

MINUTES

Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020 | 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Commissioner Gregory Hoaglin

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: RICO, HOAGLIN, MASTERSON, ERICKSON, SCHELLENGER, BRIDGE AND HANSEN

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: COLLINS

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:

Paul Nelson, who resides at 102 Crimson Drive, is concern for the safety of the children that play on Crimson Drive due to excessive speeding motorists. Crimson Drive has been an agenda topic in the past and would like to request for Crimson Drive to be added to a future agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HOAGLIN, ERICKSON, SCHELLENGER, MASTERSON AND RICO

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS: BRIDGE, HANSEN

OLD BUSINESS

A. Intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way- Traffic Safety Alternatives

Traffic Commission voted to disapprove staff's recommendations for installation of an ALL WAY STOP control (AWSC) at the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way last month. Traffic Commission

directed City staff to evaluate alternative countermeasures to enhance traffic safety at the intersection.

The study area addressed in this report is the intersection of Cox Road and Savannah Way. Cox Road between Sycamore Drive and Mulberry Drive is classified as a local collector street. The roadway segment consists of two (2) lanes, 0.4 miles in length, and varies in paved width between 22 and 28 feet. Savannah Way is a private street that intersects with Cox Road and provides the main access to approximately (9) single family homes. There is an existing equestrian trail along the south side of this roadway segment, but no existing sidewalks. The posted speed limit per the latest Engineering and Traffic Survey is 30 MPH.

As directed, City staff reevaluated the available line of sight at the intersection and determined that additional sight distance could be attained by having motorist “Creep” beyond the STOP bar, closer to the edge of the travel way, a maneuver observed in the field and is allowable in the California Vehicle Code (CVC). This condition would put the driver’s position approximately 7-feet back from the edge of the southerly curb line, thus avoiding the line of sight obstruction by the existing trees and lodge pole fencing. In addition, City staff identified the obstruction to the line of sight by the existing trees and landscaping (Agapanthus plants) in the planter area between the lodge pole fencing and the southern curb line, and the improvement to the line of sight that could be gained by substituting the landscaping for low-profile groundcover in the first 100 feet of the planter area just west of Savannah Way.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

To improve the line of sight at the intersection and to meet current State standards for proper sight distance, engineering staff recommends the removal and replacement of the existing vegetation in the planter area between the lodge pole fencing and the southern curb line of Cox Road, with new low-profile groundcover for a distance of approximately 100 feet west of Savannah Way. Staff also recommends the installation of the following traffic signing and striping improvements to help reduce vehicle travel speeds on Cox Road.

- 1) Installation of new intersection and raised median warning signs with advisory speed limits (20 MPH) signs in both direction of Cox Road.

- 2) Installation of a 6-inch yellow left edge line adjacent to the raised center median for approximately 330 feet in length along both directions of Cox Road.
- 3) Installation of a 4-inch white right edge line, 2 feet from the existing southerly curb line for approximately 420 feet in length along both directions of Cox Road.

John Jacob, who resides at 1789 Savannah Way, is in support for an ALL WAY STOP sign.

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HOAGLIN, SCHELLENGER, MASTERSON, RICO, ERICKSON, HANSEN AND BRIDGE

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Engineering Staff Updates:

Melrose Drive speeding and traffic safety concerns update

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

(9) DUI/Alcohol Arrest

(4) DUI Accidents

(12) Injury Collisions

(22) Non Injury Collisions

(17) Persons Injured

(1) Bicyclist Collisions

(1) Bicyclist Injured

- C. Traffic Commission Commentary: Commissioner Erickson- San Elijo Road at Schoolhouse way traffic has improved.
- D. Staff Commentary:
 - Richland Elementary School- Dismissal traffic and congestion; City staff to evaluate
 - Upcoming workshops for General Plan update on City's website
 - Speed cushion pilot project-City staff to present in future agenda

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.



Arturo Rico, Chairman
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:



Aurelia Velasquez, Secretary
Traffic Commission