

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 6:03 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Collins
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: MASTERSON, BRIDGE, MAKROGIANNIS, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

ABSENT: SAVOVIC, MUSGROVE

**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**

Resident Christine Uhring resides at 1155 Fulton Road, expressed concerns about speeding vehicles and the amount of continuous traffic that flows through Fulton Road near Woodland Parkway.

Ms. Uhring expressed that the area is posted with several SPEED LIMIT 25 signs but there is one posted sign that reads WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT. She believes the posted sign implies if there are no kids drivers can go the speed they want. She is very concerned for her safety and the safety of her neighbors due to a recent near miss collision while turning into her driveway on Fulton Road. She believes the area has become very dangerous and needs to be looked into by the City.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2018**

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, BRIDGE, MAKROGIANNIS, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Richland Road - Local Road/Residential Street Classification

Engineering staff has received numerous resident complaints of high cut-through traffic during morning peak hours and excessive vehicle speeds on Richland Road between Borden Road and Mission Road. Residents requested a flashing beacon with a WATCH DOWNHILL SPEED sign to help reduce vehicle speeds. Residents also requested the installation of a new NOT A THROUGH STREET sign on Felicia Lane and Linda Lane where they intersect with Richland Road to help where residents have observed a high volume of turnaround traffic.

The City's Transportation Engineering staff evaluated the existing roadway geometry, physical road features, and traffic characteristics of this 3-segment corridor (No. 1: Richland Road from Borden Road to Fulton Road, No. 2: Richland Road from Fulton Road to Rock Springs Road, and No. 3: Richland Road from Rock Springs Road to Mission Road). Staff collected existing traffic volumes, speed data, and collision history to evaluate existing traffic conditions. Based on their findings, staff discovered that roadway segments 1 and 2 are classified as major collector roads, which is inconsistent with the Mobility Element of the General Plan. Roadway segment 3 is classified as a local road.

Based on the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Sections 40802 and 515, roadway segments 1 and 2 meet the conditions to be classified as local roads. Staff recommends a change request of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) functional classification maps to reclassify Richland Road segments 1 and 2 as local roads. Staff also recommends that the posted speed limit of the corridor be reduced to 25 MPH, based on the criteria of the CVS as a residential street and local road.

In addition, staff recommends targeted speed enforcement by the Sheriff's department to encourage and promote compliance with the *prima facie* (25 MPH) speed limit, the installation of six (6) inch white edgeline striping on the west side of Richland Road between Fulton Road and Elizabeth Street, and the installation of double yellow centerline striping. Staff does not recommend the use of a flashing beacon and warning sign WATCH DOWNHILL SPEED as they are not appropriate devices for a residential street. Staff will monitor vehicular speeds on Richland Road based on the new 25 MPH speed limit zone and traffic calming roadway striping improvements for at least one (1) year. A reassessment of traffic conditions would be necessary before more aggressive options are considered and brought forth before the Traffic Commission. Additionally, staff does not recommend the installation of a NOT A THROUGH STREET warning sign on Linda Lane or Felicia Lane as both street segments are too short and the end of each street is visible from Richland Road.

Staff recommends the Traffic Commission to approve the submission of a resolution to City Council for approval of change. Staff will then submit a functional classification change request package to Caltrans for approval and forwarding to FHWA for update of California Road System (CRS) maps to reflect the classification change.

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, BRIDGE, MAKROGIANNIS, HANSEN, RICO, COLLINS, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

## **8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **a. Engineering Staff 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 7:22 pm.



Michael Hansen, Chairman  
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:

  
Denise Avila, Secretary   
Traffic Commission