

MINUTES

Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

Wednesday, November 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 Masterson

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: RICO*, MASTERSON*, ERICKSON*, BRIDGE*, HOAGLIN*, COLLINS* AND HANSEN*

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

*Members of the Traffic Commission attending the meeting via teleconference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20.

ALSO PRESENT:

Senior Traffic Engineer, Mike Rafael; Principal Traffic Engineer, Nicholas Abboud; Sargent, Charles Morreale; and Traffic Commission Secretary, Aurelia Velasquez and Danielle Norris.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Warren Witt, who resides in San Elijo Hills, is concerned with traffic safety issues in San Elijo Hills. He is concerned with the roadway conditions on San Elijo Road regarding asphalt debris, narrow bike lanes, and lack of guardrails adjacent to San Elijo Elementary and Middle schools. He feels that these are serious violations and need to be corrected. City staff have received his concerns and will be presenting their findings and recommendations to Mr. Witt and the Traffic Commission at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

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

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

7a) - The Laurels Development-Traffic Calming Recommendations

Engineering staff received traffic safety concerns from San Marcos residents living in the Laurels development, situated on the westerly part of the City. Residents are concerned with unsafe vehicle speeds in their community. They feel that the 25 MPH speed limits are rarely being followed. With no established HOA for the community, residents have reached out to social media to encourage safer speeds through the neighborhood. Residents are requesting for the installation of speeds bumps to help with reducing vehicular speeds in their community. Based on the residents concerns, Engineering staff initiated a traffic safety evaluation of the neighborhood to determine if traffic calming measures may be warranted.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

Engineering staff request that the Traffic Commission accept staff's recommendations for the following improvements:

- Installation of additional 25 MPH speed limit signs and pavement markings on Acacia Drive and Sequoia Street.
- Deployment of the City's mobile speed radar trailers to increase speed awareness and help build compliance in the neighborhood.

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANSEN, COLLINS, HOAGLIN, BRIDGE, ERICKSON, MASTERSON and RICO

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

7b) - Melrose Drive-Request for Bike Shared Lane Markings (Sharrows)

Engineering staff received safety complaints on Melrose Drive between San Elijo Road and Boulderidge Drive. Residents feel unsafe while riding their bicycles on Melrose Drive, which permits bicycle travel to share the roadway with vehicles. Bicyclist are also concerned with motorist honking at them while taking full control of the lane. Residents are requesting the City to install bike shared lane markings (Sharrows) to indicate dual use of the travel lane for both bicycles and vehicles. Based on these concerns, Engineering staff initiated a traffic safety evaluation on Melrose Drive to determine if the sharrow pavement markings would be warranted.

Engineering staff reviewed resident's request for bike shared lane markings (sharrows) on Melrose Drive. Per the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), Section 9C.07, shared lane markings may be used to:

- a) Assist bicyclist with lateral positioning in a shared lane with on-street parallel parking in order to reduce the chance of a bicyclist's impacting the open door of a parked vehicle
- b) Assist bicyclist with lateral positioning in lanes that are too narrow for a motor vehicle and bicycle to travel side by side within the same traffic lane.
- c) Alert road users of the lateral location of bicyclist are likely to occupy within the travel lane
- d) Encourage safe passing of bicyclist by motorist, and
- e) Reduce the incident of wrong-way bicycling
- f) Assist bicyclist with lateral positioning with a traffic circle or roundabout
- g) Supplement a signed bicycle route that is identified as a class III bicycle facility
- h) Encourage the lateral positioning bicyclist away from on-street angled parking, and
- i) Indicate that a bicycle can travel straight through a right-turn lane or left-turn lane only

Conclusion and Recommendations:

Engineering staff request that the Traffic Commission accept staff's recommendations for the installation of bike shared markings (Sharrows) on Melrose Drive between San Elijo Road and Boulderidge Drive. The sharrows will be installed within the roadway segment (6 feet from face of curb) adjacent to the existing "BICYCLES MAY USE FULL LANE" Regulatory signs currently installed within the public right-of-way.

Engineering staff also recommends selective enforcement by the Sheriff's department of the "BICYCLES MAY USE FULL LANE" regulatory signs and the new sharrows pavement markings on Melrose Drive.

Commissioner Erickson makes a motion to decline the proposed recommendations by engineering staff and propose further studies. Commissioner Collins seconds the motion. Motion carries as follow: Decline Engineering staff's recommendations for the installation of bike shared lane markings (Sharrow) on Melrose Drive between San Elijo Road and Boulderidge Drive. Request Engineering staff for further studies and data collection on speeding and present recommendations at a future meeting.

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

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS:

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Engineering Staff Updates:

Creek Project (Isaac Etchamendy – Principal Engineer (CIP))

Intersection of Shirley Drive and Vineyard Road

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

(14) DUI/Alcohol Arrests

(8) DUI/Accidents

(0) Fatal Collision

(11) Injury Collisions

(16) Non-Injury Collisions

(15) Persons Injured-Victims

(1) Bicyclist Collisions

(1) Bicyclist Injured

(2) Motorcycle Collisions

(2) Motorcycle Injured



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C. Traffic Commission Commentary:

None

D. Staff Commentary:

Kiwanis Christmas Parade- Cancelled

Tree Lighting – On Hold

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of the name "Aurelia Velasquez".

Aurelia Velasquez, Secretary
Traffic Commission

A blue ink signature of the name "Arturo Rico".

Arturo Rico, Chairman
Traffic Commission