

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, December 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 Charles Buckley
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: RICO, CHRISTIAN, HANSEN, COLLINS, BRIDGE, BUCKLEY, HOAGLIN  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: MASTERSON & MAKROGIANNIS

**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**

Hank Ingovate, who resides at 2173 Coast Avenue, is concerned for the safety of the residents due to several motorists going through their development. Motorists are going through stop signs at high speeds. Several residents' complain about almost getting hit due to the blind spots from the trail crosswalks. He would like to know what the process is to install speed humps to slow people down.

Tom Henderson, who resides at 829 Applewilde Drive, is concerned about traffic safety for the residents of Applewilde Drive. Traffic volumes are increasing and speeds are routinely above the posted 25 mph. He is requesting the following:

- 1) Rumble strips to be installed (suggest 4 sets of 8 strips) along the street from Poppy Road to Via Vera Cruz.
- 2) On the street light pole located on 837 Applewilde Drive, an electrified speed sign to be installed and speed limit sign to be installed.
- 3) Street light to be installed at the intersection of Applewilde Drive and Via Vera Cruz.

- 4) Increase in traffic enforcement for the 25 MPH speed limit by the Sheriff's department between the hours of 8-9 AM and 2:30-3:30 PM during the weekdays or random times once to twice a month.
- 5) Speed bumps to be installed similar to existing devices installed on Highway 1 in Leucadia, Encinitas.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

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

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed ALL-WAY STOP control at the Intersection of Knob Hill Road and Matin Circle

A request was received from a representative of the St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church located on 1854 Knob Hill Road regarding the safety of pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Knob Hill Road and Matin Circle. She expressed concerns of vehicular speeding occurring near this uncontrolled intersection where parents and school pedestrians cross. She is requesting "Child Crossing" or similar signs at either side of the street to warn motorists of potential pedestrian crossing.

The study area for this report is at the intersection of Knob Hill Road and Matin Circle. Knob Hill Road between Bennett Ave and Nordahl Road is classified as a local street and meets the residential district criteria for a speed limit of 25 MPH per the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

Engineering staff does not recommend pedestrian warning signs at an uncontrolled intersection where pedestrians can legally cross per the CVC (California Vehicle Code). However, based on the

existing roadway and traffic conditions, City staff conducted an engineering study to determine the feasibility of implementing an ALL WAY STOP control or a pedestrian crosswalk at the subject intersection. Currently, the intersection is uncontrolled on Knob Hill Road and STOP-controlled on Matin Circle.

Reverend Milova Katanic, who resides at 1850 Knob Hill Road, stated his wife made the recommendation for school parents to utilize the church's parking lot for parking overflow during school start and dismissal times. He also observes motorists violating the "NO LEFT TURN" movements into the church driveway. He also recommends installation of an all way stop sign.

**CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Engineering staff recommends the installation of an ALL WAY STOP control at the intersection of Knob Hill Road and Matin Circle based on satisfying criteria for a multi-way STOP per the CA MUTCD. The recommendation includes the installation of new STOP signs, new STOP pavement legends, limit lines, "ALL WAY" plaques, and "STOP AHEAD" signs.

St. Petka Serbian Orthodox church would be required to install a new "STOP" sign, limit line, and all-way stop plaque within their right-of-way.

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: CHRISTIAN, COLLINS, BUCKLEY, HANSEN, HOAGLIN

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: BRIDGE

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

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

### **A. Engineering Staff Updates:**

San Elijo Rd and Double Peak Drive-Westbound Right Turn Lane

San Elijo Rd and Ridgeline Drive-Double Peak K-8 school entrance

Traffic Safety Operations-Sight distance at intersection of West Linda Vista Drive and Linda Vista Drive

Completed Work Order- Smilax Road (New Two –Way Turn Lane)

Completed Work Orders-Quail Hill Drive Traffic Calming

New Traffic Signal in Operations- Twin Oaks Valley Road and Sunstone Way

Traffic Management System Enhancement Project

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

(11) DUI Arrests

(7) DUI Collisions

(16) Injuries Collisions

(25) Non injury Collisions

(19) People Injured

(2) Pedestrian Collisions

(3) Motorcycle collisions

### **C. Traffic Commission Commentary:**

Commissioner Buckley requested PW staff to investigate storm drain inlet that frequently gets plugged up by debris caused by heavy rain storms on Linda Vista Drive. City staff to forward Mr. Buckley's concern to PW Street Maintenance.

### **D. Staff Commentary:**

January 2020 Traffic Meeting cancelled



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Traffic Commissioners seats are open due to 4 year terms expiration. We encourage you to reapply and it's open to all residents.

Selection of new chair at next regular meeting

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Arturo Rico, Chairman  
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:

Aurelia Velasquez, Secretary  
Traffic Commission