



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 - 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:

David Wong, Public Services Department  
Jimmy Tan, Public Services Department  
Ryan Johansen, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 7

### 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the December 2, 2015 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

Winnie Omodt, 192-194 Cypress Avenue, stated driver visibility along Cypress is poor when making turns and she requested installation of 30 feet of red curbing at every corner along Cypress to improve this.

Vice-Mayor Marty Medina, 456 Garden Avenue, introduced himself and thanked the Committee for their work. He stated parking issues in San Bruno need to be addressed and he will be discussing ideas with the City Manager and the Committee in the future.

### 5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Traffic Speeding Analysis on Cypress Avenue between Sycamore Avenue and Santa Lucia Avenue

David Wong stated a resident voiced concern about speeding on Cypress Avenue between Sycamore Avenue and Santa Lucia Avenue and requested traffic calming measures be implemented. Staff performed a 24 hour speed survey on Thursday, August 27, 2015 and Friday, August 28, 2015 and the 85% speed traveling northbound was 23 mph and 26 mph traveling southbound. The combined critical speed was 25 mph. The collision history along this corridor included 9 collisions from 2009 to 2014; five were due to improper turning and four were due to driving under the influence. None were due to speeding. Potential mitigation measures would include pavement markings of "25 mph" and deployment of regular police enforcement. Staff recommends routine police enforcement at this time.

Tom Hamilton asked why there is not a recommendation for the pavement markings. David Wong responded that the recommendation is based on the speed data findings. The majority of the drivers are traveling at or below 25 mph.

Mark Howard stated the length of Cypress being studied is very long. The existing speed mitigation measures on Cypress are not listed and the speed survey was performed at one location, so this makes the assessment of the staff recommendation difficult.

Tim Ross asked if the requesting resident's home was close to the location where the speed survey was taken. David Wong responded that the speed trailer was placed directly at this location on the 500 block of Cypress Avenue.

Tim Ross asked if other concerns about speeding from residents on Cypress were received. David Wong stated this was the only request.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Mira Kovacevic, 534 Cypress Avenue, stated the speed trailer was placed in front of their home and one day of data collection is not an accurate assessment of the speeding issue. There are days when cars are traveling over 40 MPH. Speed bumps would slow drivers down.

Rod Kovacevic, 534 Cypress Avenue, stated drivers come around the curve on Cypress and speed down the street. Trying to turn or cross at the intersection at Jenevein and Cypress is very dangerous due to the volume of traffic. The visibility is poor due to cars being parked at the corners. There needs to be a stop sign installed.

Tom Hamilton responded that many residents have requested stop signs along Jenevein but this would negatively impact traffic flow. Speed bumps cause noise concerns for residents and often push the speeding issues onto neighboring streets.

Mark Howard stated the City is in the process of purchasing portable speed display signs that can be posted at various locations as a visual reminder. This may be a good solution for Cypress.

Rod Kovacevic, 534 Cypress Avenue, said there should be a stop sign installed on Williams at Cypress and Clark at Cypress to slow drivers down. Kains at Cypress is also very busy and cars park right next to the corners, blocking visibility. These intersections are dangerous for pedestrians and children in the neighborhood.

Robert Barnett, Williams Avenue, stated he shared information several months ago regarding a company that has reusable portable speed bumps that can be sized to individual specifications. At the corner of Cypress at Jenevein, one side is painted red but there are four wheel drive vehicles

always parked next to the corner; this makes turning left very difficult. An additional red zone on the other side of the street would help.

Winnie Omodt, 192-194 Cypress Avenue, stated there are speed bumps on her block and the residents she has spoken to think they are very beneficial.

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

Tom Hamilton asked City staff to present accident information at a future meeting for the corner of Cypress and Jenevein due to the concerns of poor visibility.

