



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 6, 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
Troy Fry, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 0

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the July 2, 2014 meeting minutes made by Mark Howard, second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 5-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Receive Report Regarding Intersection Control at the Acacia Avenue / Angus Avenue Intersection

Mark Howard reviewed the current Vehicle Code section regarding intersection control. Acacia is the only road that continues through the proposed intersection; Angus stops at the intersection. Because of the Vehicle Code, it would be warranted to install a yield sign on Acacia to prevent driver confusion about Angus terminating at the intersection.

Tim Ross asked if the concern was liability for the City at this intersection. Mark Howard responded that the concern is safety for citizens and clarifying the right of way and the end of the intersection.

Tim Ross stated the volume of traffic is much heavier on Acacia, so if the yield sign is installed on Acacia then it seems disruptive to the current traffic flow, as no accidents have occurred here.

Mark Howard stated the geometry of the streets dictates the right of way, regardless of the flow. Not having a yield sign could create a liability for the City and also for drivers crossing the path without any signage of right of way. The alternative would be to install dotted lines on Acacia and a yield sign on Angus. With the current striping, it appears that Angus has the right of way.

Tim Ross confirmed that most drivers are yielding to Angus traffic. Joseph Cervantes confirmed this.

Joseph Cervantes stated the Vehicle Code definition of a “terminating highway” can be by geometry and not necessarily by the name of the street, so there can be some vagueness as to the meaning of the term.

Tom Hamilton stated this intersection is being studied based on geometry and not street name. Installing a yield sign on Acacia will support what is already happening at this intersection. The residents stated this at the last meeting.

Joseph Cervantes stated the intersection is safe, so the staff recommendation is to take no action. A yield sign can be very difficult for police to enforce.

Mark Howard stated the yield sign is not so much for enforcement as to determine liability and right of way.

Eric Wood asked if installation of a crosswalk on Acacia would help define the right of way and slow drivers down.

Tom Hamilton stated a driver is not required to slow or stop for a crosswalk, so a yield sign would be more effective.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez asked which is more cost effective – a yield sign or a crosswalk. Joseph Cervantes replied a yield sign.

Mark Howard made a motion to recommend installation of a yield sign eastbound at the T-intersection north on Acacia and southbound on Angus to clarify the right of way for drivers. Second by Eric Wood. (M/Howard, S/Wood: 5-0-0) Approved.

- B. Installation of Parking Restrictions for the San Bruno Grade Separation Project at the San Mateo Avenue / Huntington Avenue Intersection and at the First Avenue Cul-De-Sac

Mark Howard made a motion to waive the reading of Item 5B and accept the staff recommendation that the TSPC request the City Council’s review and approval of the parking restrictions. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 5-0-0) Approved.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mark Howard thanked Joseph Cervantes for the good job on the staff reports.

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Joseph Cervantes stated the interim Public Services Director is now Ray Razavi.

Joseph Cervantes stated the special neighborhood parking district near the new Caltrain station is still being reviewed. The pre-station construction survey has been conducted and now the post-station construction survey will take place during a Giants game, as this has been deemed the busiest time at the San Bruno station. This will take place probably in September during a mid-week night game. The main entrance to the San Mateo Avenue parking lot has been opened.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated a crosswalk behind Artichoke Joe's near Sylvan Avenue was installed adjacent to a metal cabinet; cars also park next to it. It is very difficult for pedestrians to cross at this location because of poor visibility.

Joseph Cervantes stated Klara Fabry had recommended moving that crosswalk to the intersection but Caltrain had a conflict with a BART structure at the intersection. The JPB has not provided any more feedback on this.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated the majority of the pedestrians using at this crosswalk are mothers with children; at the very least there should be red curbing adjacent to the existing crosswalk so the visibility is improved.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated the crosswalk near the 7-Eleven store also needs to be corrected, as there is only one crosswalk on the Artichoke Joe's side of the intersection. Joseph Cervantes stated this crosswalk is being reviewed and the City is encouraging the JPB to complete this.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on September 3, 2014 at 7 p.m. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton): 5-0-0 - Approved.
Meeting Adjourned, 7:30 pm.