



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
245 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

In Attendance

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.), 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); Dave Randall (Bonita Unified School District)

Field Review 8:30-9:30 am

Call To Order

9:38 AM

Agenda Items to Be Heard

10-11-01 HORSETHIEF CANYON PARK

REQUEST FROM CARYOL SMITH, RESIDENT, to consider removal of parking restrictions along south side of Horsethief Canyon Road to allow for overflow parking.

DISCUSSION:

Item reviewed at site and GIS map. Chair Patel reviewed the request from resident Smith and confirmed that Horsethief Canyon Park is heavily used location. Committee agreed the area could potentially support additional parking on the south side of Horsethief Canyon by relocating center line and adding in a parking lane. TE Siecke confirmed the round-about area of Horsethief Canyon is too narrow to support parking and recommended adding additional parking restriction signage. Chair Patel suggested additional Sheriff patrolling during the weekends would assist to deter parking violators. Resident Smith provided the equestrian center property owners generously opened up an arena area for the overflow of parking however, it was not used as the thought is that it was too far to walk. Resident Smith does not want red curbs painted in the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. TE to review plans and confirm width of Horsethief Canyon can accommodate a striped parking lane.
2. Remove parking restriction signage along the south side of Horsethief Canyon.
3. Review the round-about area of Horsethief Canyon to install additional parking restriction signage. Trees should be trimmed so as not obstruct the visibility of signage (as per TE Siecke's report).

NOTE: Following the meeting TE Siecke confirmed roadway includes paved width of 32' and 4' wide dirt shoulders. This combination can accommodate a 9' wide parking lane on the southerly side of Horsethief Canyon. Install a striped parking lane located 11' from center line and additional two parking restrictions signs on roundabout perimeter.

10-11-02 CAMINO DEL SUR AT VIA FRESA

REQUEST FROM STAFF, review this intersection and Camino Del Sur street for any hazards not visible – same street light being struck within a span of 18 months.

DISCUSSION:

Committee reviewed the location and determined the curvature of the street at this location is deemed safe. Possible explanations of light post being struck several times could be due to unsafe travel speed and drivers inability to safely negotiate the street curve at the posted speed. As detailed in the Sheriff's Department Traffic Collision Reports: First accident occurred on 5/19/10 and indicated driver driving s/b on Camino Del Sur at unsafe speed and failed to slow down at the curve in roadway. Driver collided with curb and struck light post. The second accident occurred on 8/21/11 and specified driver driving at an unsafe speed s/b on Camino Del Sur and intoxication was determined to be the cause of collision between driver and curb/light post. Committee was unable to find any extenuating conditions that made the intersection unsafe. In both circumstances it was determined that drivers were at fault.

RECOMMENDATION:

Relocate original 25mph down closer to the Via Verde intersection (on Camino Del Sur) and install an additional, larger 25mph (24x30) sign to the actual light post located at 1266 Camino Del Sur (corner of Via Fresa).

10-11-03 322 N. SAN DIMAS AVE

REQUEST FROM DR. CARNOW, BUSINESSOWNER, review and consider removal of the red curb in front of medical office (bus no longer in service). Also, requests painting of red curb at the entrance/exit of his s/w office located on 4th street for line of sight issues. Patrons leaving office do not have clear view of traffic on 4th street due to the curbside parking right next to the entrance/exit on 4th street.

DISCUSSION:

Committee reviewed site location and concurred red curb on San Dimas Avenue could be reduced but will be measured to ensure Fourth Street intersection has clear line of sight. TE Siecke and Superintendent Campbell will revisit site to confirm approximately how much red curb can be added to Fourth Street entrance/exit to Doctor's office.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that 15' of red curb be painted red from driveway westerly. It is also recommended the curb easterly of the driveway be painted red to the next driveway. The red curb easterly of the driveway will also improve sight distance at the residential driveway easterly thereof.
2. Reduction of red curb on San Dimas Avenue as recommended by TE Siecke.

NOTE: Following the meeting TE Siecke and Superintendent Campbell confirmed that the removal of red curb on east side of San Dimas Avenue, south of Fourth Street is not approved because the parked vehicles would obstruct sight distance for drivers exiting the driveway on San Dimas. The existing red curb makes it easier for northbound right turn movements.

10-11-04 SAN DIMAS AVE. FROM BONITA TO GLADSTONE

REQUEST FROM STAFF, review all red curb on San Dimas Ave (Bonita to Gladstone) to consider removals of red curb at bus stop locations that are out of service.

