

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 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 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Musgrove
3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

ABSENT: SAVOVIC, MAKROGIANNIS

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

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 4, 2018**

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

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Schoolhouse Way and Highbluff Avenue – Intersection Safety Concerns

Engineering staff was contacted by residents from the Westridge Community expressing concerns about the unprotected pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Schoolhouse Way and Highbluff Avenue. The residents requested an ALL WAY STOP sign or a pedestrian crossing at the intersection for the safety of their children and students crossing the intersection.

Staff conducted an engineering study to determine the feasibility of implementing an ALL WAY STOP control or a pedestrian crossing at the intersection. Based on criteria established per the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) and engineering staff findings, the subject intersection meets the criteria for an ALL WAY STOP control at the intersection. Staff recommendations include the installation “ONE WAY STOP” signs at the San Elijo Hills Park driveways along Schoolhouse Way, installations of new STOP signs, new STOP pavement legends, limit lines, 50-feet of double yellow centerlines, “ALL WAY” plaques, “STOP AHEAD” signs, and red curb painting inside the intersection.

Resident Kate Emmert resides at 1421 Clearview Way, expressed appreciation for the speedy response from engineering staff to their concerns. In addition, she expressed concerns about the safety of both pedestrians and motorists at the intersection of Schoolhouse Way and Highbluff Avenue and would like for staff reconsider to also paint a pedestrian crosswalk on top of posting new ALL WAY STOP signs due to the amount of traffic in the mornings and weekends they experience.

Commissioner Musgrove makes a motion to accept the proposed recommendations by engineering staff as presented. Commissioner Collins seconds the motion. Motion carries.

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

b. Parking Restrictions on Carmel Street – Update

In the May 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic commission meeting, the Traffic Commission did not approve staff recommendations as presented for parking restrictions on Carmel Street. The Traffic Commission directed staff to allow the same parking limitations as existing on the south side of the street. In implementing the Traffic Commission's decision, staff investigated the current roadway conditions to determine if the limited parking restrictions and width of the roadway segments were feasible. Staff discovered that approximately 1,800 feet of the shoulder on the north side of Carmel Street suffers degraded surface conditions, severe soil erosion and natural drainage channels from storm water run-off, and the narrow width and deteriorating conditions of the shoulder that would make it unusable for parking.

Engineering staff requests that the Traffic Commission rescind their decision regarding the approval of street sweeping and 2-hour parking limitation on the north side of Carmel Street, installation of 2-hour parking limitation with street sweeping days on the north side of the street, consistent with last month's Traffic Commission's vote, for the segment between the curved roadway on the western end (approximately 200 feet west of the County building driveway) to the beginning of the recommended NO PARKING ANYTIME zone on the eastern end (approximately 345 feet west of Industrial Street) – approximately 1,800 feet. In addition, staff recommends "NO PARKING ANYTIME" restrictions on the following sections of Carmel Street:

- Western end of the north side of the street (from approximately 200 feet west of the County building driveway to S. Twin Oaks Valley Road) consistent with Traffic Commission's vote last month.
- Eastern end of the north side of the street (from 235 feet east of Industrial Street to Hill Drive), a deviation from last month's Traffic Commission's vote.
- South side of Carmel Street, beginning from the County building driveway for approximately 300 feet in front of the Storage West property).
- South side of Carmel Street, beginning from approximately 135 feet west of Industrial Street for approximately 540 feet in front of the existing open space lot.

- The remainder of the south side of Carmel Street will continue to have the 2-hour parking and street sweeping day restriction as is currently does.

Commissioner Rico makes a motion to accept the proposed recommendations as presented by the engineering staff. Commissioner Masterson seconds the motion. Motion carries.

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

**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 6:59 pm.



Michael Hansen, Chairman  
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:



Denise Avila, Secretary  
Traffic Commission