



MINUTES

Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER: Principal Civil Engineer Nic Abboud called the Traffic Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

SEATING OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Nic Abboud: Introduced the newly appointed commissioner selected by City Council at the January 10, 2017 Council meeting: Edward Collins (new regular member) and Momcilo Savovic (new alternate member).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nic Abboud (Principal Civil Engineer): Nominations open for Chairman. Commissioner Charles Buckley: Nominated Commissioner Mike Hansen. No other Nominations were made. Carried by a unanimous 7-0 vote. New 2017 Chair: Mike Hansen.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Charles Buckley: Nominated Commissioner Arturo Rico. Commissioner Hansen seconded the Nomination. No other Nominations were made. Carried by a unanimous 7-0 vote. New 2017 Vice-Chair: Arturo Rico

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Buckley

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: MASTERSON, NICKEL, SAVOVIC, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

ABSENT: MAKROGIANNIS

ALSO PRESENT: Senior Traffic Engineer Mike Rafael, Principal Traffic Engineer Nicholas Abboud, Sheriff Sergeant Mark Foster and Office Specialist Denise Avila

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None



APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 7, 2016

Commissioner Buckley makes a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Rico seconds the motion. Motion carries.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, NICKEL, SAVOVIC, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

6) OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Arbor Ranch Traffic Safety Concerns

Residents are concerned about residential speeding, cut-through traffic and pedestrian safety. Residents are requesting installation of “No Sunset Park Access” or similar signs to reduce vehicle traffic and speeds. Residents also suggested a traffic circle on Puesta Del Sol to encourage slower speeds. The Arbor Ranch Community is situated on the westerly side of the City (West Linda Vista Drive between Poinsettia Avenue and Puesta Del Sol). The existing City-owned Park (Sunset Park), north of the community, and has a south entrance on Puesta Del Sol. Engineering staff collected data for a week to evaluate the vehicle speeds and traffic volumes on Puesta Del Sol. Staff does not recommend a traffic circle which presents difficulty for City’s fire emergency response.

Residents inquired about the use of “RADAR ENFORCED” signs. Staff does not recommend the use of these signs based on their ineffectiveness to reduce vehicle speeds.

Staff Recommendations:

1. Installation of four (4) new way-finding guide signs on West Linda Vista Drive and Puesta Del Sol.
2. Installation of additional “25MPH” signs and pavement legends on Puesta Del Sol.
3. Installation of new one way STOP sign on Arborview Drive. This will improve traffic operations.
4. Installation of a “NO OUTLET” sign on westbound Arborview Drive.
5. Installation of a “LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY” sign.
6. Installation of a “PEDESTRIAN AHEAD” warning sign on northbound Puesta Del Sol.
7. Speed and truck weight enforcement to be conducted by the Sheriff’s Department on West Linda Vista Drive.
8. City Staff will deploy a speed feedback trailer within the neighborhood to reduce speeding.

Staff will monitor traffic conditions and evaluate data collected by the City’s speed radar trailer for the next 6-12 months. If the conditions do not improve, City staff may reevaluate and present alternative options for speed reduction.



8) REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Inland Rail Trail – Construction Update
- b. Miscellaneous Work Orders
- c. San Elijo Road – Speed Limit Reduction
- d. Rancho Santa Fe Road at Capalina Road – Curve Warning Signs
- e. San Elijo Road at Double Peak Drive – Intersection Improvements
- f. San Elijo Towne Center – New Development
- g. San Diego County Sheriff's Department Traffic Collision Summary And Accident Investigation Log
- h. Traffic Commission Commentary
- i. Staff Commentary

9) ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Arturo Rico, Vice Chairman
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:

Denise Avila, Office Specialist
Traffic Commission