



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
245 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Committee Chair/Public Works Director), Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer, Public Works Dept.), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works Dept.), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works Dept.), Lisa Bugrova (Environmental Coordinator, Public Works Dept.), Rhonda Abangan (Committee Secretary), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Deputy Paul Alaniz (San Dimas Sheriff's Dept.), Barbara Short (Bonita Unified School District)

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Chair Patel called to order at 9:32am Committee and Audience introductions.

08-11-01 622 SMEAD WAY

REQUEST FROM CHRIS RUSH, RESIDENT, request to install "No Outlet" at entrance to Smead Way similar to one installed on Hallock Ave.

DISCUSSION: Committee discussed the similar situations of Smead Way and Hallock Avenue. Resident Rush stated since sign was placed on Hallock Avenue residents noticed an increase in traffic trying to cut through to Gladstone from Smead Way. Committee agreed to the installation of a "No Outlet" sign at the entrance to Smead Way.

RECOMMENDATION: Approved. Staff to install "No outlet" sign

08-11-02 1027, 1021, 1025 PUENTE STREET/HEATHERGLEN HOA

REQUEST FROM HEATHERGLEN HOA, RESIDENT, request repeal of TSC May 2011 (Item 05-11-03) decision to not red curb homes on Puente Street.

DISCUSSION: Chair Patel opened this item recapping the request by HOA to paint the red curbs in front the 3 homes on Puente. Resident and HOA president Nichols pointed out the miscommunication with respect to this item. The request for the red curbs is on the opposite side of these homes, currently designated with "No Stopping At Any Time" signs. Resident Nichols further stated the Heatherglen residents are frustrated with the people who disregard the No Parking signs on the south side of the street. He feels the red curbs will assist the signage and be a reminder to the public. In response to Senior Engineer Garwick, Resident Nichols confirmed summertime is the worst as the parked cars on both sides of the streets creates a bottleneck up Puente Street. Resident Nichols pointed out more and more events (such as L. Pompeii Memorial), soccer games, Easter celebrations are being planned at this park which has increased the parking problems. Resident Barclay commented he has witnessed children crossing the streets unsafely from the illegally parked cars. Resident Nichols provided the Committee with photos of someone parking on Tuesday, 8/15. He indicated he spoke to the party and they commented they didn't see the signage and were unaware there was a no parking zone. Chair Patel confirmed L. Pompeii Memorial event will no longer be held at Via Verde Park. Secondly, the public should be

adhering to the posted signage regardless of red curbs or not. Chair Patel further stated the City's informal policy does not require red curb when no stopping signs are installed. The combination of signs and red curbs impacts the charm of the City. The City has adopted this informal rule for aesthetic purposes to keep the City's clean look, especially in the residential neighborhoods whenever possible. In addition, red curb requires annual repainting which is a maintenance cost and burden. Chair Patel sees this problem as an enforcement issue at this time. Sheriff Alaniz concurred and will request attention to this area. Chair Patel agreed this should be the first manner of handling this problem. He further identified the recent parking issues on Puddingstone and confirmed the additional enforcement/attention process provides the requested results. Chair Patel suggested monitoring the area for 90 days. Superintendent Campbell proposed larger signage could be an option and as well as advising the P&R Dept. to remind event organizers to be mindful of the parking restrictions in the area. Sheriff Alaniz confirmed he will speak to the Captain about the Special Attention form. Audience member also suggested the addition of the citation amount could be a good reminder to violators of the parking restriction. Resident Nichols asked about the no stopping in front of shopping center, across from the steps entrance to the park, could this be removed to allow for parking at this section. TE Siecke confirmed that would not be desirable because it creates a line of sight issue for exiting traffic and for pedestrians crossing in route to the park. SE Garwick suggested creation of a tow away zone. This could be justified for safety reasons and it would also deter individuals who ignore the no parking signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Deputy Alaniz to follow up with Special Attention form from Sheriff department for this area
2. Monitor the location for 90 days
3. Install new larger sized No Stopping signs; and No Stopping Anytime zone minimum citation amount posted
4. Include Tow Away message on the No Stopping signs
5. Notify HOA to trim trees along south side of Puente to make signs more visible to park patrons

08-11-03 ENTRANCE TO TIBURON HOA FROM PUDDINGSTONE

REQUEST FROM REFAAT SHEHATA, RESIDENT, request to install stop sign, speed bump or some other method to slow down traffic exiting the HOA.

DISCUSSION: Item reviewed at site and on GIS map. Per Chair Patel the request for a speed bump in this location does not meet the criteria needed for a speed bump, and/or a three-way stop as it is too close to the San Dimas intersection. TE Siecke further confirmed the area does not meet any of the warrants to justify the request. A possible solution would be to install signage for northbound traffic on Puddingstone advising of the upcoming T-intersection (Puddingstone and Tanglewood).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Installation of T-intersection sign at the southerly property line of Tiburon HOA
2. Relocate the Stop Ahead sign farther down from its current location, onto the existing first No Stopping Anytime sign south of HOA property line (staff to measure and install appropriately)

08-11-04 STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review and update Traffic Safety logs.

RECOMMENDATION: Item removed to October 2011 for further update

08-11-05 FIVE CITIES MARATHON

REQUEST FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, review of Traffic Control Plans for route approved by City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A. This event was cancelled by event organizers on 8/16/11

CONTINUED ITEMS

04-11-01 SMEAD WAY/HALLOCK AVE

REQUEST FROM RESIDENT, to restrict parking on northwest terminus of Smead Way because street is too narrow. Review petition of residents and update.

DISCUSSION: Chair Patel initiated this item with a summary of the April TSC meeting. The initial concern on Smead Way and Hallock Avenue was that the 26' wide street with cars parked on each side of the street did not leave adequate room for emergency vehicles to maneuver safely through these two streets. The Fire Department confirmed same via correspondence (read by Chair Patel). Chair Patel specified that Monte Vista and Bellevue streets which are similar in width, have parking restrictions placed upon them, the difference being these are through streets vs. the no outlet situation on Smead and Hallock. It is the TSC's position that parking restrictions on one side of the street on Smead and Hallock are not necessary for traffic safety. However, further review by the Fire Department should be solicited to confirm what the 'safety' issue is from their viewpoint. TSC confirmed this is an emergency access matter vs. traffic matter at this time. TSC also noted the positive and proactive involvement by the Hallock/Smead residents. Resident Wilson asked what would be their recourse in the event of a conflicting decision by the Committee. Chair Patel confirmed their option is an appeal to City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Staff will contact Fire Department 64 and request justification, details with respect to their recommendation for parking restrictions
2. 30 day continuance prior to final decision and recommendation*

*Note: Further discussion determined the continuance will be for 60 days (October 2011 TSC meeting).