



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 - 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>
Tom Hamilton (Chair)	X	
Jessica Barnes-Lopez (Vice-Chair)		X
Mark Howard	X	
John Giuseponi	X	
Marco Durazo	X	

Staff in Attendance:

Michael Kato, Public Services Department
Jimmy Tan, Public Services Department
Michael Blundell, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 11

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the July 5, 2017 meeting minutes made by Marco Durazo. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Durazo, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Carolyn Livengood, Sheryl Avenue, stated there is a strip of land on Huntington across from the American Legion meeting hall in front of Papa John's Pizza that people are parking on. There are existing signs so a "no parking" sign should be installed as well.

Resident, no name given, stated he previously requested a stoplight at Santa Lucia and El Camino Real and he noted a pedestrian crosswalk is being installed. This should be delayed a few months to review the request. A pedestrian crosswalk is not enough; a fully controlled intersection is needed. There has been a discussion with other residents about making many of the neighboring streets one-way.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. All Way Stop Warrants for Susan Drive between Evergreen Ridge Apartments and College Drive

Michael Kato stated that at the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting on July 5, 2017, staff presented the results of a traffic safety study for Susan Drive between College Drive and the Evergreen Apartments driveway, discussed several options for improving safety at the intersections along Susan Drive, and recommended implementation of Alternate 3, which included installing minor street stop controls, concrete corner bulb outs, relocating the minor street crosswalks closer to the intersection, adding centerline striping to the minor streets, adding painted speed legends on Susan Drive, converting the crosswalks to the high visibility type, adding a high visibility crosswalk at Fasman Drive, and removing a few stalls on Susan Drive on either side of each intersection. The recommended improvements would provide the recommended sight distance at the intersections while removing a total of approximately 14 parking spaces. Residents from the neighborhood expressed approval of the City's efforts to improve safety but were also strongly against removing parking.

On July 5th the TSPC passed the following motions:

1. TSPC recommended the City install minor street stop controls and change the crosswalk markings to the high visibility type.
2. TSPC recommended the City paint the curbs red around the corners of the intersections.
3. TSPC recommended the City Council examine the possibility of widening Susan Drive in order to provide parking and sidewalks on the east side of the road.
4. TSPC asked staff to evaluate all way stop warrants for the intersections on Susan Drive.

Michael Kato reviewed the traffic engineering consultant's completed technical memorandum findings and summarized the results of their analysis of the all way stop warrants for Susan Drive. Staff does not recommend installation of all way stops at any of the intersections along Susan Drive, but recommends the improvements stated in Alternate 3.

Tom Hamilton asked when the traffic counts were taken for the study. Michael Kato replied it was last November.

Mark Howard asked about the July 2017 motion regarding this issue to have staff study the addition of 60 parking spaces along Susan Drive. Has this been done? Michael Kato replied he will follow up on this study.

Mark Howard asked what the major benefit of doing the curbs with the bulb outs instead of just painting them. Michael Kato stated without the concrete, staff is not comfortable with moving the crosswalks further into the intersection.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Kathy Amiot, Susan Drive, stated extending the crosswalk out on Susan Drive is going to make the lane smaller. The lanes are small enough.

Michael Kato replied the concrete is only going to extend to the parking line so the travel lane will not be lessened.

Tom Hamilton stated that any crosswalk changes will be updated to be ADA compliant.

Bonnie Amiot, Summit Drive, stated there are too many cars. Too many people park there that don't live there.

Kathy Hirsch, Summit Drive, stated parking is being used by people who are not residents. They leave their cars and they dump their garbage on our property. Evergreen Apartments does not have enough parking spaces for their residents. She does not believe traffic goes that fast but visibility is poor. Permit parking is needed.

Carolyn Livengood, Sheryl Drive, stated the visibility on Susan is poor. There are hedges and trees that block visibility and should be trimmed back. Susan and College is a lousy intersection. It is too wide and people go too fast. It should be part of the analysis.

