

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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 6:01 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Musgrove
3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

ABSENT: SAVOVIC, MAKROGIANNIS, BRIDGE

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

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Pat Slater resides at 1175 La Moree Road #70 (La Moree Estates) is concerned about the safety of residents traveling on La Moree Road towards Barham Road due to speeding motorists. Resident would like the City to look at solutions to modify speed limits or set up radar patrol to prevent future accidents related to this issue.

Debra Wright resides at 547 Wildhorse Lane. Mrs. Wright thanked the commission for the newly installed signage and pavement markings on Oleander Avenue. Mrs. Wright is concerned with the amount of commercial vehicle traffic traveling on Oleander Avenue and Alamitos Way. She also expressed concerns for the elderly and students that walk on Alamitos Way due to the lack of sidewalks.

Jack Wright resides at 547 Wildhorse Lane. Mr. Wright is concerned about the number of commercial vehicles traveling on Oleander Avenue as well as concerns for the children and parents walking on the streets due to lack of sidewalks on Alamitos Way. Mr. Wright has observed motorists speeding on Oleander Avenue and not stopping at the newly installed STOP signs at Oleander Avenue and Alamitos Way causing more safety issues.

Paul Nelson resides at 1027 Crimson Drive. Mr. Nelson is concerned about the safety of pedestrians traveling on Crimson Drive towards Rose Ranch due to speeding motorists and the slight blind turn. He is concerned for the children walking on the street due to the lack of sidewalk on Crimson Drive. Even though the city has already evaluated the area of concern and installed new 25MPH SPEED LIMIT signs, Mr. Nelson feels this action has not helped with speeding motorists. Mr. Nelson would like city to consider other forms of traffic control measures. Mr. Nelson has spoken with the Traffic Sergeant at the Sheriff's Department and was told to refer back to the city due to the department only having two (2) motorcycle units that can enforce the traffic laws in San Marcos.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 1, 2018**

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

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Installation of "KEEP CLEAR" pavement markings on Montiel Road (Plaza San Marcos – 730 Nordahl Road)

Engineering staff received traffic safety concerns at the Plaza San Marcos shopping center driveway on Montiel Road. Residents expressed concerns regarding the backup of stopped vehicles on westbound Montiel Road blocking the existing driveway to the shopping center making it difficult for vehicles to enter and exit the driveway. Vehicles were observed waiting in the eastbound lanes on Montiel Road attempting to turn left into the driveway (rear-end collision potential). Some

residents have requested a new raised median and/or left turn restriction into the driveway from Montiel Road due to traffic safety concerns.

Staff evaluated the area in question and recommends the installation of "KEEP CLEAR" pavement markings with limit lines in the westbound travel lanes of Montiel Road at the Plaza San Marcos' commercial driveway. In addition, staff recommends revision of the City's guidelines for "KEEP CLEAR" zones to include multi-lane roadways. Lastly, staff recommends periodic enforcement by the Sheriff's Department during peak periods.

Traffic Commission modified Engineering staff recommendations by approving the installation of "KEEP CLEAR" pavement markings with limit lines in the westbound travel lanes of Montiel Road at the Plaza San Marcos' commercial driveway. Traffic Commission instructed staff to further revise the City's guidelines for "KEEP CLEAR ZONES". In addition, Traffic Commission rescinds Staff's recommendation for periodic enforcement by the Sheriff's Department during peak periods.

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

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

b. Southbound Nordahl Road at Center Drive - Proposed Right –Turn Lane

The City has received several complaints on the traffic congestion and delay at the intersection of Nordahl Road and Center Drive. Residents have complained about southbound through traffic blocking right-turning traffic onto Center Drive. Traffic congestion frequently back up past Medical Centre Way to the north. Residents are requesting for a separate right turn lane on southbound Nordahl Road onto eastbound Center Drive.

Based on the data collected, a new right turn lane would be beneficial during most hours of the day. However, it is not clear if the benefits would extend to the AM peak hour, the only time the southbound through movement exceeds the right turn movement.

Engineering staff recommends that the Traffic Commission approve the conversion of the southbound Nordahl Road right lane at Center Drive to a new exclusive right turn lane, including a 5-foot bike lane per CAMUTCD Fig. 9C-109 (CA) and new traffic warning and regulatory signage. In addition, staff recommends the installation of new vehicle and bike lane loop detectors on southbound Nordahl Road at Center Drive.

Commissioner Masterson makes a motion to accept the proposed recommendations by engineering staff as presented. Motion carried by majority vote.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, BUCKLEY, HANSEN, RICO

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: COLLINS, MUSGROVE

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 7:47 pm.



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Arturo Rico, Vice Chairman  
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:

  
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Sara Jacobs, Secretary  
Traffic Commission