

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2023**

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 Kovrig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON NOMINATED COMMISSIONER RICO FOR CHAIRPERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KOVRIG. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON NOMINATED COMMISSIONER KOVRIG FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHELLENGER. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**7. Approval of Minutes, October 05, 2022**

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**8. A. Fulton Road Speed Cushion Pilot Program Study Results**

**Damian Schoenecke, Assistant Engineer-Traffic** presented the update.

**Traffic Commissioners discussions included:** confirmation of areas of speed counts; requested to see data from the other areas of Fulton Rd. not currently included at the next update; recommended reduced speeds going over a speed cushion; is the traffic speed data accurately compared to each other.

**Staff response:** The speed counts confirmed from the sections of Fulton Rd. where the high volume of speeds occurred. Manufacturers recommended speed going over a speed cushion is 20 mph. Speed-readings are taken in areas where the maximum speed levels could occur, which also have behavioral components, and data is compared to each other for the same location.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9. A. Traffic Calming Policy Review/Workshop**

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

**-What does traffic calming mean to you and what methods should be used for safety concerns?**

**Traffic Commissioners discussions included:** Traffic calming measures mean finding ways to be proactive and reactive in the designing of projects and what will it look like in 5 to 10 years; the movement of traffic is a safe and reasonable speed, especially around school zones; a method prepared by engineers and government bodies to create safe roads for all travelers, utilizing current available options; the population has increased, to include seasonal populations and we have to plan accordingly for vehicle and pedestrian traffic to flow reasonably throughout the city.

**-What are the residents responses regarding traffic in the city? Requested solutions?**

**Traffic Commissioners discussions included:** better education for the young drivers; speeding concerns; construction traffic workflow; traffic volume; maintain safety; school traffic impacting residential neighborhoods; pedestrian bridge on Barham; adding a roundabout and how to negotiate it; warning signage of traffic delays, congestion, etc. with alternate routes; traffic signals that responds to the flow of traffic; information on the City's website to educate the public of how the city approaches possible solutions.

**-What's the importance of a structure approach?**

**Traffic Commissioners discussions included:** Listen to the resident's concerns and have then participate in solutions; as a Commission, do a better job of explaining the process; being able to step out of the box and use resources from other means to resolve a situation; taking the time to define the issue and resolutions; understanding of how long the solution takes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED**

**10. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Major Work Order Updates:** Sycamore Drive and Olive Street, there is a bridge in the area that was damaged from larger trucks. Staff is working on signage to direct the larger trucks away from that bridge in order to reduce additional damage. Public Works will install those signs. Plans for the Rancho Dorado re-striping will be delivered to the Public Works Department and work should begin next week.

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

DUI/Alcohol Arrests:	Jan (10)	YTD (10)
DUI Accidents:	Jan (7)	YTD (7)

Fatal Collisions:	Jan (0)	YTD (0)
Injury Collisions:	Jan (8)	YTD (8)
Non-Injury Collisions:	Jan (28)	YTD (28)
Pedestrian Collisions:	Jan (2)	YTD (2)
Pedestrians Injured:	Jan (2)	YTD (2)
Bicyclist Collisions:	Jan (4)	YTD (4)
Bicyclist Injured:	Jan (4)	YTD (4)
NTA Citations/Hazardous:	Jan (14)	YTD (14)
NTA Citations/Non-Hazardous	Jan (172)	YTD (172)

- C. Traffic Commission Commentary:** Welcomed Commissioner Carroll as a regular Commissioner and Ian Clark as the new alternate Commissioner. The City has changed in the last 20 years, for the better, and credit given to the City Council and City staff. Thanked City staff for all the work they do for the Commission.
- D. Staff Commentary:** Introduced Teni Garcia, Assistant Engineer to the Commission. The General Plan continues and bringing forth the Land Use map to Council on February 14<sup>th</sup>. This plays into the future transportation and the goals and policies. The Active Transportation Plan continues and we received feedback from the community. Currently evaluating the roadways throughout the City for Active Transportation. Sign up to receive the alerts of upcoming meetings and participation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
ARTURO RICO, CHAIRMAN  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**ATTEST:**

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