



**City of San Dimas**  
*Public Works Department*  
*Traffic Safety Committee*

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

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Traffic Committee Chair, Director of Public Works), Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer, San Dimas Public Works), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Deputy John Rodriguez (San Dimas Sheriff's Station), Cheryl Seifert (Director of Transportation, Bonita Unified School District).

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**10-07-01 ACACIA AND CALORA STREETS**

REQUEST FROM BILL HERRANZ, RESIDENT: Install a Stop sign at the corner of Acacia and Calora Streets due to speeding issue.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Herranz alleges that there used to be a Stop sign and that it has been missing for a while. However, staff does not recall a Stop sign at this location in the past. Furthermore, a Stop sign could not be found in the city aerials taken in 2004, 1999, 1989 and 1980. Regardless of the prior situation, the City's Traffic Engineer concluded that the traffic at this intersection did not warrant a Stop sign.

RECOMMENDATION: Sheriff to increase enforcement.

**10-07-02 CYPRESS STREET AND KITTING ROAD**

REQUEST FROM JOHN VAN UNEN, RESIDENT: Review bike lane striping on Cypress Street at Kittering Road to improve turning visibility. Installation of red curbing on the north side of Cypress Street, east of Kittering Road, may also be necessary at the corner.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Patel began by explaining the reason for painting the new striping on Cypress was to reduce the speeding issue.

1. The street slurry project presented an opportunity to restripe Cypress from Badillo to Lonehill to combat speeding as complaints had been received about night time drag racing.
2. The striping switched from a painted double yellow in the center to a painted median with provisions for a bike lane, in accordance with the City's bikeway Systems Master Plan, and a parking lane on the south side of Cypress.
3. The striping changes were implemented based on studies indicating that striping creates a narrow and channelization effect of roadway lead to 10 - 15% reduction in speed.

Mr. Van Unen indicated that a large racecar trailer parks at the corner of Cypress and Kittering every few months causing a visibility issue. The Traffic Engineer commented that there was a specific "No Parking" sign that should assist with this height visibility issue.

Mr. Van Unen said he thought the turning visibility issue on Kittering Road was also an issue at Windamere Road. The Committee confirmed that they would look at modifications for this intersection as well.

Chairman Patel informed the committee that the south side of Cypress between Windamere and Kittering is used heavily during school hours by parents dropping off and picking up children from Lone Hill Middle School.

The question as to whether a left turn can be made from Windamere over the new double yellow lines on Cypress was brought up. The California vehicle code section 21460(c)(1) states "turning to the left *at any intersection* or into or out of a driveway or private road it is permitted."

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Paint 20 feet red curb on southwest side of Cypress and Kittering Road.
2. Paint 20 feet red curb on southwest side of Cypress and Windamere Road.
3. Post "No Parking" sign on southwest side of Cypress at Kittering Road. Sign will also have height limit information.

**10-07-03     AGUIRRE AVENUE AND GLADSTONE STREET**

REQUEST FROM HAZEL BUTLER, RESIDENT: Review left turn issue from Aguirre Avenue on to Gladstone Street due to increased traffic.

DISCUSSION: For the records, the actual exiting street from this complex is Groveton Avenue, not Aguirre Avenue.

Hazel Butler and three neighbors attended the meeting. They indicated the traffic eastbound, not westbound, has already increased significantly since the Glendora shopping center opened. This has made it challenging for the residents living in the sixty homes in their complex to come and go since they only have one entrance/exit at Groveton Avenue.

The residents contended the situation will progressively get worse with the opening of Costco, therefore the City should study the intersection and install a traffic signal. In response, Chairman Patel explained that it would be best to conduct a traffic signal warrant study once Costco is fully operational and traffic patterns have been established.

Chairman Patel suggested vehicles exiting the complex can use the center divide lane on Gladstone to ease and merge onto the eastbound lane.

In addition, the Traffic Engineer Siecke suggested slowing down the traffic on Gladstone by modifying the signal at Amelia Avenue to rest in red.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Review this issue again after the opening of Costco. This would provide time for traffic patterns to become more established.
- 2) Set the signal at Amelia Avenue and Gladstone Street to rest in red to slow down the traffic on Gladstone.

**10-07-04 FOOTHILL BLVD. AND SAN DIMAS CANYON ROAD**

REQUEST FROM MARIA DUNTON, RESIDENT: Install a left turn signal on San Dimas Canyon Road south to Foothill Boulevard east. Also, increase signage regarding pedestrian awareness.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Patel explained that the City must complete the Foothill Boulevard repavement project before reviewing the left turn request on Foothill Boulevard due to potential changes in traffic patterns and traffic counts.

Chairman Patel clarified that the area north of Foothill Boulevard at San Dimas Canyon is Los Angeles County's jurisdiction, not San Dimas'. Therefore, modifications to this area must be reviewed by the County. However, the City can assist by submitting the issues to the County. If Dr. Dunton prefers, Traffic Engineer Siecke suggested she also contact the County's Traffic and Lighting Division.

Finally, Dr. Dunton indicated that vehicles heading northbound on San Dimas Canyon Road to eastbound Foothill Boulevard often roll through the intersection without looking for crossing pedestrians. Chairman Patel again explained that Los Angeles County has jurisdiction over the southeast corner of that intersection.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Revisit this item in six months after the Foothill Boulevard project is completed and traffic pattern and count have time to adjust.
2. Traffic Engineer Siecke suggested Dr. Dunton contact the Los Angeles County's Traffic and Lighting Division at (626) 458-5100.

**10-07-05 PLACER DRIVE AND AMELIA AVENUE**

REQUEST FROM STAFF: Install red curbing on narrow section of Placer Drive for fire safety access.

DISCUSSION: A portion of this dead end street is only half the width of a typical street. For fire safety access, one side of the street needs to have restricted parking. In an effort to assist the homeowners on Placer Drive enter and exit their driveways, cars can no longer park on the north side of the street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Install "No Parking" signs on the north side of Placer Drive across the street from 642 and 630 Placer Drive.
2. Mail letters to the residents surrounding the entire perimeter of Placer Drive, including Amelia Avenue and the resident at the end of the dead end street, notifying them of this parking modification.

**10-07-06      SAN DIMAS AVENUE INSTALLATION OF VINYL EQUESTRIAN / MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL FENCING BETWEEN VIA VERDE AND EQUESTRIAN TRAIL CROSSING**

REQUEST FROM EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION AND STAFF: Following the implementation of the Traffic Safety Committee's and City Council's approvals to improve and enhance the overall traffic safety on this segment of the roadway. Studies and improvements that included conducting a traffic study that resulted in reducing the speed limit, removing equestrian fencing south of Antonovich Trail, replacing new vinyl fencing north of trail, pavement restriping, installing a rest-in-red traffic signal at Avenida Loma Vista, and installation of speed feedback signs were administered. With the implementation of the above-mentioned items and with the recommendation of the Equestrian Commission, the Traffic Safety Committee is being requested to approve the reinstallation of the vinyl fencing along San Dimas Avenue between Via Verde and the Equestrian Trail crossing crosswalk.

DISCUSSION: The October 2, 2007 Equestrian Commission Minutes approved the reinstallation of the trail fence on San Dimas Avenue. The Equestrian Committee recommended that the prior safety measures be put back in place by installing a vinyl fence in place of a wooden fence. The purpose of the fencing is to separate vehicles from the multipurpose trail. The vinyl fencing is to be installed from Via Verde to the equestrian trail crosswalk north of Loma Vista.

In addition, the reduced speed limit was implemented October 4<sup>th</sup> from Loma Vista to 1,000 feet south of Puddingstone Drive.

RECOMMENDATION: Seek Council approval to reinstall the fence with a vinyl material.

**10-07-07      EQUESTRIAN CENTERS**

REQUEST FROM EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION AND STAFF: Post caution signs and/or yellow blinking signals around all Equestrian Centers. This item was previously reviewed by the Traffic Safety Committee at the August 15, 2007 meeting and forwarded to the Equestrian Commission. Request was from an Amanda Street resident who submitted a petition signed by 57 people requesting review of the areas around equestrian centers for public and equine safety for consideration of posting caution signs and/or yellow blinking signals on both sides of the street around all equestrian centers to notify drivers of equine activity.

On September 4, 2007, the Equestrian Commission reviewed this item and made the following recommendation for the Traffic Safety Committee to consider: It was the consensus of the Commission that caution signs with warning lights would be helpful in front of San Dimas Equestrian Center on Foothill Boulevard and Oak Valley on San Dimas Avenue because of the speed limit on those two streets.

**DISCUSSION:** Traffic Engineer Siecke believes signage would be more beneficial than flashing lights at this location. The most appropriate MUTCD sign for this equestrian situation is the yellow horse and rider symbol sign (W11-7-Y Equestrian Traffic). In addition, a plaque can be posted underneath notifying, not warning, drivers that there is an equestrian center close by.

Chairman Patel suggested installing signs on both sides of the street, one for eastbound traffic and one for westbound traffic.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Install two yellow horse and rider symbol signs (W11-7-Y Equestrian Traffic) and a plaque underneath notifying "Equestrian Center".

1. For eastbound traffic, the sign will be installed on the south side of Foothill Boulevard on the light pole between Vineyard Church and 190 Foothill Boulevard.
2. For westbound traffic, the sign will be installed on the north side of Foothill Boulevard at the westerly corner of the Kinder Care property.

**10-07-08 SAN DIMAS HIGH SCHOOL**

**REQUEST FROM STAFF:** Paint "Keep Clear" signs on the pavement in front of the student drop off land and at the staff parking lot driveway on Saints Court to reduce congestion. In addition, review the timing of the signal at Saints Court and extend the light during morning and afternoon rush times.

**DISCUSSION:** The committee reviewed the student drop off area and discussed the various options to expedite the flow of traffic.

In an effort to improve visibility of signage, the trees on the west side of Saints Court, across from the parking lot driveway, should be trimmed.

Chairman Patel apprised the Committee that the signal lights on Covina Boulevard are synchronized to the freeway and to Saints Court. The signal at Saints Court has additional timing programmed to allow school traffic to move through the intersection at peak hours.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Paint double yellow lines on Saints Court.
2. Paint limit lines:
  - a. Southbound limit line will be at the staff parking/student drop-off driveway from the BCR across Saints Court to westerly curb line.
  - b. Northbound limit line will be at the student drop-off driveway from the BCR across Saints Court to westerly curb line.
3. Paint "Keep Clear" on the pavement just beyond each of the two limit lines.
4. Notify the Parks and Recreation Department to trim the trees on the west side of Saints Court across from the parking lot driveways.

**10-07-09 TURKEY TRI/TROT, NOVEMBER 25, 2007 AT BONELLI PARK**

REQUEST FROM JONATHAN PAULEY, RENEGADE RACING PRESIDENT: Seeking approval of the first Turkey Tri/Trot event at Bonelli Park in the City of San Dimas as per course description and maps.

DISCUSSION: This is the first Turkey Tri/Trot event. Jonathan Pauley, president of Renegade Racing, anticipates 400 to 500 participants and an additional 400 to 500 spectators. The event is from 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; however, the streets will be closed from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Pauley informed the Committee that westbound Puddingstone Drive will be closed, except to residents. In addition, the eastbound traffic will be restricted for the 2 to 3 hour race period. Chairman Patel forewarned Mr. Pauley that there will be regular weekend users needing access to Puddingstone.

The Committee explained to Mr. Pauley that he will have to send letters to the residents around Puddingstone, but first to send a copy to the City for approval. The Traffic Safety secretary will provide Mr. Pauley with a draft letter for his information and with labels of the residents needing to receive this letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Send a copy of the letter to be sent to Puddingstone residents to the Public Works Department for approval.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**10-07-10 SAN DIMAS GRAIN**

REQUEST FROM DIANNA CASTLE, BUSINESS OWNER: Post "No Parking" signs or paint "No Parking" on asphalt in the alley next to San Dimas Grain (142 W. Bonita).

DISCUSSION: The Traffic Safety Committee commented that the City can not paint a "No Parking" sign on the pavement, nor do they believe it would be effective.

It may helpful for San Dimas Grain to inform their customers that it is not legal to park in the alley and they could be ticketed for parking there.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Sheriff to increase enforcement.
2. Encourage customers to park in the back.

**OTHER ITEMS**

1. There will not be a November meeting.
2. Due holiday conflicts, the December meeting will be moved forward one week to Wednesday, December 12, 2007.