Tom Hamilton stated the permit parking proposal is in the process of being reviewed. The purpose of the bulb outs on Fasman and Susan is to improve visibility without taking away from street width. Code Enforcement will address plant overgrowth.

Kathy Hirsch, Summit Drive, stated the visibility is often poor at night due to fog. The problem is the number of cars in the neighborhood.

Resident, no name given, asked if all the sidewalks will be converted to handicap accessibility. Tom Hamilton stated all the improvements done at intersections will include ADA improvements.

Mark Howard stated any locations that have ADA issues can be called in to Public Works and they will address them on a case by case basis.

Michael Kato stated the City is currently developing an ADA transition plan to address these issues.

Russell Sayed, Reid Avenue, asked for a review of the City's parking requirements with development projects.

Carolyn Livengood, Sheryl Drive, stated she was told Treetops Apartments require their residents to park on the complex property.

John Giuseponi stated he asked the Planning Department for a copy of the parking use permit for the neighborhood apartments on Susan Drive. He has not received it yet but he will share his findings with the Committee.

Jeffrey Frye, no address given, asked what is the set-back for the bulb out? Is it taking up one parking space?

Michael Kato stated cars are not supposed to park on the corners so technically 14 spaces will be lost on Susan Drive.

Roberta Franchini, Geoffrey Drive, stated the Evergreen Drive apartments do not have a stop sign at the exit of their parking lot.

Michael Kato stated the City would not place a stop sign on private property. We can review the City's approved plan to see if a stop sign was required.

Resident, no name given, stated speeding is still an issue and would like more traffic counts done for an accurate assessment regarding the warrant for stop signs on Susan Drive. There should be a solution.

Michael Kato stated the study shows that the traffic counts are not even close to warranting a stop sign, so if traffic counts are done accurately, they do not dramatically change from day to day. It probably is not a good use of resources.

Mark Howard clarified that the apartment dwellers have as much right to park on the street as any other resident.

Marty Medina, Garden Avenue, asked if installing a flashing speed beacon sign would help lower speeds.

Michael Kato stated the City is hoping to purchase two portable signs that can be moved to different locations. The last recommendation submitted to the Council were discovered to be not as portable as required. The current signs being researched work off battery packs and can be installed to any pole.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Mark Howard stated one of the requirements in the City's traffic calming tool-kit is to create visual narrowing of the street to slow drivers down. Creating a bulb out gives the driver better visibility and slows them down. Euclid and Huntington have existing bulb-outs if you want to look at them.

Tom Hamilton made a motion to approve the staff recommendation for the improvements in Alternate 3 that was presented at the July 5, 2017 meeting, which are: add minor street stop controls; add concrete bulb outs; relocate minor street crosswalks closer to the intersection; add centerline striping to the minor streets; add more painted speed legends on Susan Drive; convert the minor street crosswalks to the high visibility type; and add a high visibility minor street crosswalk at Fasman Drive; and to have Code Enforcement contact the property owners to remove plant obstructions at each of the intersections; have the Police Department deploy the new speed trailer at their earliest opportunity at the corner of Susan and Fasman. Second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 4-0-0) Approved.

B. Pedestrian Safety at the Intersection of Crystal Springs Road and Cunningham Way

Michael Kato stated in February 2017 a resident expressed concern over safety for elderly pedestrians using the crosswalk across the eastern leg of the Crystal Springs Road and Cunningham Way intersection. The resident requested larger flashing lights on the pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection and lengthening of the pedestrian crossing time programmed into the traffic signal.

Michael Kato stated in May of 2017 a different resident expressed similar concern over pedestrian safety at the intersection and requested a flashing light or sign that turns on when pedestrians are using the crosswalk.

