

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2024

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 Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT: | COMMISSIONERS: | SCHELLENGER, CLARK, ERICKSON, KOVRIG, HILMES, CARROLL, HOAGLIN |
| ABSENT: | COMMISSIONERS: | NONE |

Also present:

Edd Alberto, City Traffic Engineer, City of San Marcos

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

Stephanie Kellar, Deputy City Engineer, City of San Marcos

Gina Jackson, Senior Office Specialist, City of San Marcos

Sgt. Charles Morreale, Traffic Sheriff, County of San Diego

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Warren Witt, resident of San Marcos – Concerns with the No Turn on Red sign that was put up on Questhaven Road and San Elijo Road. Concerns that study used incorrect information.

Mary Lamdeck, resident of San Marcos – Expressed concerns about traffic safety around San Marcos High School, asking if the City can investigate providing safety measures for students crossing the streets to get to the high school.

Commissioner Responses: A Sheriff investigation is currently happening regarding the traffic safety concerns and upon completion of the investigation, decisions will be made on what can be done. Staff was also asked to follow-up with an additional study regarding the No Turn on Red sign, and place on a future agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes, August 07, 2024

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

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| AYES: | COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER, CLARK, ERICKSON, KOVRIG, HILMES, CARROLL, HOAGLIN |
| NOES: | COMMISSIONERS: NONE |
| ABSENT: | COMMISSIONERS: NONE |
| ABSTAIN: | COMMISSIONERS: NONE |

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Rancho Dorado Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Report

Damian Schoenecke, Associate Engineer gave the staff presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nikki Jacobs, resident of San Marcos – Supports the striping to help reduce the speeding in the neighborhood. Expressed concerns that there is still speeding and asked if Tier 3 can be implemented for the street that qualifies for this measure.

Matt Reaber, resident of San Marcos – Expressed that due to understaffing of the Sheriff's office, there is not enough law enforcement presence in the area to reduce the speeding. Requested historical data of speed studies for the community, would like speed bumps installed. Does not support the center line striping of the streets.

Brad Yano, resident of San Marcos – Does not support the center line striping of the streets. Requested speed bumps to be installed.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION INCLUDED: Any research with incremental change from partial striping to full striping to reduce speeding; speed humps from previous discussions; move forward with Tier 3 on Island Drive; other Tier 2 options available; frequently of enforcement.

STAFF RESPONSE: There is no study that discusses the visual striping at an intersection versus a corridor, however, with centerline striping only at the intersection, drivers lose the visual narrowing through the corridor. There are no visual characteristics of a residential neighborhood on Island Drive with the wider streets that would suppress vehicle speeds when going down the corridor.

The NTMP was put together after the pilot program on Fulton Road. We are trying to determine what tier the speed humps will fall under. Speed humps cannot be installed on certain grades of streets that are over 7 and 8 percent. You also need to stay away 200 feet from intersections and 200 feet from the crest of the hill.

Staff can research if there are additional Tier 2 options appropriate for the area.

TRAFFIC SHERIFF RESPONSE: Speeding issues are looked into; however, enforcement does get redirected to higher priority areas.

ACTION:

COMMISSIONER HOAGLIN MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF TO LOOK FOR OTHER TIER 2 OPTIONS FOR WHITE SANDS DRIVE, COAST AVENUE, AND ROCKY POINT WAY, AND APPROVE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH EVALUATING TIER 3 MEASURE FOR ISLAND DRIVE; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHELLENGER. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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| AYES: | COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER, CLARK, ERICKSON, KOVRIG, HILMES, CARROLL, HOAGLIN |
| NOES: | COMMISSIONERS: NONE |
| ABSENT: | COMMISSIONERS: NONE |
| ABSTAIN: | COMMISSIONERS: NONE |

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Work Order Updates

Staff received four Tier 1 applications: (1) Richland Rd – Staff will deploy speed radar trailers; (2) Viewpoint Drive – The 85th percentile speed is within acceptable values and no measures are recommended at this time; (3) San Marcos Manor – The 85th percentile speed for all road speeds are within acceptable values and no measures are recommended at this time; (4) Camino Magnifico – Staff recommends installation of an additional speed limit sign.

b. San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. Traffic Collision Summary and Accident Investigation Log:


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| DUI/Alcohol Arrests: | Aug (17) | Sep (15) | Oct (16) | YTD (158) |
| DUI Accidents: | Aug (8) | Sep (8) | Oct (5) | YTD (71) |
| Fatal Collisions: | Aug (0) | Sep (1) | Oct (1) | YTD (6) |

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| Injury Collisions: | Aug (18) | Sep (29) | Oct (20) | YTD (194) |
| Non-Injury Collisions: | Aug (30) | Sep (33) | Oct (34) | YTD (290) |
| Pedestrian Collisions: | Aug (0) | Sep (2) | Oct (2) | YTD (17) |
| Pedestrian Fatalities: | Aug (0) | Sep (1) | Oct (1) | YTD (4) |
| Bicyclist Collisions: | Aug (5) | Sep (9) | Oct (7) | YTD (40) |
| Bicyclist Fatalities: | Aug (0) | Sep (0) | Oct (0) | YTD (0) |
| Motorcycle Collisions: | Aug (1) | Sep (1) | Oct (2) | YTD (17) |
| Motorcycle Fatalities: | Aug (0) | Sep (0) | Oct (0) | YTD (0) |
| Motorcycle Injuries | Aug (0) | Sep (1) | Oct (2) | YTD (15) |
| NTA Citations/Hazardous: | Aug (204) | Sep (120) | Oct (183) | YTD (1494) |
| NTA Citations/Non-Hazardous | Aug (40) | Sep (40) | Oct (65) | YTD (631) |

- c. **Traffic Commission Commentary:** Morning commutes in Woodland Parkway area, the traffic signals seem off and requested staff to look at the queueing. Chair Kovrig reapplied to continue with Traffic Commission. Thanked staff for all the work they do to make San Marcos roads safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Thanked staff for the widening the bicycle lanes on Twin Oaks.
- d. **Staff Commentary:** Staff does not have any additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kovrig adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.


NEILL KOVRIG, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ATTEST:



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