

**CITY OF ORINDA  
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

September 16, 2019

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TSAC) WAS HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE IN THE SARGE LITTLEHALE COMMUNITY ROOM, 22 ORINDA WAY, ORINDA, CALIFORNIA.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bisesto called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEEMEMBERS: Laura Bisesto, Travis Blaschek-Miller (absent, excused), Stuart House, Mark Roberts, Steve Schnier

City Staff: Assistant Engineer Kevin McCourt

**C. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2019

August 19, 2019 (Cancelled Due to Lack of Quorum)

Committeemember Roberts noted that he would abstain from the vote for the July 15, 2019, minutes as he was absent from the meeting.

MOTION: By Committeemember House, seconded by Chair Bisesto, to approve the TSAC Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2019. The motion carried by a voice vote of 3-0-1 (Roberts - Abstain).

MOTION: By Chair Bisesto, seconded by Committeemember Schnier, to approve the TSAC Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2019. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**D. PUBLIC FORUM**

Sandy Roadcap, Orinda resident, discussed traffic at the intersection of Don Gabriel Way, Valley View Drive, and Lost Valley Drive which affects the Xenophon Riding School, the Del Rey Elementary School, and the surrounding neighborhoods. The neighborhood has been working through their homeowners association with the Police Department on Level One measures. Ms. Roadcap distributed data collected through the Police RADAR device "STALKER" that showed traffic volumes and speeds, as well as a diagram indicating Stop signs; she requested an item be added to the next TSC agenda to discuss the possibility of placing a Stop sign at the location or other traffic calming measures.

Chair Bisesto questioned whether Stop signs are within the purview of the TSAC.

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that Stop signs are outside the scope of the TSAC, however, the Committee could use TSAC funds for a warrant analysis.

MOTION: By Chair Bisesto, seconded by Committeemember House, to add a discussion item to the next TSAC Agenda regarding traffic control at the intersection of Don Gabriel Way, Valley View Drive, and Lost Valley Drive. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Committeemember Schnier questioned whether using Stop signs as speed control would be appropriate and suggested alternative traffic calming.

Assistant Engineer McCourt suggested Ms. Roadcap fill out a Traffic Calming Request.

Committeemember House questioned the data point regarding a 91 mile-per-hour driver and asked which traffic calming measure would be most effective to mitigate this type of behavior.

Assistant Engineer stated that speed cushions or a Police presence would likely be a deterrent.

Committeemember Roberts asked for the classification of the roads at the intersection.

Assistant Engineer McCourt replied that he would bring that information to the next meeting.

Mary Gilles, Orinda Resident, presented feedback from the Brookwood Road neighborhood which came from a survey created on the NextDoor app; the survey showed that residents appear to be in favor of a pathway and are concerned about lighting and the pedestrian crosswalk at Brookwood Road, Camino Pablo, and the eastbound Highway 24 off-ramp, highlighting the issue of vehicles illegally turning right from the off-ramp, which is signed as *No-Right Turn on Red*.

Chair Bisesto stated that the Brookwood Pathway Project is number seven on the City of Orinda's top ten priority projects list.

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that the right turn from the eastbound Highway 24 off-ramp may be addressed during the Camino Pablo Bicycle Route Project with the installation of a lighted *No Right Turn* black-out sign at the off-ramp.

Ms. Gilles questioned what the neighborhood was allowed to do and whether the neighborhood could purchase a street light.

Assistant Engineer McCourt said that he would research whether the Brookwood Road neighborhood is part of a street lighting district.

**E. SAFE DRIVING EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL ZONES**

Chair Bisesto advised that this item could be moved to the next TSAC meeting, noting that Committeemember Blaschek-Miller is leading this matter; as this item is geared for the start of the school year, there would still be adequate time for discussion.

Assistant Engineer McCourt informed the Committee that Committeemember Blaschek-Miller would also be unable to attend the next meeting.

Committeemember House stated that it would be beneficial to involve the new Police Chief on this item as well.

This item was continued to the next TSAC meeting.

**F. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) GRANT APPLICATION**

Assistant Engineer McCourt distributed the *Top 10 Priority List* for unfunded projects found in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and advised that it is time to apply for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) grant; the list serves as a good starting point for the TSAC to choose a project; the City Council would like a pedestrian project this year; the top two pedestrian projects ranked by the TSAC the previous year were the Camino Pablo Pathway Rehabilitation Project and the Moraga Way Pathway Project.