Michael Kato reviewed the signal timing, collision history, and existing pedestrian signage with the Committee. Staff recommends replacing the W11A-2 pedestrian warning sign that is east of the intersection with W11-2 pedestrian warning sign and also install a supplemental plaque with the word "Ahead"; remove the W11A-2 pedestrian crossing warning sign with the integrated flashing lights that is mounted on the traffic signal standard; and install a "No Right Turn" symbol activated blank out sign on the traffic signal standard on the northwest corner of the intersection, facing westbound traffic. The sign will be programmed to turn on only if the pedestrian phase crossing Crystal Springs Road is activated. The estimated cost to remove the old sign and install the blank out sign is \$21,000.00. There would be no change to the pedestrian signal timing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Chris, Crosby Drive, stated the pedestrian crossing light is not blinking on a regular basis. To put in something that will make it safer is a win-win for seniors and mothers with children. The striping at this location also needs to be refreshed. The lights were also out in the senior center parking lot and this is unsafe for seniors. The intersection is dangerous.

Carolyn Livengood, Sheryl Drive, asked how effective flashing lights in the sidewalk or on the side of the road are like the ones at the YouTube building.

Michael Kato stated the flashing lights in the street are not used at a controlled intersection. There is a concern that this would distract the driver's attention from the traffic signal. They are also notoriously hard to maintain.

Marty Medina, Garden Avenue, confirmed the time to cross at this intersection is one second longer than the minimum; can another second or two be added?

Michael Kato stated this calculation is at the slowest recommendation given by the MUTCD. The time could be lengthened and the impact would probably be minimal. The complaint coming from residents has not been about the time given to cross but about the flashing signal working improperly.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Tom Hamilton asked if the old flashing sign can be left instead of removing it.

Michael Kato responded that it should not be a problem to leave the sign there.

Mark Howard asked if any studies were done as to the type of violations happening at the location. In the past, the Police Department has done observations of drivers complying to the signage but pedestrians not so much.

Michael Kato stated there were no formal studies done but this was a response to bring the location into compliance according to the MTUCD recommendations.

Mark Howard asked if these improvements would have affected the truck accident that happened previously at this location.

Michael Kato stated this would not have affected the outcome of that incident.

Tom Hamilton made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to replace the W11A-2 pedestrian warning sign that is east of the intersection with W11-2 pedestrian warning sign and also install a supplemental plaque with the word "Ahead"; retain the W11A-2 pedestrian crossing warning sign with the integrated flashing lights and repair the current defect so it continues to flash; and install a "No Right Turn" symbol activated blank out sign on the traffic signal standard on the northwest corner of the intersection, facing westbound traffic. The sign will be programmed to turn on only if the pedestrian phase crossing Crystal Springs Road is activated. Second by John Giuseponi. (M/Hamilton, S/Giuseponi: 4-0-0) Approved.

Mark Howard made a motion to add two seconds to the pedestrian crossing timing at the intersection. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The BPAC meeting minutes are attached from the May 2017 meeting for the Committee.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Hamilton asked for an update on the previous request for installation of the bots dots on Crystal Springs Road. The SFPUC was supposed to install these after they paved the road. The City should not have to install these.

Michael Kato replied the contract has been approved but there was a staff exception to the contract so it should be signed within the next two weeks. He will follow up with staff on this.

Mark Howard asked for City staff to write to the County and ask for a guard rail to be installed between the County Park and the Senior Center on the south side of Crystal Springs Road. This is a hazard for drivers.

Mark Howard asked for City staff to contact Caltrans regarding the measuring radius for the northwest and southeast corners Sneath and El Camino Real are not close to what they should be.

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Michael Kato asked if the Committee likes the slide shows during the meeting. The Committee responded they do like them and it helps the public understand the items better.

Michael Kato stated the City attorney is reviewing the outstanding issues matrix to update it to the issues being addressed by the Committee and prioritizing items. Safety items will be the priority.

Mark Howard stated listing what phase the matrix items are at would be ideal.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on September 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton): 5-0-0 - Approved.
Meeting adjourned, 9:15 pm.