

MINUTES

Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018 | 6:00 PM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rico called the Traffic Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Bridge
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: MASTERSON, MUSGROVE, BRIDGE, RICO, BUCKLEY

ABSENT: SAVOVIC, MAKROGIANNIS, HANSEN, COLLINS

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**

Edward Berger resides at 1145 E. Barham Drive (San Marcos Mobile Estates) is concerned about the traffic safety while entering or exiting the driveway to the mobile home park due to motorists blocking the mobile home entrance on Eastbound Barham Drive adjacent to the existing SR-78 Eastbound on-ramp. He is requesting a traffic sign installed to enforce the "KEEP CLEAR" pavement markings at the driveway entrance.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 3, 2018**

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, MUSGROVE, BRIDGE, RICO, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Guideline No. 27 – KEEP CLEAR ZONES

Traffic Commission directed City staff to revisit and revise the proposed modified guidelines for KEEP CLEAR zones at the October 3, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Musgrove suggested that City staff consider lifting the restrictions as to “when and where” the KEEP CLEAR markings can be assigned based on City staff’s expertise and analysis. Commissioner Masterson recommended updating the guidelines to not restrict staff’s discretion for multi-lane roadways. He also recommended the last paragraph of the KEEP CLEAR guidelines should not be deleted which provides cautionary language on the use of KEEP CLEAR markings on multi-lane roadways. City staff has retained the last paragraph of the guidelines and provided minor edits to allow for staff’s discretion on the use of KEEP CLEAR markings based on engineering judgment.

City staff requests that the Traffic Commission accepts the modified version of Guideline No. 27, KEEP CLEAR zones (December 2018 version).

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, MUSGROVE, BRIDGE, RICO, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Morgan’s Corner (San Elijo Hills) – Right Turn Restriction

Residents are concerned with the high volume of cut-through traffic/excessive speeds in the Morgan’s Corner development of San Elijo Hills. Residents have observed motorists driving through their residential development from eastbound Elfin Forest Road at Morgan’s Avenue during the morning

peak period bypassing the traffic signal at Elfin Forest Road and San Elijo Road due to traffic congestion. The community is requesting the City to install a “NO RIGHT TURN, 7am – 9am, Mon-Fri” sign restriction on Elfin Forest Road in advance of Morgan’s Avenue. The community recently supported the approval of the right turn restriction at their HOA board meeting in November.

Staff collected traffic data and made field observations during the morning peak period (7am – 8am) on a typical weekday to determine the volume of cut-through traffic in the Morgan’s Corner development. Based on the data collected, a new “NO RIGHT TURN” regulatory sign would be beneficial to reducing the cut-through traffic.

Engineering staff recommends that Traffic Commission approve the installation of a new “NO RIGHT TURN” regulatory sign during the morning peak periods (7am – 9am, Mon-Fri) on eastbound Elfin Forest Road in advance of Morgan’s Avenue based on significant cut-through residential traffic.

Ron Gretzer resides at 1630 Avery Road and is the current HOA president for Morgan’s Corner. He spoke in favor of City Staff’s recommendation to install the right turn restriction. Commissioner Buckley suggested that the HOA install a larger “PRIVATE STREET” sign facing diagonally towards traffic on Elfin Forest Road. Commissioner Musgrove questioned staff of the legality of enforcing the proposed right turn restriction onto a private street.

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, RICO, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: MUSGROVE, BRIDGE

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

b. Wild Canyon Drive and Terraza Mar – Intersection Safety Concerns

San Elijo residents expressed concerns with the lack of available sight distance at the intersection of Terraza Mar and Wild Canyon Drive due to the existing roadway curve and increased on-street parking on Wild Canyon Drive. Residents are requesting an ALL WAY STOP control and crosswalks at the intersection to improve traffic safety and reduce speeding. Residents indicated that there have been several near misses and expressed safety concerns of pedestrians crossing at the intersection. Residents are also concerned about the lack of street lighting on Wild Canyon Drive.

City staff conducted an engineering study to determine the feasibility of implementing an ALL WAY STOP control or a pedestrian crossing at the subject intersection. Based on the findings of this study, it is concluded that the subject intersection meets the criteria for ALL WAY STOP control per the CA MUTCD based on insufficient sight distance at the intersection. A new ALL WAY STOP would also help improve traffic operations and safety at the intersection.

Engineering staff recommends the Traffic Commission approve the installation of an ALL WAY STOP at the intersection of Terraza Mar and Wild Canyon Drive based on satisfying criteria for a multi-way STOP control per the CA MUTCD. The recommendation includes the installation of new STOP signs, new STOP pavement legends, limit lines, 50-feet of double yellow centerlines, "ALL WAY" plaques, and "STOP AHEAD" signs.

Katie Sheriff, a resident at Terraza Mar spoke in favor of supporting staff's recommendation for an "ALL WAY STOP" control at the intersection. She also submitted a petition from impacted residents supporting the "ALL WAY STOP" control to city staff.

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON, MUSGROVE, BRIDGE, RICO, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

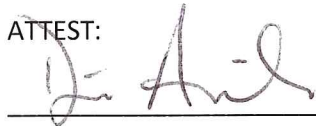
- a. Engineering Staff Updates
- b. San Diego County Sheriff's Department Traffic Collision Summary And Accident Investigation Log
- c. Traffic Commission Commentary
- d. Staff Commentary

9. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.



~~Mike Hansen~~, Chairman, *Arturo Rico*
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:



Denise Avila, Secretary
Traffic Commission