



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall  
567 El Camino Real  
San Bruno, CA 94066

# MINUTES

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

#### A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jessica Barnes-Lopez (Chair)		X
Tim Ross (Vice-Chair)	X	
Eric Wood		X
Tom Hamilton	X	
Mark Howard	X	

#### Staff in Attendance:

Joseph Cervantes, Public Services Department  
David Wong, Public Services Department  
Ryan Johansen, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 21

### 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mark Howard made a motion to hear Item 5 first. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 3-0-0) Approved.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the July 1, 2015 meeting minutes made by Tom Hamilton, second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 3-0-0) Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Fred Smith, 702 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated there are drivers traveling very fast on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue through the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine, running the stop signs. Speed bumps would slow people down.

Robert Barnett, 1221 Williams Avenue, stated the employees of Walmart and YouTube are crossing the street staring at their laptops and not using the crosswalk. Someone is going to get hit. Residents park on the corners of Kains, Mills, Masson and Green and block visibility. There should be some red curbing to improve visibility, especially when attempting to turn onto Kains. Also there are safety issues with bicyclists traveling unsafely by the Shell Station on El Camino Real coming down San Bruno Avenue, especially early in the early morning.

## 5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Parking Occupancy Survey in the area bound by Tanforan Avenue, San Mateo Avenue, Huntington Avenue, and I-380

Joseph Cervantes stated residents in this neighborhood are concerned about the lack of available street parking. City staff performed a parking occupancy survey to quantify the parking availability and determine if parking measures are warranted. The neighborhood was studied in 37 sub-areas to include commuter vehicle assessment and possible traffic issues from Tanforan Mall. 32 of the sub-areas were determined to be at capacity; 85% of the available parking was being utilized. Studies were performed on a Wednesday in the morning and evening and a Saturday in the morning, afternoon and evening. The areas with the highest density were Scott Street, Montgomery Avenue and San Mateo Avenue.

The staff recommendation is to share the data gathered with residents and gauge interest in parking restrictions or a parking permit program.

Mark Howard asked how the statistic would reach 100%. Joseph Cervantes responded that involves vehicles double parking, blocking driveways and parking in unauthorized parking zones.

Tim Ross asked when this issue was brought to the City staff's attention. Joseph Cervantes responded that this area has had parking concerns for a while, but the Grade Separation Project and the remodeling of the FedEx building at 1070 San Mateo Avenue were impacting the area during construction. Staff decided to evaluate the issue after completion of these projects.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Fred Schmidt, 702 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated on 4<sup>th</sup> and Pine there is an illegal mosque and two limousine companies that park an abundance of vehicles in the neighborhood. One day there were 22 limos parked on the street. People don't want to pay for parking at the train station, so they park on Pine near 3<sup>rd</sup>. The same vehicles are parked there on a daily basis.

Julio Puento, 399 Pine Street, stated he has the same concerns as his neighbor Mr. Schmidt.

Roxanne Blair, 14 North Bayshore Circle, stated she lives across from the BART station. She is concerned about the large potholes and poor paving conditions on her street. People do not want to pay for BART parking so they park on North Bayshore and it makes a very narrow street even narrower, making emergency vehicle access difficult. There are also multiple families living in houses, which brings even more vehicles. There is also wood being dumped in the median in front of her home. Herman Street also has so many cars parked on the street that visibility is very poor when turning onto it.

Felix Perez, 356 Pine Street, stated there are a lot of parking spaces available in the Caltrain lot but the parking on Pine is always full. People do not want to pay for parking. Caltrain should place trash cans at the exterior of the station, as there is trash everywhere. People also leave their cars for extended periods when they are flying from the airport and there are a number of cars from BART riders.

Andrew and Tonika Kumar, 1250 Huntington Avenue, stated they have the same concerns as Roxanne Blair. The garbage collectors cannot do their job because they cannot make the turn from Pacific Avenue onto Huntington due the volume of cars from travelers going to the airport for extended travel. The auto repair shops are also parking their cars on the street.

Esperanza Torres, 53 Buena Vista, stated there are neighbors that have parking space available in their driveway but they park vehicles on the street, including inoperable vehicles. There are two driveways that were widened illegally on her street and now take up two parking spaces. Regular parking enforcement would help.

