



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

Meeting Minutes  
WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2008, at 9:30 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Traffic Safety Committee Chair, Director of Public Works), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works), Gayle Hampton (Traffic Safety Committee Secretary), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), and Cheryl Seifert (Director of Transportation, Bonita Unified School District).

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**10-08-01 SAN DIMAS AVENUE AT FOOTHILL BLVD.**

REQUEST FROM BARBARA EARHART, RESIDENT: Install left-turn arrows on San Dimas Avenue. Northbound left-turn drivers on San Dimas Avenue are failing to yield right-of-way to oncoming traffic.

DISCUSSION: The TSC conducted a site inspection and observed intersection and the grade north of Foothill Blvd. for southbound traffic. Deputy Rodriguez reported that there have been three traffic accidents in the last three years. TE to review records of traffic counts to determine according to State standards if this intersection warrants a left-turn arrow.

RECOMMENDATION: The TSC recommends TE conduct traffic counts to determine according to State standards if this intersection warrants a left-turn arrow and present his findings at the December Traffic Safety Committee Meeting..

**10-08-02 BIRCHNELL AT FOOTHILL BLVD.**

REQUEST FROM ESPERANZA DIOSDADO, RESIDENT: Review areas to relieve congestion and improve traffic safety. Parents are making unsafe maneuvers when dropping off and picking up children.

DISCUSSION: The TSC conducted a site inspection. The TE was concerned that on the west end of the Foothill frontage road the street was very narrow and it would be difficult for vehicles to turn around. The TSC suggested posting "no stopping 7:00-4:00" School days (school hours to be verified with Sutherland Elementary School). Restricting this area will encourage parents to drop off and pick up their children further east on Foothill frontage road (almost 400 feet) just east of Birchnell. Directing traffic towards this frontage area allows for traffic to exit at Valeview Drive and thereby decrease congestion at Foothill/Birchnell Frontage road intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Staff to contact the school to inform them of what's being proposed in order to alert the parents
- 2) Post "No Stopping 7:00-3:30 PM School Days" on Foothill frontage road just west of Birchnell. Installation target is January 2009.
- 3) Notify resident at 1393 Birchnell of proposed no parking restriction.

*TSC = Traffic Safety Committee*

*TE = Traffic Engineer*

**10-08-03 CALAVERAS AT MALAKOFF AND LOTUS, IN THE VILLAGE AT SAN DIMAS**

REQUEST FROM HOA BOARD, THE VILLAGE AT SAN DIMAS: Review intersections of Calaveras and Malakoff and Calaveras and Lotus. Blind Spots make it difficult for residents to exit from Malakoff and Lotus onto Calaveras and there have been several near misses.

DISCUSSION: The TSC conducted a site inspection. They observed a visibility obstruction caused by the hedges at S. Malakoff and a visibility obstruction at S. Lotus due to the hedges and curvature of Calaveras.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) HOA to trim hedge on south side of Calaveras just west of south Malakoff to 30 inches from street surface.
- 2) Paint red curb on south side of Calaveras from south Malakoff BCR to beginning of hedge.
- 3) HOA to trim hedge on south side of Calaveras just west of south Lotus to 30 inches high.
- 4) Paint red curb on south side of Calaveras from BCR at 944 S. Lotus to hedge, approximately 50 feet.

**10-08-04 SOUTHBOUND SAN DIMAS AVENUE AT ARROW HWY.**

REQUEST FROM BILL CLIPPINGER, RESIDENT: Change lane configuration for southbound traffic by making the #2 lane a right-turn and straight lane instead of a right-turn only lane. There's very little time to move over to lane 2 as lanes are presently configured.

DISCUSSION: The TSC performed a site inspection of the area. San Dimas Avenue has been narrowed by the new landscaped median. The TE commented that the request for a change is appropriate and the existing signs and markings would need to be changed so that the #2 lane can allow through and right-turn southbound traffic movement. This would give two lanes traveling south through the intersection across Arrow Hwy. TE to review signal plan to verify striping.

Bill Clippinger commented at the TSC meeting that the lane change would give a better flow so that traffic would not have to squeeze single-file through the intersection on San Dimas Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION: After TE reviews signal plan, change current signs and pavement markings to reflect through or right turns in #2 lane for southbound traffic.

**10-08-05 TURKEY TRI EVENT, SUNDAY, NOV. 30, 2008, 6:30 – 10:30 AM**

REQUEST FROM JOHNATHAN PAULEY, RENEGADE RACING: Review plans for the Turkey Tri Event scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008, 6:30-10:30 AM which will affect Puddingstone and Raging Waters Drives.

