



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2007, at 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Committee Members Present: Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer - San Dimas Public Works and Acting Traffic Safety Committee Chairman), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Deputy John Rodriguez (San Dimas Sheriff's Station), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, San Dimas Public Works), and Cheryl Siefert (Director of Transportation, Bonita Unified School District).

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01-07-01 BONITA AVENUE AT IGLESIA STREET INTERSECTION

REQUEST FROM LYN DINELLI, RESIDENT'S DAUGHTER: Install traffic light at this intersection, perhaps one that comes on when someone pushes the button. Seniors are nervous and anxious to cross at this intersection.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Dinelli phoned to let the Committee know that she would not be able to attend the meeting but wanted to express that she would like the Committee to give her request every consideration.

The Committee conducted a field inspection and discussed the previous study done in 2006 for the intersection of Bonita and Iglesia. At the time the study was conducted, the signal warrants were not satisfied therefore a traffic signal was not installed. As it is unlikely traffic conditions have changed in the short time since the previous study, the committee does not recommend conducting another study. However, the downtown core area is currently being reviewed for redevelopment/redesign. This intersection should be considered for re-design in this process to make a better crossing point for pedestrians.

RECOMMENDATION: Committee recommends that the intersection be reviewed for improvement during the down town revitalization project. The Committee does not recommend installation of a traffic light at this intersection at this time.

01-07-02 LONE HILL AVENUE AT OVERLAND CT., TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 04-01 (06865), 7.75 ACRE SUBDIVISION OF 18 SFR)

REQUEST FROM CRAIG HENSLEY, PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Review plans for circulation and parking.

DISCUSSION:

- *The Traffic Committee performed a site inspection prior to the meeting. At the meeting, the Traffic Engineer stated that the site distance line for southbound left-turn pocket traffic will need to be provided for vehicles traveling in southbound lane, because drivers in the third lane need better visibility. The northbound lanes look okay.*
- *The Traffic Engineer stated the gated driveway needs 100 feet so that visitors will be able to use the phone at the gated entrance.*
- *Mr. Williams responded that the plans have allowed stacking for 8 vehicles.*
- *The Traffic Engineer stated that the plan shows a lack of parking in front of the first home at the gate.*
- *Mr. Williams responded that they had no alternative since the Council did not want the hill developed.*
- *The Traffic Engineer asked how the developer will handle ADA access.*
- *Engineer from Marshall Engineering Group (MEG) said they would go by the city standards.*
- *The Traffic Engineer stated it is necessary to modify the traffic signal easement for traffic signal maintenance. Cameras may be a better way to go. He suggested placing them on traffic signal pole on the east side.*
- *Traffic Engineer informed Mr. Williams and the engineers that the City would need a signal modification plan. He also asked them what the grade coming up from Lone Hill would be.*
- *Engineer from MEG replied that the grade is 2% then the property goes flat, then the grade goes to 2% at gate, then 5% above gate.*
- *Engineer Garwick asked if there would be street lights. Mr. Williams responded yes.*
- *Traffic Engineer informed developer/engineers that the City needs to see the stacking plan.*
- *Superintendent Campbell suggested video detection instead of traffic loops at the west leg of the intersection due to the decorative paving to be constructed as part of the project.*

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Committee recommends the following to be displayed on plans:

- 1) Developer to submit vehicle queuing plan.
- 2) Modify traffic signal and provide an easement for traffic signal maintenance and show on circulation plan.
- 3) Include ADA access on site/circulation plan.
- 4) Show ornamental paving or alternative designating right-turn lane on circulation plan.

01-07-03 8th ANNUAL SAN DIMAS STAGE RACE, MARCH 16-18, 2007
(ROAD RACE & CRITERIUM)

REQUEST FROM AL WISCOVITCH, SDSR RACE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VELO BICYCLE CLUB: Seeking approval of the annual San Dimas Stage Race in the City of San Dimas as per course description and maps.

- ◆ **Stage 2** – Saturday, March 17, 2007, 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Puddingstone Road Race – Raging Waters Drive to Puddingstone Drive; North to Cannon Avenue to Walnut Avenue to Puddingstone Drive then into La Verne.
 NOTE: Race course will not be held on San Dimas Avenue as in previous year.
- ◆ **Stage 3** – Sunday, March 18, 2007, 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Downtown Criterium -
 - Bonita Avenue between San Dimas Avenue and Walnut Avenue
 - San Dimas Avenue between Bonita Avenue and First Street
 - First Street between San Dimas Avenue and Iglesia Street
 - Iglesia Street between Bonita Avenue and Fifth Street
 - Fifth Street between Iglesia Street and Walnut Avenue
 - Walnut Avenue between Fifth Street and Bonita Avenue

DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Wiscovitch mentioned SC Velo brought Ed McKenzie on board this year to work with the event coordinators.
- Senior Engineer Garwick commented that radio communication was a concern last year and it would be a good idea to have a safety pre-meeting. She also mentioned that contestant parking in the Albertson's parking lot was also a concern.
- Mr. Wiscovitch informed Committee that Mr. Andrews, Public Relations for the Rose Parade, would be advising SC Velo this year.
- Mr. Wiscovitch informed the Committee that there will be marshalls available to assist this year.
- Senior Engineer Garwick stated that at the pre-race meeting they can talk about delivery of flyers, etc. She suggested the meeting be held sometime in February.
- It was suggested that one of the citizens be brought on board who attended the post meeting last year to work as a liaison between race participants and community.
- Mr. Wiscovitch assured the Committee that SC Velo is involved with the concerns of the community, in fact they will be donating a percentage of the proceeds to the Breast Cancer Campaign. They will also be working with the schools this year to teach children some techniques in biking; i.e., helmet use, etc.
- Senior Engineer Garwick informed Mr. Wiscovitch that there may be additional requirements after meeting with Ed McKenzie, with the Sheriff's Dept.

RECOMMENDATION: Contingent approval based on the following recommendations to be submitted to Staff by February 5, after which Committee will recommend approval of San Dimas Stage Race at February 13 City Council Meeting:

1. Current set of traffic control plans displaying proposed course routes including Dam Gate and Cannon Avenue.
2. Copy of letter to residents regarding one-way closure of Puddingstone Drive.
3. Approval letter from Puddingstone Hills Estates HOA.
4. Approval letter from L.A. County Flood Control District allowing race to cross dam in Bonelli Park.

CONTINUED ITEMS

12-06-03 SAN DIMAS CANYON ROAD AND ALLEN AVENUE

REQUEST FROM MARIA DUNTON, RESIDENT: Install a left-turn arrow at intersection for southbound San Dimas Canyon Road traffic at Allen Avenue. Congestion from children crossing streets, parents dropping off children and left-turning vehicles backing up onto San Dimas Canyon Road at Allen Avenue. Members of PTA and Principal to attend meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- Mrs. Dutton confirmed that the PTA and school want red striping on Allen Avenue from corner to the driveway.
- *Traffic Engineer confirmed this would be done with signage.*
- Mrs. Dutton added they wanted a drop off on San Dimas Canyon Road with supervision at that gate. She said if we get some of the traffic off of Allen, it would be easier for buses and other traffic.
- Mrs. Dutton reminded the Committee that previously it was discussed to extend the red curbing to 50 feet on San Dimas Canyon Road.
- Mrs. Chalifoux reiterated the congestion problem at Allen Avenue and the PTA's desire to remedy the situation.
- Dr. Lawson, Principal at Allen Avenue, told the Committee that the school needed some available parking for visitors to the campus and asked if they could get more help from the Sheriff's Dept.
- *Deputy Rodriguez replied that the most the Sheriff's Dept. could do is to enforce the traffic laws on public streets.*
- *The Committee suggested the school notify the parents to adhere to the posted signage.*
- The School said they need a drop off zone only and would welcome the "watch speed" signage.
- *Senior Engineer Garwick suggested the school include some suggestions to the parents in their school newsletter.*
- Mrs. Chalifoux informed the Committee that the flood control area was not a good place to drop off children and there's been a lot of concern by parents.
- Dr. Lawson informed the Committee that the school was scheduled for a modernization, although they don't know when that will be. Some of the things proposed in the study may be incorporated during the modernization.
- *Senior Engineer Garwick concurred with the drop-off on San Dimas Canyon Road.*
- PTA asked where the funding would come from.

- Senior Engineer Garwick replied that the street signage would be provided by the City.
- The PTA brought up another problem of parents double parking, although there's plenty of parking on San Dimas Canyon Road south of Allen on both sides of the street.
- *Engineer Garwick told the school representatives that the school needs to look at what the on-site needs will be. She added that the Committee observed several motorists making u-turns at Gaillard, so the Committee is proposing installing a "no u-turn" sign for southbound traffic. Motorists will be able to make their u-turns safely at Gladstone.*
- *The School reported that trash pickup coincided with the heavy afternoon traffic, so Senior Engineer Garwick suggested the school have Waste Management make their trash pickups at another time during the day.*

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) From EB ECR on Allen install "No Stopping at Any Time" to first driveway.
- 2) Remove red curbing and install signage on Allen Ave. (Staff will check on footage).
- 3) Extend red curbing 50 feet South of BCR on SDCR south of Allen.
- 4) Informally talk to LA County Flood Control to chain the driveways (2) off on Allen Ave at the flood control channel.
- 5) School/PTA to check with School District on opening up another drop-off on San Dimas Canyon south of Allen
- 6) Staff to follow-up with school on proposed drop-off on San Dimas Canyon Road
- 7) School to talk to Waste Management on making trash pickups at different time than when school lets out.
- 8) Install "No U-Turn Sign" for SB traffic at San Dimas Canyon Road and Gaillard.

UNSCHEDULED ITEM

12-06-04 CATARACT AVENUE

REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS STAFF: Review new swale installed in the 700 block of North Cataract.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommended painting a white edge line along the new swale on the east side of Cataract Avenue from the first driveway up to the south end of the swale.