



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, June 20, 2007 at 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Director of Public Works, Traffic Committee Chair), Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer, San Dimas Public Works), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), and Deputy John Rodriguez (San Dimas Sheriff's Station).

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06-07-01 RED CURB AT 512 E. BONITA AVENUE

REQUEST FROM RON PODOJIL, PROPERTY OWNER: Review red curb in front of the building at 512 E. Bonita Avenue. Owner thinks it's unnecessary and would like it removed.

DISCUSSION: Both sides of the curb exiting the neighbor's (502 E. Bonita Avenue) driveway are painted red. It's apparent that the curbs were painted red to assist the resident in safely exiting his driveway. The red curb in front of 512 E. Bonita Avenue is located at the east side of the neighbor's driveway.

Ron Podojil would appreciate a portion, if not the entire, red zone removed so delivery trucks could temporarily park there. Chairman Patel said the red curb is presently approximately 20 feet long and could be reduced without compromising visibility.

RECOMMENDATION: The Traffic Safety Committee recommends the following:

- 1) Reduce the existing red curb by 5 to 10 feet.
- 2) Keep the red curb on the west side of 502 E. Bonita Avenue as is.

06-07-02 SAN DIMAS AVENUE AND FOOTHILL BOULEVARD

REQUEST FROM ROBBIE AND TIM COSNER, RESIDENTS: Review traffic pattern of vehicles traveling North on San Dimas Avenue turning left (West) onto Foothill Boulevard. Resident is requesting a left turn arrow on San Dimas Avenue for Northbound traffic.

DISCUSSION: The City Traffic Engineer researched the traffic collisions at this intersection over the past fifteen months (from February 2005 to May 2007). The findings showed that there was only one accident from a northbound vehicle turning left onto Foothill Boulevard (this Traffic Safety item). In order for an intersection to warrant a left turn arrow, there must be at least five accidents in one year. Therefore, this intersection does not warrant an arrow. However, the Traffic Safety Committee did feel modifying and adding signage to this intersection would be beneficial.

Robbie Cosner and Sam Torres both stated that northbound vehicles turning left on to Foothill often cut off southbound vehicles leaving their neighborhood. In lieu of a signal, Mr. Torres suggested signage warning northbound traffic of the oncoming traffic.

Traffic Engineer Siecke suggested signage reading "Watch Opposing Traffic" for both traffic heading north and south on San Dimas Avenue. This sign would notify northbound drivers of oncoming traffic from the neighborhood as well as alert residents leaving the neighborhood of the northbound traffic.

Mr. Torres mentioned that on the northbound side of San Dimas Avenue there are arrows on the pavement guiding traffic. He suggested the Committee consider adding more arrows closer to the signal to provide better direction of the traffic flow.

RECOMMENDATION: The Traffic Safety Committee recommends the following:

- 1) Move the "No U-Turn" sign for southbound San Dimas traffic to the signal mast-arm. The sign is presently on a post in the median on the south side of Foothill Boulevard.
- 2) Post "Watch Opposing Traffic" signs for both south and northbound traffic. The signs would be back to back on the post in the median (taking the place of the "No U-Turn" sign).
- 3) Traffic Engineer to field evaluate the need for additional painted arrows on the northbound side of San Dimas Avenue and consider other additional striping or tracking for clear traffic flow.

06-07-03 STOP SIGN AT N. IGLESIA STREET AND 2nd STREET

REQUEST FROM KRISTIN CARLSON, RESIDENT: Review the stop signs at N. Iglesia Street and 2nd Street. Presently, it is a two way stop with signs on N. Iglesia only. Resident would like it to be a four-way stop or for the two existing Stop signs to read "two way stop."

Note: A request for two additional Stop signs at this intersection was on the Traffic Safety Agenda in February 2003. A study was conducted and in April 2003 the Traffic Engineering Report found that additional Stop signs were not warranted.

DISCUSSION: The issue was reviewed in February 2003 and the Traffic Engineering Report found that a four-way stop was not warranted. There is not a speeding issue at this intersection, however, in the past five years there has been one non-injury collision (on 10/21/03). This does not warrant a four-way stop. However, the committee recognizes that there is more activity around Civic Center Park since February 2003. To make the two-way stop clearer, additional signage will be posted.

RECOMMENDATION: The Traffic Safety Committee recommends posting an additional sign "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" for northbound and southbound traffic directly under the "Stop" sign as per the recently adopted MUTCD Standards.

06-07-04 RED CURB AT GLADSTONE STREET AND SHELLMAN AVENUE

REQUEST FROM NANETTE SHAPIRO, GLADSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Review the red curb at the South East corner. Increase the present distance of the red curb so parents exiting the school drop off/pick up area have better visibility of traffic approaching from Southbound Shellman Avenue.

DISCUSSION: The Traffic Safety Committee discussed the benefits of helping traffic flow better and increasing child safety by bridging the gap of red curbs on the west side the school on Shellman Avenue. Presently, the south-east corner of Shellman Avenue is painted red for at least 50 feet followed by approximately 60 feet of unpainted curb and then 5 feet of red curb leading to the north drop off/pick up driveway. Red curbing this entire section will facilitate traffic congestion and increase visibility.

Visibility and flow could also be increased on the east side of Shellman Avenue between the drop off driveways by extending the red curb next to the north driveway allowing for only 60 feet (enough for three cars) of parking space.

Due to the recent loss of parking on Gladstone Avenue, the traffic congestion on Shellman Avenue has been busier before and after school. The Traffic Safety Committee discussed looking into parking restrictions on Shellman to improve traffic flow for student drop off and pick up in time of the next school year.

RECOMMENDATION: The Traffic Safety Committee recommends the following:

- 1) Fill in the red curb on the east side of Shellman Avenue from the southeast corner to the north drop off/pick up driveway.
- 2) Extend the existing red curb on the east side of Shellman below the north drop off/pick up driveway allowing for 60 feet (three cars) of unpainted curb for parking.
- 3) Post signage similar to Lonehill School's stating "No parking 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m." This signage would be posted on the east side of the street as far south as the tennis court parking lot.

06-07-05 SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S BOOSTER CLUB'S CAR SHOW

REQUEST FROM LAURA ALVARADO, PRESIDENT OF BOOSTER CLUB: Seeking approval for the San Dimas Sheriff's Booster Club's Car Show. Event to be held on West Bonita Avenue between San Dimas Avenue and Cataract Avenue. Car Show cruise (2 laps) to start at Bonita Avenue heading North on San Dimas Avenue, then East on Foothill Boulevard, then South on San Dimas Canyon Road, ending West on Bonita Avenue. Review attached maps. Event and cruise areas are the same as last year.

DISCUSSION: It is the 14th annual Sheriff's Booster Club's Car Show. The traffic plans have worked for several years; however, with the new MUTCD standards, Chairman Patel would like the plans updated. The event location is the same as the prior Farmer's Market location. The event is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. but the streets will be closed from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There are no traffic plans necessary for the cruise area which will be supervised and escorted by Sheriff's cars.

RECOMMENDATION: The Traffic Safety Committee recommends updating the traffic plans for the event location with the recently adopted MUTCD standards.