Leticia Gonzalez, Herman Avenue, stated when she comes home from work the street is full of taxis and limos and cars from body shops. She has to park blocks away. In the morning she sees people park and walk to the train or have someone pick them up to go to work.

Tim Ross stated the options considered by staff could include parking permits for residents or parking restrictions.

Mark Howard stated there are other considerations with creating a parking permit program, such as cost and the number of allotted permits per household. This has been implemented in another area in San Bruno and only one resident utilizes the current program. The problem cannot be solved immediately but will take planning and resident participation.

Roxanne Blair stated when BART and the Caltrain station were developed, parking should have been addressed. Mark Howard responded that parking is always reviewed in new developments, but part of the reason transit is developed is to encourage its use as a means to alleviate congestion issues.

Joseph Cervantes stated about 10 years ago the City began a parking permit district on Huntington that covered 27 homes for exactly the same reason being addressed. This required passing a new ordinance that stated there must be a designated need for the parking permit district and that it must be near the Caltrain or BART stations. The issue of auto body shops parking their vehicles on residential streets has been ongoing concern. The parking survey that was performed for the meeting tonight cannot specify whether the vehicles are from commuters, residents or local businesses. Part of the challenge of establishing a parking permit district is that previously the City allotted 1.5 permits per household and this probably will not meet the parking needs of the residents of this district. Staff could also look at establishing parking time limits. The residents need to decide which way they would like to proceed and staff can then work with the feasibility and design issues.

Esperanza Torres asked if the City could approach BART about reducing their parking fees to encourage use of their lot. Tom Hamilton responded that he takes BART and the lot is full by 8:45 am, so they probably won't be open to reducing their fees.

Tim Ross asked how much the existing parking permits cost. Joseph Cervantes stated the set-up fee was \$25 10 years ago and the permit fee is \$17.50 per year.

Mark Howard reminded residents that any registered vehicle can legally be parked in the public right of way for 72 hours, whether it is in front of your home or your neighbor. Residents must contact the Police Department after the 72 hour time period to have the vehicle removed. The only way to avoid having any vehicle parked in this manner would be establishing a permit parking district.

Tim Ross asked how long establishing a parking permit district would take. Joseph Cervantes responded that since the parking permit ordinance has been established in San Bruno, it will not take as long as the original process 10 years ago, which took about 1 year.

Mark Howard stated this also involves budgeting for signage, possible development issues and staff time. It may involve reviewing the existing fencing near the Caltrain station.

Roxanne Blair would like to see her neighborhood be esthetically improved, such as improving the fencing near the Caltrain lot.

Fred Schmidt stated if a resident has four cars but they only get 2 permits it does not really solve the problem. Mark Howard responded the permits must be distributed based on the parking availability as well. The other aspect would be to create time limited parking for non-permit vehicles, such as a four hour time limit.

Felix Perez wanted to request that Caltrain's parking lot be reviewed by staff as a possible option. It has space available in the morning between 6 am and 9:30 am. The problem with limiting the number of parking permits for residents and then establishing a parking time limit is that BART users will just go to another street to park, but the residents will be ticketed for their non-permitted vehicles if they go over the time limit.

Tim Ross asked if businesses qualify for the permit parking program. Tom Hamilton responded there are no businesses in the neighborhood of the existing permit parking program.

Mark Howard stated the residents must also contact the police each time there is a violation. This will be a deterrent to parking in your neighborhood.

Fred Schmidt stated the home next to his has 7 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms that they rent out, which means there are vehicles for all of those residents.

Andrew Kumar, 1250 Huntington, stated their neighbors are renting rooms to people illegally and they all have cars. Mark Howard stated Code Enforcement needs to be contacted.

Ryan Johansen stated the auto body shops are more of a parking problem then the BART and Caltrain riders. Time limited parking could help alleviate this, especially on Herman.

Roxanne Blair asked if leasing parking space from Caltrain for the local businesses like the body shops to utilize is an option. Joseph Cervantes stated the City has already approached Caltrain with this and they were not interested.

Mark Howard clarified that the resident concerns discussed tonight regarding the illegal mosque, illegal dumping and housing concerns should go through the Code Enforcement Division.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED**

Mark Howard made a motion to survey the audience. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 3-0-0) Approved.

