

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 | 6:00 PM

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rico called the Traffic Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **SELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:**

#### **CHAIRMAN ELECTION:**

Commissioner Collins makes a motion to elect Commissioner Arturo Rico as Chairman. Commissioner Hoaglin seconds the motion. No other nominations were made. New 2020 Chairman: Arturo Rico

#### **VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION:**

Commissioner Schellenger makes a motion to elect Commissioner Gregory Hoaglin as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Collins seconds the motion. New 2020 Vice Chairman: Gregory Hoaglin

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Commissioner Ed Collins

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS:**

Arturo Rico and Mike Hansen (Re-appointed), Kirk Erickson (New commissioner), Gregory Hoaglin (New regular member), Josephine Carroll and Rosemary Schellenger (New Alternates)

### **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: RICO, COLLINS, HOAGLIN, MASTERSON, ERICKSON, SCHELLENGER, AND CARROLL

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: BRIDGE, HANSEN

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

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

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Charles Buckley, who resides at 3535 Linda Vista Drive, former Traffic Commissioner, would like to request new truck route signs to be installed on the traffic signal poles at Grand Avenue and Rancho Santa Fe Road. The new signs would help prevent truck drivers on using westbound Grand Avenue through the residential district as cut-through traffic to Vista.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 4, 2019**

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: COLLINS, HOAGLIN, ERICKSON, SCHELLENGER, CARROLL, And  
MASTERSON

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Proposed ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way.**

A request was received from Mr. John Jacob, a San Marcos resident, to have Engineering staff conduct a traffic safety evaluation on Cox Road between Sycamore Drive and Mulberry Drive. Mr. Jacobs was involved in a broadside collision at the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way in November 2018. He is concerned about the speed of traffic on Cox Road and the lack of visibility at the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way for eastbound traffic.

The study area for this report is at the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way. Cox Road between Sycamore Drive and Mulberry Drive is classified as a local collector street. Camden Place and Savannah Way are private streets that intersect with Cox Road and provide access to several single family homes. There are not posted speed limits on the roadway. There is an existing unpaved trail along the south side of this roadway segment. There are no existing sidewalks.

An Engineering study was conducted to determine the feasibility of installing an ALL WAY STOP control at the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way to address Mr. Jacob's traffic safety concern. ALL

WAY STOP controls at intersections are intended to assign right-of-way at locations where traffic volumes are typically equal from all approaches

John Jacob, who resides at 1789 Savannah Way, was the motorist involved in the reported collision on Cox Road at Savannah Way. Mr. Jacob is concerned that without an ALL WAY STOP control at the intersection, there might be similar situations.

Hans Liebscher, who resides at 1692 Marilyn Lane, travels Cox Road at least 2-3 times per day. He states that there are very low traffic volumes on the street. Mr. Liebscher suggests that a 20-25 mph speed limit sign would be sufficient. He is concerned about the wear and tear of his vehicle if a stop sign were to be installed. He also feels that the volume of traffic and collisions on Cox Road doesn't warrant a stop sign.

Rob O'Carroll, who resides at 1786 Savannah Way, has been a resident of San Marcos since 2001. Mr. O'Carroll is not in favor of installing a stop sign on Cox Road. He feels that there is limited sight distance for eastbound traffic that would need to stop which would make the intersection more dangerous and create a safety issue for drivers traveling over the hill.

**CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Engineering staff recommends the installation of an ALL WAY STOP control at the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way 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.

Engineering staff also recommends installation of new speed limit signs (30 MPH) based on the latest Engineering and Traffic Survey on Cox Road.

Commissioner Collins makes a motion to decline the proposed recommendations by Engineering staff and propose other alternatives. Commissioner Erickson seconds the motion. Motion carries as follow: Decline Engineering staff's recommendation for an ALL WAY STOP control at the intersection of Cox

Road and Savannah Way. Request Engineering staff to evaluate other traffic safety alternatives and present recommendations at a future meeting.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HOAGLIN, SCHELLENGER, CARROLL, MASTERSON, RICO, COLLINS and ERICKSON

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

### A. Engineering Staff Updates:

1. Traffic signal operation changes were implemented at Schoolhouse Way and San Elijo Road to improve school traffic conditions.
2. Development Project updates

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

(8) DUI/Alcohol Arrests

(10) Injury Collisions

(15) Non injury Collisions

(13) Persons Injured

(1) Pedestrian Collisions

(1) Pedestrian Injured

(1) Bicyclist Collision

(1) Bicyclist Injury

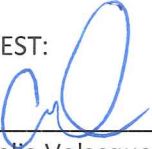
### C. Traffic Commission Commentary: None

### D. Staff Commentary: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Aurelia Velasquez, Secretary  
Traffic Commission

  
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Arturo Rico, Chairman  
Traffic Commission