Chair Bisesto stated that she was in favor of the Moraga Way Pathway Project

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that infrastructure rehabilitation projects are typically not viewed as favorable by the TDA grant committee; he also advised that Nick Waranoff, Orinda resident, had stated that the Pedestrian Overcrossing, located at the end of Orinda Way, requires maintenance and the TDA grant would be a good opportunity to receive funding.

Committeemember House mentioned that information and education about the right-of-way boundaries and the benefits to sidewalks might aid in making residents more open to sidewalks and walkways.

Chair Bisesto concurred and stated that Moraga Way would be a good candidate for a walkway.

Committeemember House asked about funds or other grants for the Moraga Way Pathway Project.

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that such a pathway would be expensive; a discussion during the previous year considered applying for a study for the grant application.

Committeemember Roberts stated that he was in favor of a project which would be more likely to receive funding.

Chair Bisesto asked for more information on the Camino Pablo Pathway Rehabilitation Project; she also requested that staff provide walking distance measurements for the Del Rey school area.

Committeemember Schnier would like a list of projects more likely to receive funding.

This item was continued to the next TSAC meeting.

## **G. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATES AND ACTIONS**

1. Briefing from Police Chief – SLOW DOWN ORINDA/Traffic Citations Report  
No report

Committeemember House advised that David Cook has been appointed as the new Police Chief for Orinda.

Chair Bisesto asked staff to invite Chief Cook to an upcoming TSAC meeting.

2. Traffic Calming Requests - No New Requests

3. Accessibility Issues

Assistant Engineer McCourt distributed a list of the pedestrian ramps in Orinda and explained that it would be beneficial for the TSAC to make a priority list for ramp upgrades.

Committeemember House asked if the City had received complaints regarding slope issues.

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that the sidewalk on Southwood Drive and Moraga Way had received a complaint, however, as it follows the slope of the road, it meets ADA guidelines.

Committeemember House mentioned an area near Glorietta School that should be inspected.

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated he would narrow the list down for discussion at the next TSAC meeting.

## **H. STAFF REPORT**

1. *Update – Current Balance of Traffic Calming Improvements Program*  
*FY 2020 expenditures \$244.69 to date; \$40,000 budget = remaining balance \$39,755.31*

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that there is no change at this time.

2. *Update – Rheem Boulevard – Radar Speed Sign Installation*

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that Paving Program Project Manager Khorashadi informed him that Rheem Boulevard would be paved within the next three years.

Chair Bisesto recommended that any restriping be done in conjunction with the paving project and asked whether the TSAC needs to take action.

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that he would keep the item on the agenda and determine what the next step should be.

3. *Update - Hillcrest Drive (between Martha Road and Overhill Road) – Speed Cushion Installation and Radar Speed Sign Installation*

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that he had marked off two areas for the speed cushions and the next step is to schedule a second NAT meeting for the calming plan to be finalized.

4. *Update – Rheem Boulevard at Zander Drive – 3-Way Stop Sign*

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that installation of the signage and the striping will likely be completed in October or November.

Chair Bisesto inquired about expenditures for the work.

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the funding would not come from the TSAC budget.

5. *Postponed - Donald Drive – Signage and Speed Cushion Installation (ON HOLD)*

No update.

6. *Postponed – East Altarinda Road– Signage Request (ON HOLD)*

No update.

7. *Postponed – Northwood Drive – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*

No update.

8. *Postponed – Lost Valley Drive – Signage/Striping/Radar Feedback Request (ON HOLD)*

No update.

9. *Postponed – Underhill Road – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*

10. *Postponed – Dalewood Drive – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*

11. *Postponed – Davis Road – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*

**I. MATTERS INITIATED**

Items for the next TSAC agenda:

- Briefing from Police Chief - SLOW DOWN ORINDA/Traffic Citations Report
- Traffic Calming Requests
- Discussion – Safe Driving Education for School Zones
- Discussion – Traffic Control - Intersection of Don Gabriel Way/Valley View Drive/ Lost Valley Drive
- Discussion – Transportation Development Act (TDA) Grant Application

- Accessibility Issues
- Staff Report
  - Updates

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: By Committeemember Schnier, seconded by Comitteemember House, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will be 7:00 p.m., October 21, 2019, in the Sarge Littlehale Community Room, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, California.

Prepared by: K. McCourt