



**Traffic Safety and Signage Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026
2:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall**

I. Old Business

**1. REMOVED - Dangerous Intersection - Informational
Foxfire Lane / N Walton Boulevard /
NW A Street**

Tyler Harbin, tbh0002@gmail.com

1. Install a Protected Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing or Tunnel across N. Walton Blvd.
2. Install interim traffic control and evaluate long-term traffic control measures for the intersection. I am requesting immediate pedestrian/cyclist-safety improvements at this dangerous intersection for pedestrians to safely access the nearby Slaughter Pen Trails and Razorback Greenway. According to ARDOT, average daily traffic is approx. 48,000 vehicles/day (47% increase since the opening of I-49) on N. Walton and 5,800 vehicles/day on NW A Street, which creates long queues, limited gaps for left turns, and frequent near-misses involving vehicles and pedestrians. I am requesting immediate safety measures be implemented before someone is seriously injured or worse.

This item was removed from the agenda. An update was provided that traffic data has been collected and submitted to a third-party for analysis. Results are pending, and the item will be revisited once the study is complete.

**2. NW 5th & Bella Vista Rd- Sidewalk & Informational
Roundabout**

Elizabeth Fuller, lizabeth0905@gmail.com

There is no sidewalk on the west side of Bella Vista Road at its intersection with NW 5th Street. Currently, there is no safe way for someone to turn left from Dickson St onto Bella Vista Rd. This creates an extremely dangerous situation for pedestrians, runners, and cyclists. Due to the unusual layout of the intersection, the distance required to cross from one side of the road to the other is much longer than normal, leaving people exposed to traffic for an unsafe amount of time. This area could be significantly improved by adding a sidewalk on the west side of Bella Vista Road starting at NW 5th Street and extending to the crosswalk, just past NW 6th Street, or by installing a roundabout at the intersection to better control traffic and reduce crossing distances.

Discussion was held regarding safety concerns at the intersection, particularly for pedestrians and school-aged children. Resident (Jack Murtha) spoke to the difficulty of safely crossing due to traffic speeds and intersection layout. The Committee acknowledged the need for improvements; however, funding and prioritization constraints were noted. Staff indicated that any improvements must meet ADA requirements and cannot be installed as temporary measures without full compliance.

The Committee discussed the potential to include the project in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for future consideration. Additional discussion included petition requirements and defining the impacted area. Staff will evaluate possible interim improvements such as signage or crosswalk enhancements where feasible.

3. **Skyview Subdivision - Speed Hump**

Informational

Kevin Perry, klperry357@gmail.com

Due to continuous speeding traffic in and around Skyview subdivision since the restructuring of our street on Lockheed and Convair. My neighbors and I would like to request speed humps be placed upon our streets. I successfully sent video footage to BPD a few months back for a specific party prior to the re-structure. Since the opening of the new design, the traffic flow has increased, with what I can only assume is non-residents using our street as a cut through around Hwy 102 traffic. We have encountered a couple of new neighborhood individuals and have asked to reduce their speed, but would rather find a better solution to suit the issue.

A resident (Kevin Perry) presented ongoing concerns regarding speeding traffic within the subdivision, noting increased traffic volumes due to nearby development. Staff provided results from a recent traffic study indicating speeds within typical residential ranges, with some higher-speed outliers observed. Daily traffic volumes were reported to be relatively low.

The Committee discussed current enforcement efforts and confirmed that additional speed limit signage has been installed. Funding limitations for speed humps or speed cushions were noted. Staff will continue enforcement efforts and evaluate potential funding opportunities later in the year.

II. New Business - Public Comment to be Heard with Agenda Item

1. **2026 Homecoming Parade**

Informational

Jeff Wasem, Jwasem@Bentonvillek12.org

The annual Bentonville High School parade will take place on Friday, September 25th, 2026. We would like to extend the route for this parade.

Jeff Wasem presented a request to extend the Bentonville High School Homecoming Parade route to increase community engagement. Discussion included potential traffic impacts, particularly at major crossings, and the need for coordination with Police and Fire. The Committee expressed support for the concept and directed the applicant to work with staff to finalize a safe route outside of the meeting.

Motion was made by David Wright to support the request and proceed with coordination. Seconded by Chief Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

2. **Walmart Shareholders and Associate Week**

Informational

Kurt Templeton, kurt.templeton@walmart.com

Temporarily close N. Main Street from Central Avenue to 2nd Street during Walmart Shareholders/Associate from Monday, June 1 until Thursday evening, June 4. The Walmart Museum plan to activate the space in front of the museum and on N. Main Street to accommodate the large number of visiting store associates during the week. On Tue/Wed/Thu when we are busiest with tours and associates that it would make sense to have a police car in front of the barricades on both the north and south end of Main Street during our peak times of 8am to 5pm each day.

Kurt Templeton presented a request to close N Main Street from Central Avenue to 2nd Street to accommodate Walmart Shareholders events, including expanded setup time. The request is consistent with prior years with minor adjustments.

Motion was made by David Wright to approve the request as submitted. Seconded by Chief Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

3. **Adult Recreation Center Grand Opening**

Informational

Josh Stacey, josh.stacey@bentonville.ar.gov

Parks and Recreation is requesting to close SW A Street from 9:30 - 11:00am on Saturday, May 30 for the Adult Recreation Center Grand Opening event. The closure will be between SW 3rd Street and SW 2nd Street.

Josh Stacey presented a revised request for a short-duration road closure (approximately 10 minutes) to accommodate a ribbon cutting and photo opportunity. Coordination with Police has been confirmed.

Motion was made by Chief Ray Shastid to approve the request as revised. Seconded by David Wright. Voice vote, motion approved.

4. **Crystal Bridges Event** **Informational**

Meghan Wilcox - Meghan.Wilcox@theMomentary.org

We are requesting a temporary closure of NE A St between NE Park St and NE Cub Cir from 4:30 PM to 12:00 AM to support traffic management for a gala event in our new expansion space.

Guests will arrive and depart within a condensed timeframe using shuttles, rideshare services, personal vehicles, and valet operations. Limiting this block to event-related traffic will allow for safer, more controlled traffic flow and reduce congestion in an area with high pedestrian and bicycle activity. Our Security team is coordinating with the Police Department to assist with implementation of the closure if approved.

Meghan Wilcox presented a request to close NE A Street between NE Park Street and NE Cub Circle for a gala event. A Traffic Control Plan will be required, and access for nearby residents must be maintained.

Motion was made by David Wright to approve the request with the condition of a Traffic Control Plan. Seconded by Chief Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

III. **Miscellaneous**

Discussion was held regarding previously approved improvements at the intersection of SW D Street and SW 5th Street near Gilmore Park. While stop signs were installed, crosswalk markings and additional signage have not yet been completed. Staff will revisit the location and coordinate completion of the remaining improvements.

Additional discussion included the potential for a future presentation by a student regarding community-led traffic calming strategies and temporary traffic interventions. The Committee expressed interest in hearing the presentation at a future meeting.

IV. **Next Proposed Meeting:**

1. **June 1, 2026**

Kirby Romines, City Clerk

Stephanie Orman, Mayor