



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 - 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: 18

### 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes made by Mark Howard. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 3-0-0) Approved. (Jessica Barnes-Lopez was absent for voting.)

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Phil Scramaglia, 1820 Cedarwood Court, stated he represents 39 homeowners on Peachwood, Plumwood and Cedarwood Courts that are concerned about the poor sidewalk conditions along the south side of San Bruno Avenue from the 280 freeway eastbound to El Camino Real. The sidewalks are not ADA compliant and at certain locations pedestrians, including the elderly and children, must enter into the street.

Bart Lindburg, 1600 Cedarwood Court, does not think there is a need for changes at the intersection of Cherry and San Bruno Avenue.

Julio Chacon, 781 Cypress Avenue, stated the speeding is really bad on San Bruno Avenue due to drivers coming off the freeway.

Marty Medina, Garden Avenue, stated on Taylor traveling west towards El Camino Real, the green light only allows about three cars through and there is no right turn on red at this intersection. With the new development at the Plaza, traffic backup is going to be an issue at this intersection. The signal timing should be reviewed.

Annie Chin, no address given, stated coming off of Chestnut Avenue onto San Bruno Avenue, cars making a left onto Cherry make it difficult to make a left turn.

## **5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **A. Request for Traffic Control at Intersection of Parkview Drive and Santa Lucia Avenue**

(Jessica Barnes-Lopez is now present at the meeting.)

Michael Kato stated staff was contacted by a resident who is concerned about the lack of yield or stop signs at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Santa Lucia Avenue. The resident did not state a specific preference for the form of control he would like to see implemented.

Michael Kato reviewed the existing street conditions, collision history, the California Vehicle Code and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) for uncontrolled "T" intersections, including the recommendations for yield or stop signs. Staff concludes that yield or stop controls are not necessary at the intersection of Santa Lucia Avenue and Parkview Drive.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Michael Kato stated one resident named Janet Rainey called in her support of a yield sign on Parkview Drive; she feels it would reduce vehicle conflicts at the intersection.

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

Tom Hamilton made a motion to accept the staff recommendation of no action. Second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 4-0-0).

### **B. Receive Report for Traffic Safety and Operational Improvements at the Intersection of San Bruno Avenue and Cherry Avenue**

Michael Kato stated on December 19, 2016 a person was hit and killed while crossing the street at the intersection of San Bruno Avenue and Cherry Avenue when a motorist failed to properly yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian. Out of concern for the occurrence of a fatality at one of the city's busier intersections, the City hired DKS Associates to conduct a review of the intersection and identify options for improving traffic safety and operations at the intersection. He reviewed the existing street conditions and intersection conditions with the Committee.

Michael Kato reviewed the scope of the study performed by DKS Associates, including researching the collision history from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System for the past 5 years; field operation findings from a site visit during which an engineer observed traffic at the intersection for 10 hours on a typical weekday; a review of the intersection geometry; ADA accessibility compliance; collecting traffic count data; analysis of the intersection using traffic engineering software. The scope of this study was to evaluate the location as an isolated intersection, so an additional study may be needed to evaluate how the improvements will fit into the traffic operations of the area.

Michael Kato reviewed the possible options analyzed by DKS. Based on the results of their observations, data collection, and analysis, they recommend modifying the median to create a southbound left turn lane, flashing yellow arrows for both directions of Cherry Avenue, adding a southbound right turn overlap, and adding lead pedestrian intervals for pedestrians crossing San Bruno Avenue. DKS also offered a secondary lower cost recommendation to use flashing yellow arrows, a southbound right turn overlap, and lead pedestrian intervals without modifying the median to create a southbound left turn lane. They also recommended increased enforcement.

Michael Kato stated staff recommends modifying the median to create a southbound left turn lane, flashing yellow arrows for both directions of Cherry Avenue, adding a southbound right turn overlap, and adding lead pedestrian intervals for pedestrians crossing San Bruno Avenue. A follow up study will be conducted to evaluate selected improvements at this intersection in conjunction with other improvements that are being considered in the area.

John Giuseponi asked what the time frame would be to complete everything we want to do.

Michael Kato replied the time frame is uncertain. There is discussion about bundling this work with a mid-block crosswalk on Cherry Avenue. It is definitely not years away.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Chuck Magee, 1750 Holly Avenue, stated this intersection has had many near misses with pedestrians. The intersection is so busy with cars that they don't see the pedestrians. There needs to be protective red arrows to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

Bart Lindberg, 1600 Cedarwood, asked why the City removed the right turn on red coming north on Cherry Avenue to turn right on San Bruno Avenue; the traffic is backed up a long time.