DISCUSSION:

Committee reviewed San Dimas Avenue and determined that existing red curbs are necessary to maintain sight distance at intersections and driveways and red curbs shall remain in place as they assist in minimizing driver visibility/line of sight conflicts.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change

10-11-05 GLADSTONE AT AMELIA AVE INTERSECTION

REQUEST FROM KEVIN HENDERSON, RESIDENT, review and consider addition of lane striping and turn arrows for an eastbound right turn lane on Gladstone at Amelia Avenue. The additional markings would address the merging issue that occurs easterly of Pearlanna/Amelia.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel restated the request from Resident Henderson at site review and it is apparent that drivers going east bound on Gladstone after Pearlanna signal light tend to change lanes quickly on Gladstone if not paying attention and have no

intention of turning right into southbound Amelia. Committee agreed good suggestion of the turn pocket (to convert the existing thru curb lane to a right turn lane on Gladstone to Pearlanna). The review revealed the cross slope of existing 4 feet wide gutter is too steep/deep to add lane striping now. This item will be included in the upcoming Gladstone Street Improvement project scheduled for Spring of 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

Add striping on Gladstone for eastbound right turn lane at Amelia/Pearlanna to the 2012 Gladstone Street Improvement project.

10-11-06 AUTO CENTER & AMELIA AVENUE

REQUEST FROM LAURA VINSONHALER, RESIDENT, review and consider adding an eastbound left turn arrow signal on Auto Center Drive at Amelia Ave.

DISCUSSION:

Committee reviewed site location and on GIS. Intersection is located next to Shull Elementary and is a highly traveled intersection due to its proximity to the 57Fwy and the school. Committee's consensus is that peak traffic periods are probably due to freeway traffic exiting at Auto Center Drive to avoid ramp metering on 57/210 transition and to school student drop off & pick up. It was noted intersection is also partially located in Glendora (i.e. northwest corner and west leg of Auto Center). Chair Patel suggested a review of the entire intersection and consultation with City of Glendora for possible solutions. Committee Member Short advised that left turn signals could possibly impede the westbound BUSD buses trying to reach school during peak hours. She further advised that many parents are parked at red curb on the west side of Amelia at the southwest corner of the intersection – this area is very congested at the peak school hours. Chair Patel offered the possibility of changing the signal timing as a potential answer.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. TE Siecke will review intersection and perform signal warrants for left turn phasing in all directions.
2. TE Siecke to review accident reports from Deputy Alaniz for last two years

10-11-07 CHRIST'S CHURCH OF THE VALLEY

REQUEST FROM STAFF, review traffic control plan regarding CCV's Halloween Trunk or Treat event on October 31, 2011. Closure of a portion of Covina Blvd. from Valley Center to Kimberley Avenue between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on October 31st.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel advised TSC the CCV event has been approved by Council for the temporary street closure of Covina Blvd from Valley Center to Kimberley Avenue. TSC reviewed the submitted Traffic Control Plan (TCP) to ensure the event meets all City standards and requirements. Engineer Garwick reminded Committee as a general comment that all TCP's should detail a large vehicle at the street closure points. Committee Member Short identified the need to re-route the school bus routes for that day. Chair Patel directed Secretary Abangan to forward a finalized TCP to Committee Member Short. Chair Patel added an ADA pathway should be clearly identified on the TCP between medical building to offsite and the event parking should be detailed on plan as well. Superintendent Campbell to detail the requested changes and coordinate with CCV for finalization.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Final approval of TCP with small recommended changes and adherence to already approved Conditions of Approval. Superintendent Campbell will work with CCV to finalize the TCP.
2. Secretary Abangan will forward finalized TCP plan to Committee Member Short for adjustments to BUSD bus schedule for 10/31/11

10-11-08 HOLIDAY HALF MARATHON

REQUEST FROM STAFF, review traffic control plan regarding Run Racing's Holiday Half Marathon event on December 11, 2011 which closes a portion of Puddingstone.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel opened discussion regarding this item as it has been a regularly scheduled event in San Dimas for several years. The event is well planned and well attended. Engineer Garwick commented that this year's route is essentially the

same as in previous years and there have been no reported incidents. Her requirements for this year's TCP is that a provision be made for a detour signage for local residents/access. Additionally, putting local access signs on San Dimas or Arrow Highway. Chair Patel requested Run Racing organization notify the area's HOA and its residents of the upcoming street closures. Engineer Garwick recommends for future TCP's should include race route in relation to the City streets for easier review.

RECOMMENDATION:

Requested revised TCP for review at November 16th TSC meeting. Engineer Garwick will coordinate with Run Racing's traffic control engineer.

10-11-09 JACKIE BRISTOW'S RACE 5K RUN/WALK EVENT

REQUEST FROM STAFF, review traffic control plan regarding Jackie Bristow's 4th Annual race event on January 7, 2012. Event uses the same race route as the City's 5k Family Fun Run. It was noted this event was approved by Council on 9/13/11 to be added to "approved list" of street closures for all of its future events subject to conditions of approval as approved by the Special Event Permit Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Committee discussed the regular event and confirmed the race route used is the City's 5k run route. This event has been placed on the list of approved street closures by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Final approval of TCP for January 7, 2012 event and adherence to Conditions of Approval to be sent via separate cover by the Special Event Permit Committee.

