



# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2023**

City Council Chambers  
1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

### **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes, June 07, 2023**

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

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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6. A. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. A. San Marcos Mobile Estates Access Management: Staff recommends that the San Marcos View Estates Descanso Avenue driveway remain closed to public access under current site conditions.

**Teni Garcia – Assistant Engineer for Traffic** gave the presentation.

**Traffic Commissioners Discussions:** How many homes are in this community; is secondary access required for this community based on the number of homes; who uses the emergency access; what is the solution; support staff's recommendation; In 2008 was it recommended to move the access.

**Staff response:** 192 homes in this community. This community size was approved for one (1) access point and an emergency access. Residents are using this access. Staff conveyed concerns for residents to use this driveway on Descanso due to safety concerns. Yes, this recommendation aligns with the 2008 recommendation.

COMMISSIONER KOVRIG MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ERICKSON. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

7. B. Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy Final Draft Review

**Damian Schoenecke – Associate Engineer for Traffic** gave the presentation.

**Traffic Commissioners Discussions:** How will the surveys be collected; when is the monitoring done during the year.

**Staff response:** Neighborhoods will select a neighborhood champ and the city will give guidance on the best times to collect signatures and how to be safe; we would like to collect data once a season to capture the different patterns of traffic during each season.

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRESENTED MATERIAL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KOVRIG. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED**

**8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Major Work Order Updates:**

Schoolhouse Way and San Elijo Road – Staff provided update on installed signage and its operation at the intersection.

Bennett Avenue – Staff indicated a Resident initiated request at Bennett Avenue at Knob Hill Road near Mission Road regarding limited visibility. As a result of investigation no work order was able to be generated and the speeding concerns of the resident were provided to the Sheriff's Department for additional enforcement.

San Marcos Blvd. median fencing – Staff provided an updated schedule with phase one of the work estimated to be complete by 8/15 before start of the school year.

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

DUI/Alcohol Arrests:	Jul (18)	YTD (106)
DUI Accidents:	Jul (6)	YTD (40)
Fatal Collisions:	Jul (0)	YTD (2)
Injury Collisions:	Jul (20)	YTD (138)
Non-Injury Collisions:	Jul (37)	YTD (193)
Pedestrian Collisions:	Jul (1)	YTD (13)
Bicyclist Collisions:	Jul (1)	YTD (18)
Motorcycle Collisions:	Jul (1)	YTD (8)
NTA Citations/Hazardous:	Jul (201)	YTD (?) information will be provided at next meeting.
NTA Citations/Non-Hazardous	Jul (118)	YTD (?) information will be provided at next meeting

**C. Traffic Commission Commentary:** Update on Double Peak School parking lot to lengthen the queue of cars dropping off; permanent no right turn on Questhaven Rd. and San Elijo Rd., can there

be a delay where pedestrians go first before the light turns green for the cars to go; thanked the Traffic team and enjoyed seeing the equipment and learning more about what happens behind the scenes.

**Staff response:** There was some improvement seen throughout the school year. The ideas brought forth did not work due to being unsafe for the school children. The school district reaches out to parents to educate and working with parents for pick up and drop off. The delay is called an advanced walk, where the crossing signal turns on first before the light turns green for vehicles. We are doing signal timing in San Elijo and we'll look at this particular intersection and add the delay.

**D. Staff Commentary:** We are doing a citywide re-timing of the traffic signals. This is a normal effort the city takes and we are getting back on schedule as we did pre-Covid. We had an accident on San Elijo Rd. near Eclipse and this has taken out three electrical boxes in a row, which are right in line with the curvature of the roadway. We received numerous resident requests and from Council to resolve this issue. We have started talks with SDG&E to move these boxes. When the boxes are non-operational, we work with residents to get them resources to get electricity to their homes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



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ARTURO RICO, CHAIRMAN  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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