Mark Howard responded this was changed about a year ago due to poor driver sightline on Cherry because of high speed vehicles traveling on San Bruno Avenue.

Bart Lindberg, 1600 Cedarwood, stated he has never seen an accident at this intersection, but it is difficult for pedestrians to cross at the intersection. He has almost been hit a number of times.

Stephanie Getzler, 1796 Juniper Avenue, asked if DKS was given a budget to stay within for their recommendations.

Michael Kato replied they were not.

Stephanie Getzler, 1796 Juniper Avenue, asked what intersections other than San Bruno Avenue and El Camino Real has the highest volume of accidents. This area has a lot more traffic since YouTube came in. The study shows findings of vehicular traffic, but there is no study of pedestrian traffic. She prefers a protected pedestrian crossing; she does not mind traffic back-up for this.

Mark Howard stated this intersection is probably in the top five if you eliminate El Camino Real. That is why we are looking at the Engineering issues. Vehicles are being studied because pedestrians are not the safety issue, drivers are. These recommendations will make it safer for everyone.

Tom Hamilton stated that is why DKS included protective crossing improvements for pedestrians.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated DKS also interviewed pedestrians as part of their study.

Julio Chacon, 781 Cypress Avenue, stated he works at Walmart adjacent to the proposed intersection. He stated the highest risk for pedestrians is when they are crossing San Bruno Avenue. Drivers traveling on Cherry need to have the signage changed because they don't pay attention to the existing signs. There should be designated signals for cars on Cherry to turn left and right.

Cathy Wocasek, 714 Cherry Avenue, stated she and her husband walk through this intersection each day and she would like to see the hedge and wall removed from the southwest corner of the intersection. Pedestrians are obscured there and it is a safety issue.

Tom Hamilton stated the lead pedestrian signal recommendation would address this.

Mark Howard stated there is also an elevation issue at this corner because they are higher than the cars that causes poor visibility.

Ryan Mrsny, 1637 Kains Avenue, stated he is speaking for his friend that lives on Juniper that the bushes at the corner of the intersection need to be removed. The line of sight is completely blocked by them.

Tom Hamilton stated one of the recommendations is to give pedestrians a head start.

Ryan Mrsny replied that the bushes are also not ADA compliant so they need to be cut back. We need the two protected turning lanes and splitting the traffic signals will be a major safety improvement. Perhaps we can YouTube to help with the median improvements.

Debra Roberts, 1661 Cedarwood Court, stated she agrees with the recommendations made by DKS and would like the improvements made as soon as possible.

Gary Sylvestri, Parkview Drive, stated the new construction taking place in the area should be considered in the recommendations, instead of coming back later to make more changes.

Michael Kato stated only this intersection was considered in the study. There is discussion to perform a follow up study for a more comprehensive traffic analysis.

Stephanie Getzler, 1796 Juniper Avenue, asked how long the process takes to make the improvements and is it established how long it takes a pedestrian to cross Cherry and San Bruno Avenue.

Michael Kato stated the pedestrian crossing phase is calculated by an average walking pace combined with the width of the location. Pedestrians will be given a 3-5 second lead into the intersection.

Stephanie Getzler, 1796 Juniper Avenue, stated this will not make pedestrians safer, because many hesitate at the median because of the speed of traffic.

Tom Hamilton replied that the time frame for the work to be completed is between 3 months to a year, but we will try to make it happen as soon as possible.

Chuck Magee, 1750 Holly Avenue, stated Cherry Avenue used to be a dead end street. Is there any way to discourage the level of traffic?

Mark Howard stated the best solution is to make the safety improvements and request YouTube and Walmart take part in this.

Adam Cozzette, 512 Elm Avenue, stated the City has sat on this issue for over a year. It is a very dangerous intersection. In mid-2016, the Bike and Pedestrian Plan was adopted and this intersection was commented on frequently. This study focuses more on intersection efficiency instead of pedestrian safety; safety should be the focus. The study was not included with the notice received, so that makes it difficult for residents to review the issues. Hopefully the Committee will recommend the safety improvements and not worry about efficiency. Protected crossing is recommended.