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. Review input from Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel reiterated the history of this item as this area was brought to TSC's attention with regard to the narrow streets on these cul-de-sacs. TSC requested the local Fire Department to review the 26' wide streets for their findings on whether there is sufficient area in the event of an emergency. Chair Patel stated further the Fire Department has been in contact with TSC and has reached out to their Fire Prevention Bureau who reviews concerns of this nature. Unfortunately a representative could not be present at the TSC meeting due to a schedule conflict with the mandatory Shake Out 2011 events being conducted on 10/18, 19, 20. It was recommended to postpone discussion of this matter to the November TSC meeting to allow for Fire Prevention Bureau to finalize their review and have a Fire Department representative present at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue matter to November 16th TSC meeting.

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 across the street from homes on Puente Street.

- 1) Request from Staff – Review report from Sheriff Department on effectiveness of their monitoring of parking at Via Verde Park
- 2) Request from Staff – Reconsider decision to install "No Stopping Any Time" signs with tow away.

DISCUSSION:

This item's history was briefly reiterated for the Committee/residents in attendance: The matter came before the May TSC meeting as a request from the Heatherglen HOA which was denied. It was clarified that there was a miscommunication with respect to the original submittal. At the August TSC meeting (and after clarification) the decided course of action was: 1) installation of larger No Parking At Any Time signs along with tow away language and fines listed; 2) to have the

Sheriff's Department increase patrolling of the area for a 90 day period; 3) have HOA trim trees along Puente Street to make signs more visible. After the history review, Deputy Alaniz reported the findings from the last 60 days of additional patrolling of the Via Verde park area and confirmed 50 calls (calls to the station or patrols of the area?); 2 citations & 1 arrest. Resident Barclay clarified for the Committee that it is evenings, weekends, and holidays that are the problem. Per Deputy Alaniz he will request the additional patrolling for the newly advised challenging hours. He stated further this will be an ongoing situation for the park and that it will take a partnership between residents, Sheriff's Department and parking restriction signage to achieve the desired results. In addition the Heatherglen residents in attendance confirmed an unfortunate Saturday (10/15) evening event that occurred and exasperated the tense circumstances in the area. The Via Verde park was overloaded with patrons and the residents counted approximately 25 illegally parked cars; extremely loud people and provided pictures to document what they saw on that particular evening. The residents confirmed they contacted the Sheriff's Department to advise of the illegally parked cars. It was also discussed that at the same time, Bonelli Park was in the midst of a tragic boating accident and as result of this attention at Bonelli Park, no officers could be dispatched to Via Verde. It could be surmised that the closure at Bonelli Park is part of the reason for the overload at Via Verde Park (and possibly at other San Dimas City parks). The residents were understanding, however this occurrence highlighted further their desire for a red curb, which they consider the only possible solution, and further stated that in the event of an emergency (based on the previous TSC item from Hallock/Smead) it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to maneuver to the residents in that area. TSC panel confirmed that due to the Brown Act rules the conversations would focus on agenda issues and additional discussions would not be acted upon. Resident Valentine commented the current signs are not visible and are too far apart which could contribute to the disobeying of the restrictions and believes in the red curb. Resident P. Barclay confirmed she has experience with Traffic Safety and believes safety is not trumped by aesthetics. Resident Nichols questioned why the City is against the red curb. Superintendent Campbell confirmed that the TSC is going through the required processes and incremental steps to ensure the correct resolution can be attained. Chair Patel offered that since the tow away language question had been agreed upon that the City could install the new, larger parking restriction signage on Puente Street and assess locations for maximum visibility. Anticipated installation within two weeks. Chair Patel asked Heatherglen residents to work with City and allow for the installation of new signs and for the remaining review period previously recommended (90 days) to lapse. This item is scheduled for November TSC for follow up. Chair Patel further detailed he has spoken with Resident Nichols and advised him of the HOA's rights to appeal the TSC's decisions to Council. Resident Nichols confirmed the HOA will in fact be appealing the decisions to Council as they are confident in their request for a red curb.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Install new larger "No Stopping At Any Time" signage behind the curbside of Puente Street (versus existing being in back of sidewalk).
2. TE Siecke to review spacing requirements to ensure code compliance.
3. Continue item to November agenda for follow up.
4. Deputy Alaniz to revise patrol request to evenings, weekends and holidays. Findings to be reported at the November TSC meeting.
5. Staff to summarize patrol report sheets for TSC review in November.

08-11-04 STAFF REPORTS

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

DISCUSSION:

Committee reviewed log and updated items.

RECOMMENDATION:

Secretary Abangan to provide Superintendent Campbell list of items needing completion dates.

Oral Communications

No Oral communications received.

Adjournment

Adjournment 11:46 A.M.
