

MINUTES

Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, June 02, 2021 | 6:00 PM

Teleconference and Electronic Means

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Commissioner Kovrig

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: *KOVIRIG, *ERICKSON, *HOAGLIN, *RICO, *HANSEN, *BRIDGE,
*SCHELLENGER

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Traffic Engineer, Nicholas Abboud; Senior Traffic Engineer, Mike Rafael; Associate Civil Traffic Engineer, Manas Bista; Sergeant, Charles Morreale; Traffic Commission Secretary, Gina Jackson.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 05, 2021

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: *KOVIRIG, *ERICKSON, *HOAGLIN, *RICO, *HANSEN, *BRIDGE,
*SCHELLENGER

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for “No turn on Red” sign at San Elijo Rd/Twin Oaks Valley Rd and Equestrian Court/Double Peak K-8 School Driveway

Traffic Engineering Division received several requests to install “No turn on Red” regulatory sign at the intersection of San Elijo Rd/Twin Oaks Valley Rd and Equestrian Court/Double Peak K-8 School. Due to constant flow of eastbound traffic turning into the school grounds, traffic making westbound left into the school is not able to turn as the queue of waiting vehicles fills up the school driveway. It also causes conflicts with the students as vehicles back up into the roadway, blocking the crosswalk.

RECOMMENDATION

Engineering staff requests that the Traffic Commission accepts staff’s recommendations for the installation of “NO TURN ON RED” sign at the intersection of San Elijo Rd/Twin Oaks Valley Rd and Equestrian Court/Double Peak K-8 School Driveway. The new sign will be placed on a traffic signal pole and facing the eastbound direction. Engineering staff also recommends selective enforcement by the Sheriff’s Department of the new “NO TURN ON RED” regulatory sign at the intersection.

Associate Civil Engineer Manas Bista presented the staff report and presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION INCLUDED: concerns that the right turn lane into the school is not long enough to accommodate the line of vehicles waiting to turn right until the light turns green; can a time limit be added to the sign; will there be space in the parking lot for cars to back out of parking space when traffic is utilizing the parking lot instead of blocking the streets; what level is the City involved with the schools during planning construction; will there be any new development to the west of the school.

CITY STAFF responded that currently the right turn lane cannot accommodate the queue going in the school on a red light; suggestions were made to the school to expand their parking lot and allow the parking lot to accommodate the extra traffic; there was a discussion regarding adding time limits and it was decided that the time limits would cause confusion, especially during school events, and it was decided there would be no benefit by adding the time limits; the schools do not have to involve the City at all with their construction planning, however we built a relationship with the schools to be involved in their planning stages; currently no applications have been submitted to City Hall for new development to the west of the school.

Commissioner Erickson made a motion to adopt staff's recommendation. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carries.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: *KOVRIK, *ERICKSON, *HOAGLIN, *RICO, *HANSEN, *BRIDGE, *SCHELLENGER

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Work Order Updates:

Traffic Signing and Striping Improvements – Mulberry Drive @ Rose Ranch Road Signalized Intersection – item was presented to Traffic Commission in May; Traffic Commission approved staff's recommendations for the installation of additional traffic signing and striping improvements consistent with CAMUTCD standards as low-cost and effective countermeasures for reducing vehicular speeds. The improvements are expected to warn drivers of the roadway curvature, and enhance visibility of the intersection. City staff also issued a work order to remove/trim back vegetation to increase the sight distance at the intersection of Vineyard & Mulberry Drive. Staff also included a work order to trim the vegetation at Avenida Ricardo/Walmart Drive @ Center

Drive to improve the sight distance at the intersection. A new sign will also be installed in front of the traffic signal pole.

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

(204) Hazardous Citations

(116) Non-Hazardous Citations

(15) DUI/Alcohol Arrests

(8) DUI Accidents

(22) Injury Collisions

(18) Non-Injury Collisions

C. Traffic Commission Commentary:

Chair Rico inquired in the new sign for the school in the New Business presentation will be completed before the new school year starts.

City staff responded that the new sign will be installed before the new school year starts.

Commissioner Kovrig mentioned that City Council has returned to the Chamber and asked if the rest of the Commissions will be returning to in person meetings soon.

City staff responded that they are waiting for confirmation from the City Clerk's office, and will update the Commission.

Commissioner Erickson asked if there is a plan has been set to better control the flow of traffic going in and out of the Creekside Marketplace.

City staff responded a consultant was looking into that, but was placed on hold due to COVID. Staff will follow-up and hoping to have an answer for the Commission at the next meeting.

D. Staff Commentary:

Senior Civil Engineer Mike Rafael indicated that he will update the Commission regarding resuming in person meetings in the Council Chambers when staff hears back from the City Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Arturo Rico, Chairman
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:

Gina Jackson, Secretary
Traffic Commission