Michael Kato stated the notice received in the mail by residents just lets them know the meeting is taking place. The entire meeting packet is posted on the City's website for residents to review before the meeting.

Bart Lindberg, 1600 Cedarwood, asked Michael Blundell how many accidents have taken place at the intersection.

Michael Blundell replied there have been 14 accidents in a five year period. It was included in the DKS study reviewed earlier.

Alfred Roberts, 1661 Cedarwood Court, stated his family members have almost been hit a number of times. He would like to expedite the changes as soon as possible.

Ryan Mrsny, 1637 Kains Avenue, asked if there is an example in the area of the flashing yellow lights that can be viewed.

Michael Kato replied there is a list that DKS gave of locations to view. There are none in the immediate area. The studies of the flashing yellow lights have shown an improvement in driver's behavior.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated they are YouTube videos of them.

Stephanie Getzler, 1796 Juniper Avenue, asked if the website link can be included on the notice so that we can access information.

Michael Kato stated a resident left a message stating she walks at this intersection and has experienced many near misses.

Michael Kato stated another resident was transferred from the Police Department stating it is hard to see pedestrians at night and protective turning lanes would be desired.

Michael Kato stated another resident left a message that the "no right turn" on red on Cherry is backing up traffic in the morning terribly. It needs to be alleviated.

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

Mark Howard stated the staff really did a good job with the report. The median needs to be modified for pedestrians and a left turn pocket will be helpful. An increase in the targeted lighting in crosswalks would be good as well, especially for pedestrians at night.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez would like to have high visibility crosswalks installed as well.

John Giuseponi asked if the crosswalk can be angled to give better visibility as well.

Michael Kato stated it could be considered as part of the reconfiguration.

Tom Hamilton stated the Committee is very in favor of pedestrian safety over traffic efficiency. When drivers are going north on Cherry onto San Bruno Avenue, they cannot tell if the driver is going to turn or go straight, so we need to install the left turn pocket to eliminate the confusion. The improvements that can be made without changing the whole intersection can be done sooner and if we install the protected lanes, we cannot go back to permissive if there is an extremely negative effect on traffic flow.

Tom Hamilton wants to ask for the recommendation to be placed on the City Council agenda as soon as possible and would not want the work to be delayed while recommendations are made for the adjoining areas.

Jimmy Tan stated it is on the City Council agenda all ready.

Mark Howard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to modify the median at the intersection of San Bruno Avenue and Cherry Avenue to create a southbound left turn lane with flashing yellow arrows in both directions on Cherry Avenue with a southbound right turn overlap and lead pedestrian signals on San Bruno Avenue; improving street lighting for pedestrians at the intersection; and install high visibility crosswalk markings. Second by Jessica Barnes-Lopez. (M/Howard, S/Barnes-Lopez: 4-0-0).

Mark Howard made a motion to request that staff look at adding lead pedestrian intervals as soon as possible. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0).

Tom Hamilton made a motion to request staff expedite the entire City Council approved work for installation as soon as possible, and not allow delays for potential design plans for the adjoining areas. Second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 4-0-0).

Tom Hamilton made a motion to request staff study changing the south to north crosswalks in this intersection to be angled for the purpose of moving the pedestrians waiting area closer to the intersection on the southbound leg. Second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 4-0-0).

#### C. Election of Officers

Mark Howard made a motion to postpone voting until the next meeting so Marco Durazo can be present. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0).

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

None

### 7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Hamilton asked for an update on the installation of the lane divider dots on Crystal Springs Road.

Michael Kato stated staff is still working on this with the PUC.

John Giuseponi asked if the red curbing recommended by the TSPC was installed on Linden by the vault near City Hall.

Michael Kato stated the person parking there on a consistent basis was approached and has stopped parking there, so the work has been postponed at this time.

Mark Howard thanked staff for updating the meeting minutes on the City website. He would like to see a search capability to make topics easier to find.

Michael Kato replied that changes to the website are in the works.

Mark Howard asked for an update on the installation by the County of a guard rail along Crystal Springs adjacent to the County Park.

Michael Kato stated he will contact the County regarding this.

Mark Howard asked if there is an update on hiring more motorcycle officers. There should be at least three.

Michael Blundell stated there is budget for one at this time.

**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 April 4, 2018 at 7 p.m. (M/Hamilton, S/Giuseponi): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting adjourned, 8:45 pm.