



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 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	
Mark Howard (Vice-Chair)	X	
Tom Hamilton		X
Tim Ross	X	

Staff in Attendance:

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

Public in Attendance Total: 3

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the June 1, 2016 meeting minutes made by Mark Howard, second by Tim Ross. (M/Howard, S/Ross: 3-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Beverly Bonner, 180 Glenbrook Lane, stated there is a problem regarding cars parking on Glenbrook and Rosewood that block visibility. There needs to be red curbing on both the west side and east side of Rosewood.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Request to Reduce Stop Violations at the College Drive / Allen Drive Intersection

David Wong stated a resident from the Pacific Heights neighborhood is requesting that the City implement additional traffic measures to reduce the occurrence of motorists running the stop signs at the intersection of College Drive and Allen Drive. The existing street conditions were reviewed with the

Committee. There is no requirement for "STOP AHEAD" signs at this location according to the California Traffic Manual. There are no obstructions that restrict visibility at this 4 way stop intersection. The California Traffic Manual does state that pavement markings can be used to emphasize an upcoming stop sign. Installation of high visibility crosswalks at this intersection could also be considered according to the City's Pedestrian Safety Toolkit. There was only one collision, which involved a vehicle hitting a parked car when making a right turn, reported at this intersection from July 2010 to June 2015.

David Wong stated staff recommends the installation of pavement markings "STOP AHEAD" in advance of each stop sign, the installation of "ALL WAY" signage underneath each stop sign, the installation of high visibility crosswalks at each leg of the intersection, the installation of "STOP AHEAD" signs in each direction of College Drive, and the installation of warning beacons in conjunction with the signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Ken Shigematsu, 210 Allen Drive, stated he is the resident requesting this review. He stated the visibility at night can be poor from fog, making this intersection more dangerous. He believes the accident data is incorrect; there have been more accidents at this location. The crosswalks are barely visible and the stop signs are small. Any improvements would help.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez asked if there are pedestrian crossing signs at this intersection. David Wong replied there are not.

Ryan Johansen read comments given by a resident unable to attend the meeting: Carolyn Livengood is a resident in the affected neighborhood and has been attempting to confront these issues at this intersection for 50 years. She stated despite increased police enforcement, there is not a significant change in compliance at this intersection. She is requesting some sort of traffic control device be installed. Flashing red warning lights would be helpful.

David Wong stated a resident on Ross Way contacted him and would like traffic from the college closed off by a gate, the installation of speed bumps, video ticket surveillance, a crossing monitor, a crossing guard and a traffic signal.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Mark Howard stated he supports the staff recommendations and would like the installation of oversized stop signs added. He requested a review of the street lighting at night at the intersection to see if lighting improvements are needed. Warning beacons can become less effective as drivers adjust to them over time and can be a distraction. Flashing crosswalk lights would be more effective.

Tim Ross asked what a warning beacon is. David Wong stated flashing lights would be installed about 200 feet before the stop sign.

Mark Howard stated it would be more effective if the lights come on when pedestrians approach.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez confirmed there are no push button sensors at this location. David Wong confirmed this. Jessica Barnes-Lopez asked if this is feasible. David Wong responded that it would require research.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez likes the warning beacons. Mark Howard responded that will take time and City Council approval to install. The beacons become less effective over time as drivers get used to them.

Tim Ross stated the beacons would be beneficial for college students that do not pass by the intersection all the time.

Mark Howard stated the stop signs at this intersection may be unwarranted. This may be why drivers tend to run these stop signs.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez asked if there is a high visibility pedestrian crossing sign that will show up during foggy weather. David Wong replied the crossing signs are usually a yield sign but they would not be necessarily seen in the fog.

Ryan Johansen stated the east side of the intersection tends to present the biggest issue for pedestrian safety. This is the longest crosswalk at the intersection. This is a combination of somewhat limited visibility for both drivers and pedestrians crossing at this location. Has there been any consideration given to eliminating the crosswalk on the east side of the intersection and requiring pedestrians to use the west side? David Wong stated this is an option that can be reviewed.

Mark Howard asked resident Ken Shigematsu if eliminating the east side crosswalk would be detrimental to him. He replied that he uses the west side crosswalk. The east bound crosswalk is more dangerous.

Mark Howard stated there would have to be another agenda item to remove the east side crosswalk.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated she would like to take action on the three other crosswalks.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez asked if the streetlights at this location had been recently updated. Jimmy Tan confirmed the streetlights were changed to LED lights. The location can be reviewed to see what the existing wattage is.

Ryan Johansen stated the Police Department started an educational campaign with Skyline College last year warning them about expensive citations and enforcement. The vast majority of the citations given after this campaign were to local residents. Perhaps the educational information can be expanded to include the local residents.

Mark Howard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation of the stop ahead pavement markings, install all-way supplemental plaques beneath each stop sign, install high visibility crosswalk markings on each leg of the College Drive and Allen Drive intersection, install oversized stop signs, request City staff evaluation of the existing street lighting at the intersection with the goal of possibly improving street lighting to enhance pedestrian safety and visibility at the intersection, and request City staff evaluation of the removal of the east side crosswalk with findings shared with the Committee at a future meeting. Second by Tim Ross. (M/Howard, S/Ross: 3-0-0) Approved.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated the next two meetings will be canceled.

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 October 5, 2016 at 7 p.m. (M/Howard, S/Ross): 3-0-0 - Approved. Meeting adjourned, 7:48 pm.