Mark Howard made a motion to request a warrant review by staff for a four-way stop at Cypress and Jenevein; to review the 500 block of Cypress for possible speed mitigation measures; to list placement locations for the pending modular speed display signs and increase police enforcement along the 500 and 600 blocks of Cypress. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

Mark Howard informed the residents present that there will be notification sent to residents on the 500 block of Cypress when the four-way stop warrant and speed mitigation measures are placed on the TSPC agenda. He stated Winnie Omodt would be also noticed.

#### **B. Installation of Pedestrian Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Cherry Avenue and Grundy Lane**

David Wong stated this item was requested by employees of Google, who are concerned about pedestrian safety at the intersection adjacent to their buildings at Cherry Avenue and Grundy Lane. This location is used by the 1,250 employees at Google with an anticipated increase to 2,300 employees in March 2016. David Wong reviewed the existing street conditions with the Committee. The existing crosswalk is not utilized by a majority of the 2000 pedestrians per day due to the distance from the Google buildings, so Google proposes the installation of rapid rectangular flashing beacons, pedestrian warning signage, enhanced crosswalks, high visibility striping, accessible curb ramps, new street lighting and moving the crosswalk from the north leg to the south leg of Cherry. Staff recommends the approval of the installation of the pedestrian safety improvements and the sidewalk relocation.

Mark Howard stated he had previously recommended installation of a physical barrier at this location to prevent pedestrian crossing in the middle of the street. He would like this included in the proposed safety improvements between the controlled intersections. A hearing is required to remove a crosswalk, even if it is being moved to another location. An enclosed overhead crossing was also discussed and this would be safer for pedestrians.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez agreed. The proposed safety improvements are not going to keep pedestrians from crossing unsafely in the middle of the street.

Tom Hamilton stating removing the existing crosswalk does not make sense if there is going to be an expansion into the 1000 Cherry building, as pedestrian are still going to cross at this location. The idea of some sort of physical barrier makes sense. There should be crosswalks at both intersections.

Ryan Johansen stated the Police Department has been studying the stated location over the last few months and the violation count is 45 to 1 of pedestrian violations versus vehicular violations. The entrance and exit locations for the Google buildings is mid-block, and this is where pedestrians cross. The Police Department has attended meetings at Google, posted signs and sent internal emails to employees on this issue and they are still crossing in the middle of the street. There needs to be a barrier or some sort of pedestrian overpass.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated you cannot remove a crosswalk without knowing who this effects. It may not be only Google employees utilizing it.

Ryan Johansen stated this location is also being considered as part of the San Bruno Community Foundation funding for a street-to-street pedestrian crossing so it would benefit all pedestrians, not just Google employees.

Mark Howard commented that if Google is willing to fund a street-to-street crossing, the City can use their funds for other projects. The City can encourage Google to install the other pedestrian safety improvements as well.

David Wong stated once the Committee recommends a plan, it will be presented to Google for approval and then City staff will review it and approve installation.

Mark Howard made a motion to recommend the installation of crosswalk enhancements at the intersection of Cherry and Grundy with an additional high visibility ladder style crosswalk on the south leg of the intersection, keep the north leg crosswalk and install physical barriers for mid-block crossing. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

C. Review of Annual Committee Presentation to the City Council for 2015

David Wong stated the proposed presentation will take place at the second City Council meeting in January. The Committee will be notified of the confirmed date.

D. Election of Officers for 2016

Tim Ross nominated Mark Howard for Vice-Chair. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Ross, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

Tom Hamilton nominated Jessica Barnes-Lopez for Chair. Second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 4-0-0) Approved.

E. Meeting Calendar for 2016

The Committee reviewed the calendar for 2016 and approved it as submitted. Motion by Mark Howard. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

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

None

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

**8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

Ryan Johansen stated the Police Department recently performed a grant funded DUI check point that was successful. There is future grant funding from the Office of Traffic Safety for 2017 that Public Works can apply for; the due date for applications is January 30<sup>th</sup>. Speed and safety studies are available for funding.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on February 3, 2016 at 7 p.m. (M/Howard, S/Ross): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting adjourned, 8:15 pm.