

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018 | 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Hansen called the Traffic Commission Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Musgrove

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: MUSGROVE, SAVOVIC, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

ABSENT: MASTERSON, MAKROGIANNIS

**ALSO PRESENT:** Senior Traffic Engineer, Mike Rafael; Principal Traffic Engineer, Nicholas Abboud; Sheriff Deputy, Nicholas Maryn; Traffic Commission Secretary, Sara Jacobs; and Traffic Commission Secretary, Denise Avila.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Ryan Bishop resides at 1217 Anna Lane, expressed concerns about the road conditions of the #1 lane, on each side of the median, located in the 400 block of Woodland Parkway. He expressed concerns about the tree roots posing a hazard to those traveling on that road potentially causing vehicles to veer off onto the #2 lane. Mr. Bishop recalls the Public Works Department installing root barriers but believes they have been unsuccessful due to the current conditions of the road. He has brought his concerns to the Commission because he believes this has become a traffic safety issue.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 7, 2018**

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MUSGROVE, SAVOVIC, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Parking Restrictions on Carmel Street

City staff received traffic safety concerns from the City's Parking Code Enforcement section regarding the use of on-street parking on Carmel Street generated by Cal State San Marcos students and local businesses. Parking Code Enforcement feels that on-street parking on the north side of Carmel Street is inadequate due to its narrow shoulder width. City staff conducted an Engineering Study to investigate traffic safety concerns of the street parking. Based on the findings of this study, the north side of Carmel Street is considered inadequate for on-street parking and is not recommended due to the existing narrow shoulder width. In addition, Carmel Street is identified as part of the City's street sweeping program which is subject to parking restrictions. Staff also conducted a speed survey to determine the speed limit restrictions since there are no current posted speed limit signs on Carmel Street. Based on their findings, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was measured to be 42 MPH. Therefore, staff is recommending the posted speed limit should be 40 MPH, rounded to the nearest 5 MPH increment per California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD).

Engineering staff recommends installation of new "NO PARKING ANYTIME" signs along the north side of Carmel Street between Twin Oaks Valley Road and Hill Street. In addition, staff recommends installation of the City's street sweeping and 2-hour parking signs on the south side of Carmel Street and on the north side; and the installation of new 40 MPH speed limit signs on Carmel Street from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Hill Street.

Traffic Commission modified Engineering staff recommendations by proposing the installation of the City's street sweeping and 2-hr parking signs on Carmel Street between Twin Oaks Valley Road and Hill Street making it consistent with the south side of the street and in compliance with the current City resolution on limited parking restrictions on Carmel Street. In addition, the Commission

proposes the installation of “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs only in the areas where there are limited sight distance issues.

Commissioner Musgrove makes a motion to accept the proposed recommendations by the Commission. Commissioner Buckley seconds the motion. Motion carries.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MUSGROVE, SAVOVIC, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

b. Oleander Avenue – Speeding Concerns

Engineering staff received speeding concerns, high traffic volumes and cut-through traffic from residents on Oleander Avenue between Alamitos Way and Las Flores Drive. Residents are requesting City staff to consider installation of a new ALL-WAY STOP sign at the intersection of Oleander Avenue and Heather Ridge Road.

Engineering staff conducted an engineering study to determine the feasibility of implementing an ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Heather Ridge Road and Oleander Avenue. Based on staff assessment and traffic volumes collected on Oleander Avenue and Heather Ridge Road, the intersection does not meet the criteria for an ALL-WAY STOP established per the CAMUTCD. Staff deployed speed radar trailers on Oleander Avenue at the request of residents to help reduce vehicle speeds.

Based on the data collected, staff proposes the use of roadway striping and 25 MPH speed limit signage as a viable, low-cost traffic calming option for speed reduction on Oleander Avenue. In addition, staff recommends periodic speed enforcement by the Sheriff's Department. Staff will monitor for approximately a year and reassess the conditions before more aggressive options are considered.



In the course of the field investigations, staff found Mustang Way to have a “YIELD” sign installed at the T-intersection with Oleander Avenue and Oleander Avenue with Las Flores Drive. Per CAMUTCD, the existing “YIELD” signs should be replaced with STOP sign to enhance traffic operations at the intersection.

Staff recommends installation of traffic calming striping to help reduce vehicle speeds on Oleander Avenue. In addition, staff recommends installation of one-way STOP signs on Oleander Avenue at Las Flores Drive, and on Mustang Way at Oleander Avenue; also, staff recommends speed enforcement by the Sheriff's Department during the AM peak period (6 AM to 9 AM) in the direction and periodic deployment of the City's Speed radar trailers on Oleander Avenue.

Patti Minjares lives at 3309 Oleander Avenue and expressed concerns on speeding vehicles on Oleander Avenue. She expressed her concern for the safety of children and elderly that live in the area. In addition, she also expressed gratitude to staff for addressing her concern and for being able to express her concerns to the Commission.

Commissioner Rico makes a motion to accept staff recommendations. Commissioner Musgrove seconds the motion. Motion carries.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MUSGROVE, SAVOVIC, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

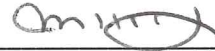
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**8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

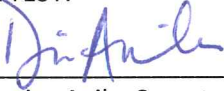
- a. Work Order Updates
- b. San Diego County Sheriff's Department Traffic Collision Summary And Accident Investigation Log
- c. Traffic Commission Commentary
- d. Staff Commentary

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Hansen adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.



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Michael Hansen, Chairman  
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:



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Denise Avila, Secretary  
Traffic Commission