Tim Ross asked how many of the 16 residents would be interested in staff investigation of a permit parking program: 7

Tim Ross asked for a time frame for an update on this issue. Joseph Cervantes responded that it should take a couple of months, so probably September. Staff will look into the fencing options near the Caltrain lot, investigate the parking permit options and bring the data back to the Committee then.

#### **B. Traffic Speeding Analysis on Evergreen Drive between Fleetwood Drive and Valleywood Drive**

Joseph Cervantes stated a resident contacted the City regarding speeding concerns on Evergreen and requested the installation of additional speed limit signs and a “curve ahead” sign. Staff collected a 24 hour speed survey on Evergreen between Fleetwood Drive and Valleywood Drive and results show eastbound the median speed was 20 mph and the critical speed was 23 mph and traveling westbound the median speed was 19 mph and the critical speed was 23 mph. The combined median speed was 19 mph and the combined critical speed was 23 mph. The data was collected on a Wednesday. This data shows that 95% of the vehicles are traveling at or below the speed limit. Staff conducted a speed sign survey and California Traffic Manual Code recommends speed limit sign installation at points of speed limit change, but Evergreen has the same speed limit as the streets of Fleetwood, Valleywood and Oakmont adjacent to it with existing speed limit signs of 25 mph. A “curve ahead” sign was requested between Sherwood and Oakmont, but the California Traffic Manual Code recommends this signage on streets that carry 1000 vehicles per day, which Evergreen Drive does not meet. Staff also reviewed the median curve of the requested location and it does not exceed the recommended criteria so it would not be warranted. The collision history analysis from July 2008 to June 2013 shows five collisions that were not involving unsafe speed.

Joseph Cervantes stated staff recommends pavement markings of “25 mph” in each direction of Evergreen Drive between Fleetwood and Valleywood. Staff can also install speed limit signs and the “curve ahead” sign if recommended by the Committee.

Tom Hamilton asked about the installation of fade lines. Joseph Cervantes stated Evergreen is only 30 feet wide with on-street parking on both sides, so it is too narrow.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Elsa Tenbroed, 2390 Evergreen Drive, stated the speeding is an issue despite the study results. Drivers rarely stop at stop signs. There were 72 homes added to the neighborhood with the Merimont development.

Alan Jacobs, 2490 Evergreen Drive, stated the new residents at Merimont make a right coming out of the Merimont development onto Evergreen and they drive fast. The data given was gathered in the middle of summer and does not seem accurate. There is a light pole on the corner of 2490 Evergreen where a “slow” sign could be installed but a flashing speed sign installed on Oakmont and Crestmoor would be preferred. Police enforcement would also help. Re-striping of the crosswalk would be beneficial.

Rick Horne, 2501 Evergreen Drive, stated pavement markings would be wonderful and speed signs would help as well as re-striping the centerline on the street.

Anthony Schoenstein, 1970 Evergreen Drive, stated he lives at the bottom of Evergreen and the speed is excessive. The data was collected near the 2500 block of Evergreen, but another study should be done closer to the 2000 block due to vehicles from Merimont speeding up the street past his home. There are a number of children now living on the street and there is a safety issue with how fast drivers are traveling. There is space on his property for a “children at play” sign or similar safety signage, but the signage should be in both directions.

Tom Hamilton stated the traffic studies are only one part of the review the Committee performs. Other aspects are always considered.

Alan Jacobs stated centerline painting is impractical. Drivers always go over it. Mark Howard stated it is a visually narrowing of the road that can slow drivers down.

Elsa Tenbroed stated the curve should be considered for a painted centerline.

Ryan Johansen stated residents should go online and fill out the traffic complaint form on the website and an officer can come to your house and show residents actual speeds being traveled in their neighborhood.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED**

Mark Howard made a motion to request additional police enforcement in the area as available; pavement markings of “25 mph” on Evergreen Drive from Fleetwood to Valleywood; deploy the radar trailer in the 2100 block in both directions per the Police Department when summer is over for another speed survey and then come back to the Committee with the new baseline numbers; have Engineering staff review the Traffic Calming Tool Kit and come back to the Committee with possible additional recommendations. The residents will be noticed for the follow up meeting. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 3-0-0) Approved.

**6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

None

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

**8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on September 2, 2015 at 7 p.m. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard): 3-0-0 - Approved.  
Meeting adjourned, 9:02 pm.