



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2007 at 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Traffic Committee Chair, Director of Public Works), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works), and Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Lieutenant Roxanna Hart (San Dimas Sheriff's Station), Cheryl Seifert (Director of Transportation, Bonita Unified School District).

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09-07-01 SPEEDING AT LONE HILL AND CIENEGA AVENUES

REQUEST FROM JODY THERIOT, RESIDENT: Increase enforcement for speeding motorists, usually high school students during lunch time (11:50 to 12:30).

DISCUSSION: The installation of speed feedback signs on Covina Boulevard and Lone Hill Avenue will enhance driver's awareness of the speed limits at both San Dimas High and Lone Hill Middle Schools locations. Once the signs are fully operational and programmed for optimum effectiveness during school hours, it is anticipated they will curtail some of the speeding concerns during lunch time.

RECOMMENDATION: Sheriff to increase enforcement.

09-07-02 UPDATE TRAFFIC LOG

REQUEST FROM STAFF: Update and review modifications completed for the Traffic Safety Committee.

DISCUSSION: The Traffic Log is in the process of being revamped and distributed to the Traffic Safety Committee for information updating.

RECOMMENDATION: Review completed log next month.

09-07-03 TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR WESTERN DAYS

REQUEST FROM TED POWL, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Review draft Traffic Control Plan and Stage Coach Route for Western Days Festival to be held October 6 & 7, 2007.

DISCUSSION: The parade route and festival details are essentially the same as last year. Mr. Powl has a few minor band bus parking requests. He will have his plans updated and resubmit them.

RECOMMENDATION: Event approved subject to resubmittal of updated plans.

9-07-04 TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR 5k FAMILY FUN RUN

REQUEST FROM TANYA ORR, CITY OF SAN DIMAS PARK & RECREATION: Review draft Traffic Control Plan for 5k Family Fun Run on September 29, 2007.

DISCUSSION: The 5k Family Fun Run route is the same as last year. Plans and MUTCD codes are up to date.

RECOMMENDATION: Event is approved.

09-07-05 RED CURB AT ROUTE 66 AND BIRCHNELL AVENUE

REQUEST FROM MRS. WALLACE, RESIDENT: Paint red curbing on the south side of Route 66 west of Birchnell for approximately half a block to improve visibility. Also to improve visibility, cut back the oleanders on Route 66 both east and west of Birchnell.

DISCUSSION: On the morning of the Traffic Safety Committee, the City of San Dimas' Parks and Recreations Department was cutting back the oleander thereby increasing visibility. The area requesting red curbing is actually a bike lane; therefore, no cars should be parking there. However, to ensure no parking, signage will be placed to clarify the issue.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Post two "No Stopping Anytime" signs on the south side of Route 66, at Birchnell and Wild Rose.
2. Place a request to the Parks and Recreation Department to have the oleanders cut back twice a year.

09-07-06 HANDICAPPED PARKING ON EL PASO COURT

REQUEST FROM MARY BERTUCCI, RESIDENT: Install handicapped parking on El Paso Court off Allen Avenue.

DISCUSSION: The need for handicap parking is for visitors, not for a resident. If El Paso Court was designated as a fire lane, then the City can not designate any parking there. When Mrs. Bertucci asked the Homeowners Association, they suggested she check with the City. Handicap parking requires a larger space which would take away one of the visitor spaces. Visitor spaces are controlled by the Homeowners Association. If a handicap space were to be put in, other improvements need to be completed per ADA requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff to review the tract map conditions for El Paso and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

09-07-07 SPEED SIGN ON W. 6TH STREET

REQUEST FROM KATHLEEN BLOEDORN, RESIDENT: Install speed limit and "Slow Children at Play" signs on 100 block of W. 6th Street to slow down speeding vehicles.

DISCUSSION: W. 6th Street is only 600 feet long. The sign "Slow Children at Play" is not a legal sign for the City to post.

