

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 05/04/22

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AGENDA ITEM # 7A

Project Name: Rancho Dorado Neighborhood – Residential Speeding Concerns

Brief Description: Email public comments received and staff responses

Date 05/04/22
Time 2:00 p.m.

From: Kuey, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 10:34 AM
To: ██████████
Subject: RE: May 4 Traffic Commission

Good Morning Mr. Kretz, if the results of a speed survey indicate there is speeding occurring along a street our policies require us to implement some type of traffic calming measure. We try to choose the best traffic calming measure which fits the situation. We usually tier our approach to traffic calming with more aesthetically impactful measures such as medians or traffic signals being in the last tier. Many times we try using radar speed feedback trailers but, often times this traffic calming measure results in only short term relief.

Staff recommends our traffic calming solution to the Traffic Commission. The Traffic Commission does not have to approve our recommendations, they can approve other traffic calming measures or have staff re-evaluate the situation or determine nothing needs to be done. The Commissioners will listen to public input before they make their decision and that's where your thoughts could be helpful to them.

It is my understanding the Rancho Dorado HOA is conducting a traffic survey in your community. The City will be interested in knowing what the outcome of this survey will be.

Have a nice day!



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 7:28 PM
To: Kuey, Peter <PKuey@san-marcos.net>
Subject: RE: May 4 Traffic Commission

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Peter,
Many thanks for the note. I was aware of the meeting but I got the impression that your commission had already made it's decision and Phase I interventions would be implemented. Based on interactions with the mayor and city council at the last meeting, it is my understanding they do not involve themselves with your decisions.

I am still of the belief that following the traffic study, "possible" interventions should be shared with the HOA and our wishes should be implemented. Everyone who spoke at the council meeting was against the striping, yet everything I've been told since then tells me that it will be implemented over our objections. That leads me to believe that our only hope of affecting change is to try to get the mayor/council to change protocol.

Again, many thanks for contacting me. It is really appreciated that you took the time as that is rare in the world today.
All the best,
Keith

From: Kuey, Peter <PKuey@san-marcos.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 1:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: May 4 Traffic Commission

Mr. Kretz, I need to apologize to you for not notifying you of the April 6 Traffic Commission Meeting. During this meeting, the Rancho Dorado speeding concerns were discussed and the staff recommendations in implementing traffic calming measures were approved by the Traffic Commissioners.

Subsequent to this meeting, the City realized the appropriate noticing requirements were not followed for this meeting for which, we regret. In order to rectify this oversight, the City will be taking this matter back to Traffic Commission for their reconsideration. This meeting will occur at 6 PM on May 4 at City Hall. All residents are welcomed to attend and participate in the discussion.

The City has also reached out to your Homeowners Association management company, Avalon Management Group, and they will be assisting the City in providing additional notifications to the Rancho Dorado residents.

The agenda for the Traffic Commission meeting will be posted to the city's website at least 72 hour prior to the meeting at <https://www.san-marcos.net/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/8765/371>

Again, I apologize for not informing you of the April 6 Traffic Commission meeting.



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From: Kelly Kohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Kuey, Peter
Cc: Matthew Reaber
Subject: Traffic Commission Agenda 7a - Public Statement

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I would like to raise my concern about the current proposal of just line striping in the Rancho Dorado community to combat the traffic issues. I am concerned that the city has not fully grasped the safety issue in this community. I have a 2.5 year old and am currently pregnant due in August and there have been multiple times where people have rolled through stop signs and almost hit us while walking to get our mail or the park. My concern is if people already ignore stop signs and markers on the ground, they will continue to ignore the addition of line striping. Physical barriers are needed to force people to slow down when in a residential community.

I was also discouraged by the city's suggestion of line striping after the traffic commission previously admitted that line striping only results in a decrease of 1-2 MPH. With our current speeds in the community, that would still put us well over the speed limit, and I believe we will be back having this same conversation in a few months. My ask is to please do more now so that my family and I can feel safe walking in our own neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Kelly Reaber
[REDACTED]

From: Kuey, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:08 AM
To: n_cascia
Subject: RE: Message from Rancho Dorado Owners Association - Traffic Commission Meeting - [#XN1959256]

Thanks for the email. Speed bumps are not used in San Marcos due to emergency responders concerns about needing to slow down to negotiate the speed bump and hence, delay their response times. However, a similar traffic calming measure, speed cushions, have been considered within San Marcos. Speed cushions allow for gaps in the “bump” in which the emergency vehicle can drive through. As a pilot program, we will be installing speed cushions on Fulton Road in the very near term. In regards to using speed cushions within Rancho Dorado, a couple of the streets within your community are not candidates due to their steepness. Generally, streets over 7% in grade are not candidates for speed cushions due to the concerns of potentially having vehicles “launch” through the air. We typically will try other traffic calming measures before considering speed cushions. For speed cushion consideration, we also need to get consensus from the community as some residents may be concerned with the aesthetics, increased noises caused by braking and accelerating, wear and tear on a vehicle’s suspension, decreased property values and even increased pollution concerns caused by accelerations.

The Traffic Commission will be considering traffic calming measures for these three streets tonight at 6 PM at City Hall. I am providing a link to the meeting agenda and staff report below:

<https://www.san-marcos.net/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/8765/460>



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From: n_cascia [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Kuey, Peter <PKuey@san-marcos.net>
Cc: wecare@avalonweb.com
Subject: Message from Rancho Dorado Owners Association - Traffic Commission Meeting -
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I am a resident of Rancho Dorado and would like to know WHY SPEED BUMPS ARE NOT BEING CONSIDERED for White Sands Drive, Coast Dr, and Island Drive???

This would SOLVE the speeding problem IN A HURRY and is a "NO BRAINER"!!! WTF??? What's so hard to understand or figure out about that???

Sincerely,
A concerned resident

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device