

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2025

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Traffic Commission Chair Neill Kovrig called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	FREEMAN, MOSHER, ERICKSON, KOVRIG, HILMES, CARROLL, HOAGLIN
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	CLARK, PEDERSON

Also present:

Edd Alberto, City Traffic Engineer, City of San Marcos

Damian Schoenecke, Associate Engineer – Traffic, City of San Marcos

Gina Jackson, Senior Office Specialist, City of San Marcos

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 03.05.2025:

COMMISSIONER HOAGLIN MAKES A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS RECORDED; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOSHER. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: FREEMAN, MOSHER, KOVRIG, HILMES, CARROLL, HOAGLIN
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: CLARK, PEDERSON
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS: ERICKSON

6. PRESENTATION:

a. NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (NCTD) – Micro Transit Pilot Project (NCTD+) Update

Nick Sofoul from NCTD provided the presentation.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: Thanked NCTD for expanding the ride radius; asked how many micro buses are servicing the city; San Elijo is not covered within the service area; pooling trip information to the driver; discussions with the city on additional funding; driver expense and looking into driverless vans; same day reservations; negative reviews; great that riders under 18 can ride for free; having reserved rides cancelled with no notification to the rider; thank you for updating us on the progress of the pilot program. This is a great program and appreciate you using union workers; check partnerships with the community colleges on grant programs.

PRESENTER RESPONSE: Generally, there are currently two (2) micro buses servicing San Marcos throughout the day. There is a time period when shifts overlap, during this time there are four (4). NCTD analyzed expanding the service area to include San Elijo, however, this would increase the trip wait times to 30 to 40 minutes well above the NCTD+ goal of 20 minutes. NCTD is looking into service area if the program can add more vehicles and drivers. Drivers have a tablet in front of them to alert them of a new trip indicating that this passenger should be picked up first. If the program is not able to obtain a partnership with the city for funding, other opportunities such as grants may be considered. The program is not currently looking into utilizing driverless vehicles. NCTD uses experienced union employees that provide excellent service and understand the needs of the community utilizing the service. There are no plans to change same day reservation policy. Data shows that patrons making advanced reservations do not always show up at their designated pick-up spot. Negative reviews have been mostly when the service exceeds its wait time goals. when reserved rides are cancelled. Trips should not be cancelled, if they are, patrons should contact Customer Service and the issue will be investigated

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. INFORMATION ITEM: IMPLEMENTATION OF GREEN CONFLICT STRIPING FOR BICYCLE FACILITIES

Damian Schoenecke, Associate Engineer, provided the staff presentation.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: Thanked staff for implementing the green stripes on the road for cyclists.

b. INFORMATION ITEM: SAN MARCOS BLVD RECONSTRUCTION

Damian Schoenecke, Associate Engineer, provided the staff presentation.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: Partnering with the sewer companies; traffic re-routing; appreciates the fencing around San Marcos High School; updates on the pedestrian accident; Restaurant Row construction; length of upgrade project.

STAFF RESPONSE: We don't have the exact answer, but for projects like this, we do try to time the upgrades with other agencies. We are coordinating with the project engineer to phase the upgrades to help minimize the delays. There will be delays, but we will communicate the delays to the public. The Restaurant Row project is still in the review process and at this moment we don't have an answer if they will coordinate their construction with ours. We are estimating about a year to complete this project. The Land Development and Capital Improvement teams will give an update on their projects at a future commission meeting.

c. **DISCUSSION: TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING FREQUENCY**

Edd Alberto, City Traffic Engineer, presented the discussion

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Having the ability to have a public access meeting is important to the public. Staff should have the ability to present items to us and the public when needed instead of having to wait if we were to change the frequencies of scheduled meetings. Prefer to meet when the commission is needed. Requesting a more advanced notification when a meeting is cancelled, instead of utilizing the 72-hour notification.

STAFF RESPONSE: Staff prefer to maintain the existing monthly schedule for Traffic Commission meetings. Staff agree to conduct a forward look into workload and provide more advance notice when there is a high likelihood of meetings being cancelled.

9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

a. **WORK ORDER/NTMP UPDATES**

NTMP UPDATES:

Damian Schoenecke, Associate Engineer, provided the staff presentation.

May 13, 2025 – Olive Hills Estates area, concerns with speeding. Staff set out speed counters and results showed the 85th percentile and we recommended traffic calming measure 1-5 for speed limit signs and legends.

July 14, 2025 - Santa Barbara Drive, reckless driving from DUIs. No recommendations at this time, as there is a traffic calming measure on that street.

September 9, 2024 – Tier 2 for White Sands, Coast Avenue and Rocky Point Way. Island Drive qualified for Tier 3, and we had a Public Workshop on August 4, 2025. 7 to 8 community members attended virtually. Data and proposals for Island Drive were presented. Staff are still gathering the feedback received from the

residents and will discuss a final conceptual plan. When completed, an update will be brought to the commission.

COMMISSIONER QUESTION/DISCUSSION: Requested to repeat a speed study on La Moree Rd after Cal State is in session; public workshop for Rancho Dorado for residents only.

STAFF RESPONSE: Rancho Dorado was a community workshop, and we can invite the commission to attend, but these workshops are to talk to the community residents.

WORK ORDER UPDATES:

Damian Schoenecke, Associate Engineer, provided update.

Rancho Santa Fe Median Fence – Installing median fencing on Rancho Santa Fe Rd from San Marcos Blvd to 287 feet south. No Pedestrian Crossing signs will also be installed at each end of the fence. The installation will start August 11th and will be completed before school starts on August 19th.

San Elijo Rd. and Questhaven Rd. – New continental style high visibility crosswalks installed at the intersection.

Vereda Rd. – Completed the installation of 25mph speed limit signs and pavement legends.

- b. SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COLLISION SUMMARY AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION LOG

STAFF RESONSE: We are working with a new sheriff to attend the next meeting.

- c. TRAFFIC COMMISSION COMMENTARY: Would like to have tours for the seniors to see the Traffic Management Center.

STAFF RESPONSE: We will check with the City Clerk's office for feedback on the process.

- d. STAFF COMMENTARY: As we enter the school year, reminder that there will be congestion and if you hear anything, please let us know.


ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kovrig adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



NEILL KOVRIG, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ATTEST:



GINA JACKSON, SENIOR OFFICE SPECIALIST
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION