rosewood Dr.

What are TxDOT and County roles and responsibility, as they regard Surface Travel Management and Safety within our city? Our city is bordered and intertwined by a combination with of State Highways and County Roads. There were several accidents that generated fatalities on Highway 195 in 2015. Telephonic conversation and correspondence I received last year regarded what preventive measures our city would enact to decrease fatality instances on the roadways within our city.

The question of responsibility for traffic management in 2015 resulted in the state asserting that the City of Killeen was responsible for it; our assertion was that the State of Texas was responsible for it. Responsibility for Surface Travel Management and Safety, as it regards our city, may not be as definitive however, concern is generally the same in both instances of pedestrian/vehicle accidents and vehicle/vehicle accidents: safe travel on the roadways of our city and the delineation of responsibility for road safety, in and around our city.

Thank you,

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Councilmember At-Large