RECOMMENDATION: Sheriff to increase enforcement on W. 6th Street.

09-07-08 STOP SIGN ON S. SAN DIMAS AVENUE AND AVENIDA FERNANDO

REQUEST FROM VICTOR AMBROSINI, RESIDENT: Install a stop sign on S. San Dimas at Avenida Fernando to make turning safer due to speeding cars and a blind spot in the road.

DISCUSSION: In an effort to reduce the speed of traffic and keep turning vehicles in their lane, new stripping plan alternatives are to be developed by the Traffic Engineer.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Traffic Engineer to develop alternative traffic striping plans that improve visibility and allows for safe turning movements.
2. Request Homeowners Association to trim the obtruding tree on the southwest corner of Avenida Fernando and S. San Dimas Avenue.

CONTINUED ITEMS

01-06-02 ARROW HIGHWAY (NEAR MAIMONE)

REQUEST FROM JODIE THERIOT, RESIDENT: Continued from meeting of January 18, 2006. Request was to install enforcement cameras at intersection because left-turning traffic from Arrow into the IHOP parking lot area makes U-turns and other illegal turns, blocking and impeding traffic flow.

Recommendations from the February 2006 Traffic Safety Minutes stated:

1. E-mail Caltrans and phone Caltrans' local supervisor to review traffic signal synchronization at Target Center and at Maimone.
2. Sheriff's Department to continue enforcement.

In Ms. Theriot's new Traffic Investigation Request, she states that traffic will get worse after Costco is up and running and that traffic is always bad during holidays.

DISCUSSION: For the record, Chairman Patel clarified that this Traffic Safety Item is not "Continued" as written in error on the September Agenda (and copied above), but is a new item.

City staff scheduled a meeting for September 25, 2007 with Caltrans and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Traffic Engineering staff to discuss the implementation of timing to allow coordination of the Caltrans signal timing plan with the time space diagram prepared by LACDPW.

The Committee discussed installing a pedestrian countdown sign. However, the Committee would have to create a policy for utilizing these pedestrian countdown signs at other intersections. Policy criteria could contain parameters based on items such as pedestrian volume.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Traffic Engineer to review the benefits of installing pedestrian crosswalk timing countdown signals and update the Committee at the next meeting.
2. Post additional red light violation signs.
3. Staff to prepare a pedestrian countdown policy with cost estimates for future Committee review.

05-07-01 STREET PARKING BY 450 S. ALLEN AVENUE

REQUEST FROM MARK PELLEGRINO, RESIDENT: Continued from meeting of May 23, 2007. Review overflow street parking on the 400 block of Allen Avenue by Organic Milling. Consider making the curb red at the south-east side of 450 Allen Avenue so vehicles can see around a power pole. Presently, cars parked around this area hinder visibility.

Recommendations from the May 2007 Traffic Safety Minutes stated:

1. Staff will send a letter to Organic Milling to confirm and encourage that employees' park in their lot and not on the street.
2. Paint 7 feet of red curbing on both sides of the fire hydrant.
3. The Sheriff's Department to monitor the illegal parking at the fire hydrant at this location.
4. If Mr. Pellegrino wants to pursue no parking restrictions to the east of the driveway at 450 Allen, the Traffic Safety Commission recommends that he obtain concurrence from the adjacent property owner that will be impacted by the restriction.

In Mr. Pellegrino's August 3, 2007 letter, he reiterates that the overflow on the 400 block of Allen hinders visibility. In addition, Mr. Pellegrino states that since the May 23, 2007 Traffic Safety Minute's meeting, there have been two more accidents caused by the congestion from Organic Milling Company employee's parking on the street.

DISCUSSION: The Sheriffs Traffic Collision History Report stated the last accident on the 400 block of Allen Avenue was November 11, 2004, was not related to parking and was hundreds of feet away from the location in question.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Send a second reminder letter to Organic Milling regarding street parking.
2. Continue to have Sheriff enforce the area around the hydrant for parking.

