



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.



ARTURO RICO, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ATTEST:



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