

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 05, 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 Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	SCHELLENGER, ERICKSON, KOVRIG, RICO, CARROLL, FREEMAN, HOAGLIN
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	HANSEN,

Also present were: Director of Development Services/City Engineer Isaac Etchamendy; Assistant Traffic Engineer Damian Schoenecke; Senior Office Specialist Gina Jackson

**ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### **5. Approval of Minutes, August 03, 2022**

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

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

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **6. A. Rancho Dorado Community – Residential Speeding Concerns**

RECOMMENDATIONS: Engineering staff recommends implementation of the July 2021 striping plan.

**Isaac Etchamendy, Director of Development Services/City Engineer** gave the presentation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Nikki Jacobs, resident in Rancho Dorado neighborhood** – Expressed concerns with how the data was gathered for the speed report and non-residents lingering in the park after hours. Favors striping to control the speeding.

**Dan Walters, resident in Rancho Dorado neighborhood** – Requested data when City parking enforcement was in the neighborhood. Requested more stopping signs for Rocky Point Way and Island and lighted speed limit signs.

**Matt Reabur, resident in Rancho Dorado neighborhood** – All for striping to control speeding in the neighborhood and wants Coast Ave. included. Would like Sheriff to monitor speeding on Coast, Island and White Sands.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED**

**Traffic Commissioners discussions included:** Thanked staff for the detail information given in the reports. Several commissioners expressed a desire to approach the speeding issue in the neighborhood rapidly; staff's recommendations were generally supported. Questions arose regarding striping reducing the value of homes in a neighborhood to which staff had not seen any evidence to support such claims.

## **ACTION:**

COMMISSIONER KOVRIG MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ITEMS 1-8 WITH MODIFICATION TO ITEM #8 FOR STAFF TO PROVIDE TWO UPDATES WITHIN THE YEAR AFTER IMPLEMENTATION; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOAGLIN. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER, ERICKSON, KOVRIG, RICO, CARROLL, FREEMAN, HOAGLIN
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: HANSEN  
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **7. A. Active Transportation Plan**

**Isaac Etchamendy, Director of Development Services/City Engineer** gave the presentation.

**Traffic Commissioner discussions included:** Positive sentiment on the plan being implemented; Additional discussion covered Palomar College and the University as part of the plan; sidewalks; use of interactive features for data gathering; navigating safely to get over the 78 for bicyclists and pedestrians; timeline on how long this will be available for the community to respond; school districts involvement with the plan; coordination with the City's Climate Action Plan;

### **8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Major Work Order Updates:** We will be starting the 3-month survey of the Fulton Rd Traffic Calming. A guard rail was repaired on San Elijo.
- B. San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. Traffic Collision Summary and Accident Investigation Log:**  
Sheriff was not available
- C. Traffic Commission Commentary:** Parking Enforcement was addressed with several traffic commissioners indicating a need for parking enforcement to be addressed. Traffic Commissioner Kovrig summarized his attendance at the Volunteer Recognition event. Traffic commission discussed likely start dates for Rancho Dorado traffic calming.
- D. Staff Commentary:** Work starting for Rancho Dorado will depend on the workload for Public Works. A bill called the Freedom to Walk Act passed. The bill allows a person to cross the street at any point within intersections as long as a reasonable person deems it safe to do so. This becomes effective January 1, 2023. One of the potential issues is that we will no longer have enforcement as a method to stop people from crossing in an unsafe manner, because that definition has not been litigated on or guidance from the State.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



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ARTURO RICO, CHAIRMAN  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**ATTEST:**



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