

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 03, 2022

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Traffic Commission Chair Arturo Rico called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Schellenger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	SCHELLENGER, RICO, HANSEN, HOAGLIN
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	ERICKSON, KOVRIG, BRIDGE

Also present were: Director of Development Services/City Engineer Isaac Etchamendy; Senior Civil Engineer Kyrenne Chua, Assistant Traffic Engineer Damian Schoenecke, San Diego Sheriff's Department Deputy Brian Bentley; Senior Office Specialist Gina Jackson

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Approval of Minutes, July 6, 2022

COMMISSIONER HANSEN MAKES A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS RECORDED; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOAGLIN. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: RICO, HANSEN, HOAGLIN
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: ERICKSON, KOVRIG, BRIDGE
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER

OLD BUSINESS

6. None

NEW BUSINESS

7. A. Capital Improvement Program and Land Development Presentation

City Engineer/Development Services Director Isaac Etchamendy presented the public projects from the Capital Improvement Program that are funded by the City. Projects include the Creek District – build out of Via Vera Cruz and San Marcos Blvd. Via Vera Cruz will have four lanes and pedestrian improvements. Bikes lanes will be installed that will tie into the bike lanes at San Marcos Blvd.; North side of Discovery will tie into a trail system and have lighting. The south side of Discovery will have a standard 5 ft. sidewalk and bike lanes. Due to constraints of the habitat, bike lanes will not be installed on the north side of Discovery, riders will be using sharrows; Bent Avenue bridge will remain 2 lanes and pedestrian access can only be provided on the north side. This will also tie into Creekside Drive, and a bike lane will be installed on the south side connecting to San Marcos Blvd.; The Creek infrastructure project and the Discovery extension project we are working jointly with Shea and Lennar. Pedestrian improvements on the south side will have 5 ft. sidewalks, and the trail on the north side will be merging with the levee, 10 ft. wide sidewalks wrapping around and move along Bent Ave.; Bike lanes will be installed on the south side and transfer into buffer bike lanes in the Discovery extension project; The free right at San Marcos Blvd. and Discovery Way will be removed. This will allow vehicles to pause before making a turn onto Discovery, and allow for controlled pedestrian crossing. An additional lane will be installed in the westbound direction, for a right turn pocket entering into the High Tech campus; A new intersection will be constructed at Smilax with a traffic signal.

Senior Civil Engineer Kyrenne Chua presented the private projects in Land Development that are funded by private developers. Several development projects are proposed along San Marcos Blvd. between Las Posas Rd. and Via Vera Cruz. Projects on the north and south side of San Marcos Blvd. are required to construct frontage improvements, implementing the multi-way concept. The two travel lanes in each direction and landscaped center will be maintained on San Marcos Blvd. On the south side, the local access lane will include diagonal street parking; New east west streets on Main Street and Creekside Drive will be partially implemented by development projects in the vicinity. Both streets will have one travel lane on each side in both directions, street parking, and pedestrian facilities. Creekside Drive will also include a bike lane; Barham Drive has a free right turn into Twin Oaks Valley Rd., which will be removed and replaced with a right turn lane; A new traffic signal will be installed at Barham Drive and Myers Ave. bordering Escondido; Barham Drive at Woodland Parkway, bicycle striping is proposed. Green dashed lanes will be installed on Barham Drive heading eastbound to La Marie Road.; An all way stop is proposed at North bound Hill Street and westbound Carmel Street; Richland Elementary School is installing a traffic signal and crosswalk at Richland Road and Borden Road. Richland Elementary is also installing a rectangular flashing beacon system at Richland Road and Front Street, striped crosswalks will be installed at the east, west, and northerly legs of the intersection; The Highland subdivision will extend Las Posas Road to the city's northern limits.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

8. A. Work Order Updates

Fulton Road Speed Cushion Pilot Program – install completed on July 14, 2022. Six sets of speed cushions were installed from Bennett Avenue to Richland Road.

Sagewood Drive and Crescent Place – a multi-way stop is recommended by the City's traffic consultant after a warrant analysis was conducted due to site line visibility issues. A work order was implemented and installation of stop signs to follow.

Discovery Street and La Sombra Drive multi-way stop sign – On July 22, 2022 the Count approved the multi-way stop sign at the intersection. Next the County Board of Supervisors will consider the multi-way stop sign, tentatively on November 16, 2022.

B. San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. Traffic Collision Summary and Accident Investigation Log:

DUI/Alcohol Arrests:	July (8)	YTD (92)
DUI Accidents:	Apr (7)	YTD (28)
Fatal:	July (0)	YTD (6)
Injury:	July (17)	YTD (110)
Non-Injury:	July (11)	YTD (175)
NTA Citations/Hazardous:	July (234)	YTD (969)
NTA Citations/Non-Hazardous:	July (59)	YTD (605)

C. Traffic Commission Commentary: Any feedback regarding the shared lanes on Melrose.

Staff response: Staff has not heard any negative feedback regarding the shared lanes on Melrose.

D. Staff Commentary: The General Plan update is ongoing, currently reviewing the Land Use Alternatives and will be going to City Council shortly. Consulting staff will prepare an EIR, which includes analyzing the City's traffic and VMT. Updates will be provided when information is available.

Commissioner Comments:
None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.



Arturo Rico, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ATTEST:



GINA JACKSON, SENIOR OFFICE SPECIALIST
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION