



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, December 12, 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), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Cheryl Seifert (Director of Transportation, Bonita Unified School District).

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12-07-01 BONITA AVENUE AND SAN DIMAS CANYON ROAD

REQUEST FROM SYLVIA DE BACA, RESIDENT: Install "Stop" signs at both driveways at Holy Name of Mary Church and paint a crosswalk at west driveway. In addition, post "No Parking" and "Loading Only" signs in front of Holy Name of Mary Church on north side of Bonita just east of San Dimas Canyon Road, and have sheriff enforce the area.

DISCUSSION: Due to the heavy volume of traffic sometimes exiting the church parking lot, Mrs. De Baca would like Stop signs posted at the two driveways on Bonita. The Committee commented that California Vehicle Code 21804 (a) states: "The driver of any vehicle about to enter or cross a highway from any public or private property, or from an alley, shall yield the right-of-way to all traffic, as defined in Section 620, approaching on the highway close enough to constitute an immediate hazard, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to that traffic until he or she can proceed with reasonable safety."

In addition, Mrs. De Baca informed the Committee that on Sundays, cars park illegally in "No Parking" and "Loading Only" areas on the North side of Bonita east of San Dimas Canyon. Chairman Patel suggested the City contact the church to see if the church needs the loading areas. If they do not, the City will sandblast the curb clean and extend the existing red curb easterly to the corner the length needed for site distance and the bus stop.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Write letter to Holy Name of Mary Church and encourage them to install Stop signs at both parking lot driveway exits on Bonita, as well as the driveway exit on San Dimas Canyon Road.
- 2) Write letter to Holy Name of Mary Church to verify the need for their "No Parking" and "Loading Only" areas on the north side of Bonita east of San Dimas Canyon.
- 3) Sheriff to increase enforcement.

12-07-02 SAN DIMAS CANYON ROAD AND VIA LOS SANTOS

REQUEST FROM SYLVIA DE BACA, RESIDENT: Increase law enforcement during active school and church hours and cite vehicles making illegal U-turns on San Dimas Canyon Road. In addition, post an additional "No U-turn" signs on north and south medians on Via Los Santos at San Dimas Canyon Road because it is a narrow street with a busy driveway in close proximity.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. De Baca claims vehicles are making U-turns around the north and south medians on San Dimas Canyon south of Bonita, as well as turning into onto Via Los Santos and making U-turns around the median located at the entrance to Villa Los Palmas.

RECOMMENDATION: Mrs. De Baca will check with her homeowners association and provide a letter of approval to confirm that the City can install a "No U-turn" on the entrance median on Via Los Santos.

12-07-03 SAN DIMAS CANYON ROAD AND VIA LOS SANTOS

REQUEST FROM SYLVIA DE BACA, RESIDENT: Reduce size of, or remove, boulders in the median on San Dimas Canyon Road from Bonita Avenue to Via Los Santos to improve visibility.

DISCUSSION: Traffic Engineer Siecke explained that the boulders are not very high and should not affect visibility. When Mrs. De Baca stated that Via Los Santos is downhill from the boulders, Traffic Engineer Siecke replied that that viewpoint should improve visibility. Chairman Patel suggested Traffic Engineer Siecke do a sight study on the area. In addition, he suggested raising the skirt on the trees to increase visibility.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Request the Parks and Recreation Department raise the skirt of the trees in the median on San Dimas Canyon south of Bonita.
- 2) Traffic Engineer Siecke conduct a sight line study on San Dimas Canyon and Via Los Santos.

12-07-04 CALLE FRONDOSA AND LOMA VISTA

REQUEST FROM JOY GARDNER, RESIDENT: Install speed humps, enforce speed limit and/or post speed limit signs on Calle Frondosa to reduce speeding issue on this street.

DISCUSSION: Due to the grade and curvature of Calle Frondosa, the street does not meet the speed hump policy requirements. To increase the visibility of the speed limit sign on Calle Frondosa, the sign should be moved to the light pole down the street.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Relocate the speed limit sign on the north side of Calle Frondosa, just past Loma Vista, down the street to the light pole across from 930 Calle Frondosa.
- 2) Sheriff to increase enforcement.

12-07-05 SAN DIMAS PARK AND RIDE

REQUEST FROM DEBRA JONES-JIMENEZ, LA VERNE RESIDENT: Install a speed limit sign to reduce speeding issues in the parking lot.

DISCUSSION: The Committee looked at and discussed the issue at the San Dimas Park and Ride. Establishing an enforceable speed limit is not possible due to the shape and size of the parking lot where there is no place to set up a radar to conduct engineering studies needed to establish the speed limit.

RECOMMENDATION: Keep the San Dimas Park and Ride as is.

12-07-06 WOODGLEN DRIVE AND ROUTE 66

REQUEST FROM DOUG McCAULLEY, PERSONAL TOUCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Extend the red curb on Route 66 at Woodglen Drive both east and west to improve the visibility when exiting the Glenwood Townhomes complex.

DISCUSSION: The Committee noticed a fire hydrant west of the driveway which prohibits parking at the immediate corner. In addition, the Committee commented that area requesting red curbing is actually a bike lane; therefore, no cars should be parking there. To ensure no parking, signage will be posted to clarify the issue.

RECOMMENDATION: Post two "No Stopping Anytime" signs on the south side of Route 66, east and west of Woodglen Drive, with similar distance to the signage posted on Route 66 at Birchnell and Wild Rose.

12-07-07 LONE HILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

REQUEST FROM STAFF: Review in-pavement crosswalk west of Lone Hill Junior High School on Lone Hill south of Covina Boulevard to discuss posting additional signage.

DISCUSSION: In an effort to promote safe crossing for the students, the Committee discussed the most productive way to communicate a safe crossing message to the students. A letter and verbal notification at a school assembly were mentioned as possible avenues. However, the decision is inevitably up to the Principal.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Write a letter to the Principal at Lone Hill Junior High School requesting they educate students on how the crosswalk works in an effort to reinforce safe crossing practices.
- 2) Research other cities to see what signage, if any, they are using.

12-07-08 SAN DIMAS AVENUE AND ALLEN AVENUE

REQUEST FROM MARIA STARK: Install left turn arrows on San Dimas Avenue and Allen Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Stark is concerned about the increased traffic at this intersection. Chairman Patel agreed that traffic at this intersection has increased over time and that left turn arrows should be considered for the entire intersection.

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct a traffic warrant study to install left turn arrows phasing in all four directions at the intersection of San Dimas Avenue and Allen Avenue.

12-07-09 PUENTE STREET AND VIA VERDE AVENUE

REQUEST FROM GLENN PRATT, RESIDENT: Improve visibility of "No Stopping Anytime" sign on Puente Street at Via Verde Avenue which is presently being blocked by a tree branch. Either cut the branch or move the sign in front of it.

DISCUSSION: Tree has grown in front of sign which reduces its visibility.

RECOMMENDATION: Move sign to a new, nearby location for better visibility.

12-07-10 CATARACT STREET, BETWEEN BONITA AVENUE AND ARROW HWY.

REQUEST FROM GABRIELA KELLY, RESIDENT: Install speed limit signs and/or increase sheriff's enforcement to mitigate speeding issue.

DISCUSSION: Traffic Engineer Siecke inspected the area and found the speed limit signage to be adequate.

RECOMMENDATION: Sheriff to increase enforcement.

12-07-11 SAN DIMAS AVENUE AND FOOTHILL BOULEVARD

REQUEST FROM STEVE DAHLE, RESIDENT: Remove or raise top row of vinyl fencing to improve visibility at this intersection.

DISCUSSION: The Traffic Safety Committee discussed methods to effectively remove the top row of the fence to look like the fencing on Foothill east of Longhorn. The Parks and Recreation Department will modify the fence.

RECOMMENDATION: Request the Park and Recreation Department remove the top row for eight panels on the east side of Foothill.

CONTINUED ITEMS

10-07-02 KITTERING ROAD AND CYPRESS STREET

REQUEST FROM JOHN VAN UNEN, RESIDENT: Increase the length of the red curb on Cypress Street, which was painted red last month, to 50 feet.

DISCUSSION: This issue was on the prior, October, Traffic Safety Agenda. The curb on the southwest side of Cypress and Kittering and Windamere Roads were both painted red per two of the items three recommendations. The final recommendation was to post a "No Parking" height limit sign on southwest side of Cypress at Kittering Road. While the Committee discussed the benefits of the sign, Mr. Van Unen wanted the red curb extended an additional 50 feet so the large vehicles that have been parking in this area could no longer do so. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of signage versus red curbing and the possibly loss of parking places for parents picking up their kids from school.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Increase red curbing on the southwest side of Cypress and Kittering Road to a total of 80 feet.
2. Increase red curbing on the southwest side of Cypress and Windamere Road to a total of 80 feet.
3. Request code enforcement increase enforcement at this location.