DISCUSSION: Johnathan Pauley attended the TSC Meeting and told the Committee that he would mail out the notices to the residents. He asked if the City would provide the labels again this year. The traffic control plan is the same as last year's. City to provide mailing labels for homes affected along Puddingstone Drive.

RECOMMENDATION: The TSC approved event per previous year traffic control plan with same conditions.

**10-08-06 VALLEY CENTER AT BADILLO STREET**

REQUEST FROM DEBRA BLACK, RESIDENT: Make right-hand turn lane for northbound traffic or change signal time to last long in the AM for weekdays.

DISCUSSION: The TSC conducted a site inspection and observed traffic flow for northbound vehicles at the red light.

RECOMMENDATION: TE to conduct a traffic count study of the intersection.

**10-08-07 AVENIDA ENTRADA**

REQUEST FROM BANAJ K. BASU, RESIDENT: Install speed bumps/humps like the ones on Avenida Loma Vista to slow down speeding traffic or make an alternate route for Country Club traffic.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Basu attended the TSC meeting. He commented that Avenida Entrada seems to be the main thoroughfare for residents and incoming traffic. He added that other residents are concerned about speeding also and motorists don't follow the 25 mph speed limit signs. He has observed people traveling 45-50 mph. Feels something needs to be done.

Chairman Patel replied that the City Council adopted a speed hump policy, but unfortunately Avenida Entrada does not meet the criteria for speed humps. Speed humps must have a 5% or lower grade which Avenida Entrada exceeds that criteria.

Mr. Basu said safety is the primary concern and the speed hump policy criteria should be altered to accommodate Avenida Entrada.

Chairman Patel said the policy adopted by City Council is based on city-wide needs and currently the maximum grade for a street to meet is 5% or below.

Mr. Basu said other cities like Brea have speed humps on streets that are steeper than Avenida Entrada.

The TE informed Mr. Basu that he has been the traffic engineer for Brea for 30 years and does not believe there are any streets with a higher grade than 5% that have speed humps.

Mr. Basu said something needs to be done other than speed humps then since street doesn't meet speed hump criteria. The stretch of Avenida Entrada with the problem has been from Calle Linda to Calle Serra and up to Via Verde Avenue.

The TE said edge striping (similar to Walnut) which gives the appearance that the street is narrow and the effect slows down traffic.

Deputy Rodriguez offered to put the radar trailer out on the street where it's relatively level which will remind motorists of their speeds and increase enforcement.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) Traffic Engineer to determine extent of double yellow center line striping plan as appropriate and Public Works crew to implement the TE recommendation.
- 2) Deputy Rodriguez to place radar trailer on street and report back to TSC his findings.
- 3) Sheriff Department to increase enforcement on Avenida Entrada.

**10-08-08 GHENT AND HATFIELD AVENUES**

REQUEST FROM GAYLE MARTINEZ, RESIDENT: Install "Children at Play" or "Disabled Children Playing" sign in front of 713 N. Hatfield. Cars travel very fast on Hatfield and she has a "special needs" child with cerebral palsy.

DISCUSSION: The TSC conducted a site visit.

At the TSC Meeting, the TE stated that the City has to adhere to the California Code and cannot use signs that are not approved. He stated that "Children at Play" signs are not California approved signs. If the City puts up a sign that says "Children at Play" then that would mean the City condones children playing in the street and would have to place signs on all streets that have children. The only approved sign the TE is aware of is "Deaf Children at Play".

Mr. Martinez stated that his child has cerebral palsy and is also deaf, so a deaf sign would help. One or two signs in the immediate area would be very helpful.

The TE stated that the City would require something in writing that states his son is deaf.

Chairman Patel stated that the City endeavors to meet the ADA requirements, so we need some type of documentation validating the condition of their son.

RECOMMENDATION: After receipt of letter from resident, install one "Deaf Children at Play" sign near 704 and one near 831 Hatfield to cover the entire block.

**10-08-09 COVINA BOULEVARD AND SAINTS COURT**

REQUEST FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Consideration for more green time for westbound left-turn traffic at Saints Court. Additional green time for westbound left-turn phase at Saints Court during the morning peak hours (7:15-7:45 AM) would alleviate the traffic congestion at this intersection.

DISCUSSION: The TSC conducted a site inspection and the TE said the timing could be increased to allow more time for left-turning traffic onto Saints Court from Covina Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION: Implement the revised coordination signal timing that was provided by Los Angeles County for Badillo and Covina Blvd. Monitor effect and adjust timing as necessary.