



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 - 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	
Mark Howard (Vice-Chair)	X	
Eric Wood	X	
Tom Hamilton	X	
Tim Ross		X

Staff in Attendance:

Joseph Cervantes, Public Services Department
Klara Fabry, Public Services Department
Troy Fry, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 3

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the May 7, 2014 meeting minutes made by Mark Howard, second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Alexander Melendrez, 140 Portola Way, stated he is a student at U.C. Berkeley working on an assignment to study a potentially dangerous intersection, of which he chose the southern section of Santa Lucia and DeSoto Way. He is following up on how to proceed after sharing his findings at the last TSPC meeting. He also stated he has observed the need for ADA improvements at a number of crosswalks in San Bruno, mostly between Crystal Springs and San Bruno Avenue; Kains and Niles do not have the required ADA crosswalks.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez commented that this information can be reviewed by the Engineering Division and placed on the agenda for an upcoming TSPC meeting if necessary.

Thomas Hamilton commented that ADA ramps are installed as funding allows and they are required by the City during any new construction.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Receive Report Regarding Traffic Speeding on Acacia Avenue between Jenevein and Angus Avenues

Joseph Cervantes stated two residents from the 500 block of Acacia expressed concern about speeding on Acacia, especially at the "T" intersection at Acacia and Angus. Staff set up a radar trailer for 24 hours in each direction to track the average speed of vehicles. There are existing "curve ahead" signs at this location. The speed limit is 25 mph and the median speed tracked for the northbound direction was 21 mph and 18 mph for the southbound direction. Approximately 7% of the total traffic volume is exceeding the speed limit. Staff is recommending the posting of advisory signage "15 mph" with the existing "curve ahead" signage. It is also recommended that the radar trailer is placed at this location with the current speed displayed to drivers.

Mark Howard stated Angus ends at the "T" portion and Acacia continues in an "S" turn. Mark Howard had previously recommended the installation of a white dotted line along Acacia and a yield sign on Angus for traffic that is crossing into Acacia at the "T". Drivers on Angus think they have the right of way and drivers on Acacia have to yield. Traffic traveling on Acacia and crossing through to Angus are basically crossing through their right of way. If the traffic volume is sufficient, this may be a good intersection to consider stop signs on Angus.

Tom Hamilton asked if Angus traffic legally does not have the right of way. Mark Howard confirmed this.

Klara Fabry stated a traffic volume study should be done to make an accurate assessment of the proper control of the intersection.

Mark Howard stated there should be an assessment to see if stop controls need to be installed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Christopher Cummings, 583 Acacia Avenue, stated he lives right in the center of the curve on Acacia. He also submitted a letter from resident Matt Lethin, 576 Acacia Avenue, stating the resident feels the traffic runs too fast on Acacia and is unsafe due to visibility reduction around the curve and vehicles crossing over the centerline of the roadway while driving through the curve or driving along the edge of the street near pedestrians. There has been an increase in the number of children living on Acacia and playing in front of their homes, which makes more trouble with speeding. The installation of speed bumps is proposed.

Christopher Cummings, 583 Acacia Avenue, stated speeding is an issue on Acacia, especially at the curve. He has a hard time backing out of his driveway due to speeding and poor visibility. There was a vehicle in 2005 that lost control and damaged 2 vehicles. The "T" intersection at Angus also has speeding problems and is a high traffic intersection.

Julie Foster, 572 Acacia Avenue, is a 22 year resident that lives on the inside curb of Acacia and has trouble backing out of her driveway due to speeding and poor visibility. There have been 2 accidents that she is aware of from drivers coming around the curve too fast. The streets are narrow and cars are parked on both sides, so drivers are coming down the center of the road.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Mark Howard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to install the 15 mph advisory signs as indicated. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

Tom Hamilton made a motion for staff to perform a traffic pattern and volume study for each direction of the intersection of Acacia and Angus Avenues and that staff makes a recommendation for adding extra control signs as legally warranted to help control traffic flow more safely through the intersection. Second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 4-0-0) Approved.

Resident Christopher Cummings asked to be notified of the findings when the study is complete.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Klara Fabry stated the Grade Separation Project opening ceremony took place, but there are still items to complete the project, mostly traffic related. This can take time to correct, as the contractor is working with Caltrain on this. The northwest corner of Huntington and San Bruno striping is too far from the median so there are not two full lanes at this time, so it affects the whole area. The southern intersection of Huntington Avenue and San Bruno was also striped incorrectly and the City is pushing for a rapid correction of this.

Troy Fry stated the lane is not wide enough at southbound Huntington because of the incorrect painting of the median line. There has been one accident at this location because of this. The whole lane needs to be re-painted.

Tom Hamilton stated the JPB should pressure the contractor. Klara Fabry stated the contractor has been putting them off, so the City may have to step in and correct these problems.

Klara Fabry stated the City has received positive feedback from residents on the overall project.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated there is a sign on Huntington right next to 7-Eleven and the Artichoke Joe's parking lot for a crosswalk but there is no crosswalk there. Troy Fry responded that the contractor will be removing the sign. Also on westbound San Bruno Avenue approaching Huntington there is a "no right turn on red" sign that used to be there for the train but should now be removed.

Mark Howard stated on Cherry Avenue near Bayhill Drive, the "yield to pedestrians" signage is too far away from the crosswalk to be effective. The median island may be a better location. Klara Fabry stated Joseph Cervantes can follow up on this.

Klara Fabry stated YouTube is also working on tenant improvements on the buildings across the street from their current location on Cherry. They are working with the City's planning department and part of the issues reviewed will be pedestrian access between the buildings. One proposal would be a sky bridge built between the buildings. The City would like them to create a more inviting environment for the public and make the pedestrian flow safer.

Mark Howard stated a cut out drop off for buses and delivery vehicles in front of the buildings would enhance traffic flow.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on July 2, 2014 at 7 p.m. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 7:40 pm.