



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 1, 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>
Jessica Barnes-Lopez (Chair)		X
Mark Howard (Vice-Chair)		X
Tom Hamilton	X	
Melody Blanchard	X	
Richard Seguine	X	

Staff in Attendance:

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

City Council Liaison: Irene O'Connell

Public in Attendance Total: 5

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the January 4, 2017 meeting minutes made by Richard Seguine. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Seguine, S/Hamilton: 3-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Stephen Seymour, 240 Mastick Avenue, is very concerned about the issues of limited parking on his street. There are a number of families that have five or more cars per household and there needs to be a solution to this problem. He is having a meeting at the Entrepreneurial Center on San Mateo Avenue on 2/12/17 at 1 pm for 2-3 hours and the Committee is invited to attend.

Marty Medina, 456 Garden Avenue, stated the parking problem is serious. The City-wide parking issue will be on the February 28th City Council agenda. It would be ideal if two members of the TSPC attended this meeting in anticipation of the assignment of a sub-committee to address parking issues.

In reference to speeding concerns in San Bruno, there was an email sent to City staff regarding “speed lumps”, which are similar to speed bumps, but have an indentation in the middle of the hump for emergency vehicles to utilize. They are currently installed in Fremont. He requested the issue of speeding be placed on the TSPC agenda for review.

Tom Hamilton stated these problems are an ongoing issue and the TSPC will work to find a solution.

City Council member Irene O’Connell introduced herself as the TSPC liaison for 2017 and stated she is available to assist the Committee in any way she can.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Receive Report Regarding Discussion of Traffic Speed and Head-On Collision Concerns along Crystal Springs Road between Crestmoor Drive and Cunningham Way

David Wong stated in May 2016, the City received a request to evaluate the upper Crystal Springs Road due to traffic speeds and the potential for head-on crashes due to roadway departure concerns. According to the resident, Crystal Springs Road between Crestmoor Drive and Cunningham Way would benefit from the installation of radar speed signs and grooves along the centerline of the road. Traffic speed concerns along Crystal Spring Road were previously addressed during the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting on April 2012. The TSPC recommendation from that meeting was to install removable electronic speed feedback signs when budget becomes available.

David Wong reviewed the street conditions, speed survey findings and collision history for the location with the Committee. Potential safety enhancements could include additional striping, additional signage, installation of transverse rumble strips prior to horizontal curves, and installation of centerline rumble strips. Staff recommends the TSPC review these options for potential implementation.

Tom Hamilton stated the missing raised pavement markers have increased the problem of speeding, especially at the upper end of Crystal Springs, as well as traveling over the center line. He asked what the difference is between the center line rumble strip and the pavement dots.

David Wong stated the installation of rumble strips requires a smooth pavement surface to install. The cost difference would have to be researched.

Richard Seguire asked if there are any stop signs traveling eastbound on Crystal Springs Road from the top of Crestmoor down to the church. Tom Hamilton replied there is a stop sign on Crestmoor Drive at London Court and then there is no stop until you reach the Senior Center.

Richard Seguire asked if there are intersecting roadways besides the county park entrance. David Wong stated there is also the entrance to the apartments at the top of Crystal Springs.

Richard Seguire asked if arterial stop signs would slow drivers down. Tom Hamilton replied that stop signs are not usually installed to prevent speeding. There is not a lot of traffic coming in and out of the park. The missing dots are the primary problem with speeding.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Evelyn Velasquez, 2000 Crystal Springs Road #11-12, stated has been contacting City staff regarding the speed problem for years. The street is not safe. Drivers are always coming into the opposite lane. The missing bots need to be replaced. There is no stop sign preventing people coming down Crestmoor from speeding. Installing the center line rumble strips is a great idea; the noise would not be a problem because the apartment complex replaced all the windows with double paned glass.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Tom Hamilton made a motion to accept all of the staff recommendations of striping and signage as listed in the staff report and approve the installation of missing bot dots as needed, and increase police enforcement on Crystal Springs Road. Second Melody Blanchard (M/Hamilton, S/Blanchard: 3-0-0) Approved.

