

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 05, 2024

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Traffic Commission Chair Neill Kovrig called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hilmes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were: City Traffic Engineer Edd Alberto, Senior Office Specialist Gina Jackson, and Office Specialist Susie Neveu.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes, March 06, 2024

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

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. North County Transit District (NCTD) – Micro Transit Pilot Project

Nick Sofoul, Director of Strategic Planning & Transit Systems with NCTD gave the presentation.

Commissioners Discussions: Process to select San Marcos; ride faire; destination origins; sign postings for pick-up locations; time constraints when traveling to work or appointments; discount provided when traveling from local transit station and then connecting with another station outside of city limits; role of this pilot program with the Active Transportation Plan; riding sharing; program start date; pick-up and drop-off window coinciding with the Sprinter schedule; notification when the pick-up vehicle is close to destination; outreach at the colleges; would like a follow-up on how the program is doing in San Marcos; another location that is participating in Micro Transit; NCTD has a contract with the Sheriff's department and there's a dedicated unit for the Sprinter and Coaster, will that contract continue to this service.

NCTD Response: An analysis was conducted in areas across North County based upon equity, transit connectivity, points of interest and other factors; to and from a transit station the faire is \$2.50. To ride anywhere else in San Marcos, the faire is \$5.00. All trips are only for within San Marcos. The App will give you the walking directions on where the pick-up will be. If you are not using the App and call the center, detailed directions will be given to the caller. Riders can reserve pick-ups or request ASAP and they will be told what time the pick-up will be. There is currently no discount offered for the pilot program. It will be looked into if this pilot program is successful. The center has data that knows how many people riding in each vehicle. When you indicate the number of passengers, the system will route a vehicle that can accommodate the number of passengers. There may also be times when passengers will have a shared ride. The program will start the day before the ribbon cutting at the Farmers Market (June 3, 2024). The App will give you a window time of arrival, so riders will need to adjust their reservations to the Sprinter schedule; the App does not do it automatically. The App will show when the driver is close to the pick-up destination. We have engaged with Palomar College and CSUSM. The closest operating program is in Orange County and another one in Los Angeles. We worked with them on how they conducted their programs to assist us in building ours. NCTD will ask their Director of Security to confirm if the NCTD contract with the Sheriff's Department will be used but believes this program would also be under that current contract.

Staff Response: This program will be incorporated into the Active Transportation Plan.

b. Citywide Speed Survey

Edd Alberto, City Traffic Engineer gave the presentation.

Commissioners Discussions: Concerns with the increase in speed limit on Melrose Ave from Rancho Santa Fe Rd to San Elijo Rd, as the Commission has received several complaints regarding the current speed limit and potential hazards; concerns with the safety of bike riders on that road and the speeding; would prefer

to see a decrease in the speed limit for this area; range of valuation; flexibility to skip this segment of roadway to a later time; City Council approval on different segments; process when posting new speed limits; amount of collisions part of the speed survey; when re-evaluation is done.

Staff Response: We are bound by the California Vehicle Code when posting speed limits and the rounding of the 85th percentile speed determined the increase to the speed limit. After 7 years we do a re-evaluation of the speed surveys. Skipping the segment is not recommended. We are taking this to City Council to approve all the segments. Staff will continue to monitor the roadways and look into potential traffic calming measures. Staff will determine how to notify the public of the speed limit changes; the Sheriff's Department may issue warnings for 30-days after the new speed limit signs are posted. When staff is made aware of issues, we will investigate.

- c. Proposed Amendments to Title 12 of the San Marcos Municipal Code
Edd Alberto, City Traffic Engineer gave the presentation.

Commissioners Discussions: Happy to see this amendment; definition of a business district; appreciate the updates on the language.

Staff Response: The exact definition is not in front of me, but it is defined in the California Vehicle Code.

- d. Active Transportation Plan
Edd Alberto, City Traffic Engineer gave the presentation.

Commissioners Discussions: Funding for the plan; appreciate all that you are doing for the bicyclists; updates on bike boxes; mid-block pedestrian crossings.

Staff Response: For the ATP would be used to seek grant funding for some projects. We monitor the bike boxes in the Traffic Management Center (TMC) and observed bicyclists are using the boxes; vehicles are getting used to stopping outside of the box. Options are open with the ATP.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Work Order Updates:** There were no updates to report.

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

DUI/Alcohol Arrests:	Apr (15)	May (17)	YTD (88)
DUI Accidents:	Apr (9)	May (8)	YTD (40)
Fatal Collisions:	Apr (0)	May (0)	YTD (4)
Injury Collisions:	Apr (16)	May (16)	YTD (92)
Non-Injury Collisions:	Apr (32)	May (28)	YTD (139)
Pedestrian Collisions:	Apr (0)	May (1)	YTD (11)

Bicyclist Collisions:	Apr (5)	May (3)	YTD (16)
Motorcycle Collisions:	Apr (0)	May (2)	YTD (7)
NTA Citations/Hazardous:	Apr (155)	May (204)	YTD (779)
NTA Citations/Non-Hazardous	Apr (66)	May (109)	YTD (321)

- c. **Traffic Commission Commentary:** Houses lined up against Melrose; complaints received regarding speeding on Rancho Santa Fe and Melrose area; concerns with bad driving habits; add traffic calming measures to slow down traffic speed; residents' perception on the speeding hazards for area of Rancho Santa Fe and Melrose area; wonderful event for Bike Anywhere day but painting on the road was occurring.
- d. **Staff Commentary:** Staff did not have any comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kovrig adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.


NEILL KOVRIG, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ATTEST:


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