

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2019 | 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 Phil Makrogiannis
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: RICO, CHRISTIAN, MAKROGIANNIS, HANSEN, COLLINS, BRIDGE,  
BUCKLEY

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON & HOAGLIN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Senior Traffic Engineer, Mike Rafael; Principal Traffic Engineer, Nicholas Abboud; Traffic Sergeant, Nicholas Maryn; and Traffic Commission Secretary, Aurelia Velasquez & Danielle Norris.

## 4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2019**

Commissioner Hansen makes a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Commissioner Bridge seconds the motion. Motion carries.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: CHRISTIAN, MAKROGIANNIS, HANSEN, COLLINS, BRIDGE, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Quail Hill Drive- Residential Speeding and Traffic Safety Concerns.

Residents living adjacent to Quail Hill Drive reported residential speeding along Quail Hill Drive between La Sombra Drive and Via Vera Cruz and have traffic safety concerns. Residents are also concern about pedestrian safety on the street due to a recent bicycle and vehicle collision on Quail Hill Drive. Residents are interested if speed bumps may be considered on Quail Hill Drive to reduce vehicle speeding.

Engineering staff conducted an engineering study to determine if traffic calming measures may be warranted on Quail Hill Drive. Engineering staff collected both traffic speed and volume data for (7) consecutive days at the midblock of the street (between Cardinal Court and Partridge Court adjacent to the neighborhood park). The highest traffic volumes along the roadway segment occurred during the morning peak (7-8am) and afternoon peak (3-4pm) which is consistent with residential traffic patterns. Engineering staff determined a majority of the frequent offenders are area residents, and cut-through traffic is non-existent.

Engineering staff reviewed the community's request for ALL-WAY STOP controls along Quail Hill Drive to improve pedestrian safety and reduce vehicle speeds. Per the CAMUTCD, ALL-WAY STOP-controls at intersections are intended to assign the right-of-way at locations where traffic volumes are approximately equal from all approaches and used for speed control.

Staff has determined that traffic volumes are unequal, stopping sight distance sufficient and low pedestrian crossings observed during peak hours at all of the minor intersections on Quail Hill Drive. Based on the finding Engineering staff proposes the use of edgeline striping as an alternative and effective traffic calming measure to help reduce speeds on residential streets.

**CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Installation of edgeline striping consisting of a 4-inch white line on Quail Hill Drive between La Sombra Drive and Via Vera Cruz.
2. Installation of new one-way STOP signs and limit lines at all minor street intersections.

3. Installation of new speed limit signs (25MPH) and advanced playground warning signs on Quail Hill Drive.
4. Installation of a new ALL WAY STOP signs, limit lines, pavement markings, and 50-feet of double yellow centerline at all approaches to the intersection of Quail Hill Drive and McMahr Drive.
5. Deployment of the City's speed radar trailers to help build and reinforce speed compliance on Quail Hill Drive.

Ian Piston resides at 1006 Goldfinch Way disagrees with the cut through. Likes the plan however, he cuts through Discovery himself. Mr. Pistoni sits on the HOA board for his community and they did not vote on the plan. They can review and vote on 9/18/19. If the plan has been done at other places we would like to try it. One kid being hit is enough for me personally.

Bill Kogerman resides at 1023 Partridge Court is concerned for emergency traffic and the safety of the community and kids. He is pleased to see it finally getting addressed and willing to give it a shot. Couple of things of importance to him regarding the plan is not just the speed. It's also field of vision on the street. It changes direction and elevation. Decrease in the reaction time for a driver's total stopping distance is going to increase. Take those things into consideration as the street is being used as a cross through.

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

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NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

Commission Hansen would like a follow up after completion.

**8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Engineering Staff Updates**

- New signal in operation at North City Drive and North Twin Oaks Valley Road, providing access to the University District area.
- New signal in operation at Radiance Way and San Marcos Blvd, providing access to new skyline development.
- All all-way stop sign plaques have 2/3/4 way supplemental plaques mounted below. Per current CAMUTCD standards, an all-way supplemental plaque replaces the previous standards.
- Engineering staff evaluated major streets that currently have no left edgeline striping adjacent to raised center medians. Per CAMUTCD standards, edgeline striping should be used to delineate the left edge of the roadway. Staff recommends installation of left edgeline markings to improve visibility of raised center medians during nighttime periods and to improve traffic safety.
- West Linda Vista drive was reevaluated due to a recent roadway collision due to unsafe speed through the roadway curve. Staff installed chevron signs for curve warning and relocated 40 mph speed limit sign to after the curve warning signs.
- Update on intersection of Sycamore and Olive: installation of no left turn for semi trucks over 26 ft.

**B. San Diego County Sheriff's Department Traffic Collision Summary And Accident Investigation Log**

- 8 DUI arrests, 2 DUI collisions, 35 collisions, only 8 people injured in the month of August

**C. Traffic Commission Commentary:**

- Commissioner Phil comments on start of school collision at Double Peak School entrance/exit. Traffic Sergeant, Nicholas Maryn explained extra motor units are




recruited during this time of year for additional traffic enforcement for nearby schools.

- Commissioner Buckley makes an official request of the Engineering Department to investigate the limited visibility of Linda Vista Drive up to West Linda Vista Drive.
- Commissioner Debra makes a comment on speed on Melrose from San Elijo to Rancho Santa Fe.

D. Staff Commentary:

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Aurelia Velasquez, Secretary  
Traffic Commission  
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Arturo Rico, Chairman  
Traffic Commission