B. Request for Blue Zone on 1600 Santa Lucia Avenue

David Wong stated the City received a request by St. Andrews Episcopal Church, located on 1600 Santa Lucia Avenue, to extend the existing on-street blue zone by one vehicle length. According to the Reverend, adding an additional blue zone would allow the church to better serve their patrons. The church serves not only Sunday service patrons but also an additional afternoon Sunday church group, three Alcoholics Anonymous groups and a preschool that operates Monday through Friday. This additional blue zone would be located directly in front of the accessible pathway leading to the main church entrance. The existing street conditions and a review of the installation of a blue zone in front of 1600 Santa Lucia Avenue was evaluated under the special parking restriction policies developed by the TSPC in December 2009. The local parking availability is good and there is no on-site ability to provide handicapped parking, so staff suggests the TSPC recommend the extension of blue zone by one vehicle length in the frontage of the church entrance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Dale McAfee, 539 Bayview Avenue, Millbrae, is the grounds keeper for the church. He stated the blue zone should not create a problem for the local residents. There is plenty of parking.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Richard Seguire made a motion to accept the staff recommendation for the extension of blue zone by one vehicle length in the frontage of the church entrance. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Seguire, S/Hamilton: 3-0-0) Approved.

C. Installation of Rectangular Flashing Beacons adjacent to Portola Elementary and Parkside Intermediate School

David Wong stated the City was requested by the San Bruno Community Foundation to identify potential locations that could benefit from the installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB). The main pedestrian routes taken by children attending Portola Elementary and Parkside Intermediate School require children to walk across uncontrolled crossings. Installation of RRFBs at these locations would enhanced the safety of children utilizing these crossings by increasing motorist awareness of potential pedestrian conflicts. The existing street conditions and collision history were reviewed with the Committee, as well as the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) evaluation findings for the location.

Richard Seguire stated he lives across the street from Portola Elementary and there are very few kids trying to cross the street. Most parents pick up their kids so the traffic is backed up and very slow. The flashing beacons do not really seem necessary here.

Tom Hamilton stated he drops off his child each day at Parkside and the flashing beacons would help increase safety. He also thinks it would help at Portola.

Jimmy Tan stated parents are volunteering to assist with crossing the children at these schools.

Ryan Johansen asked if Belle Air School was considered for the flashing beacons, as he has been called to at least 4 pedestrian/vehicle collisions at this school in the last two years. He has been to none at Parkside or Portola.

Richard Seguine stated that Belle Air School may benefit from this more than Portola.

Tom Hamilton asked if the crest of the hill at Portola would be part of the reason for the decision to install the beacons there. Richard Seguine replied that most of the drivers are coming up the hill.

Ryan Johansen stated that flashing beacons are not usually installed because of visibility issues from the crest of a hill.

Irene O'Connell asked where the incidents near Belle Air School took place. Ryan Johansen stated two of the incidents occurred at Third and Pine and another at Third and Angus. All the students that were hit were coming to or from school.

Ryan Johansen clarified that these improvements are at no cost to the City. David Wong confirmed this.

Tom Hamilton made a motion to accept the staff recommendation for yield line and red curb striping as indicated on the proposed improvements at both Portola Elementary and Parkside Middle Schools and that there is no recommendation for the installation of the flashing beacons at this time. Recommendation is made for similar analysis to be performed at Belle Air School and then presented to the TSPC for discussion at a future meeting. Second by Melody Blanchard. (M/Hamilton, S/Blanchard: 3-0-0) Approved.

Tom Hamilton stated there is a long red zone listed for proposed installation at Portola. Parking is a premium. Ryan Johansen said there is a vision obstruction for pedestrians from the corner to Donner and this is a key line of sight issue. Safety of kids is priority.

D. Meeting Calendar for 2017

Tom Hamilton stated all the meetings should be scheduled and then we can decide month to month if we need to skip a month. Tom Hamilton made a motion to accept the calendar as submitted. Second by Melody Blanchard. (M/Hamilton, S/Blanchard: 3-0-0) Approved.

E. Election of Officers for 2017

Postposed to the next meeting.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Hamilton stated he appreciates the additional items listed on the agenda by staff.

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 March 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. (M/Seguine, S/Hamilton): 3-0-0 - Approved. Meeting adjourned, 8:00 pm.