



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012 at 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
245 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Director, Public Works), Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer, Public Works Dept.), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works Dept.), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Ann Sparks (Bonita Unified School District), Rhonda Abangan (Committee Secretary, Public Works Dept.), Deputy Paul Alaniz (LA County Sheriff's)

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Chair Patel called to order at 9:30 a.m. Committee and Audience introductions.

#07-12-01 SHULL ELEMENTARY

REQUEST FROM PRINCIPAL HORSLEY, to review current parking and red curbed areas in front of school and to prohibit left turns from the school parking lot exit during certain hours.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel opened item indicating TSC received request from Principal Horsley last month, but after the TSC agenda cut off time. TSC also received Dave Randall's informative email on July 10th. The request is to review the current parking and red curbed areas in the pickup/drop off zone. The location was reviewed on-site and on GIS. The 1st item request is to consider extending the red curb on Amelia Avenue an additional 6 feet southerly from the bus loop exit driveway. It was determined the total existing area is 29 feet available for resident parking and TSC can reduce this area by 6 feet (leaving 23' for one car parking space). Principal Horsley added there is existing time restricted parking (No Parking 7:30 – 8:30 AM & 1:30 – 3:30 PM) signage on Amelia Avenue between the school's on-site bus loop driveways that she would like it removed so that it will free up parking for parents and/or school personnel. TSC concurred with removal of the signage.

Chair Patel continued to 2nd request to look at extending red curb at staff parking lot exit 10 feet north, to improve sight distance. Principal Horsley commented making the left turn out of the parking lot has limited visibility for parents or staff leaving. The cars traveling southbound on Amelia are going too fast and the additional parked cars obstruct the view. TE Siecke asked who is parking in front of the school if school is in session. Principal Horsley confirmed parents as well as staff (more staff/volunteers employed at school than available parking spaces). It was decided an additional 10 feet of red curb be installed on Amelia north of the existing staff driveway. on Amelia, north of exit.

The 3rd request is the circulation and main drive way (drop off and pickup zone) during peak hours. Principal Horsley would like to create a right turn only lane at the parent exit driveway. Chair Patel confirmed creating the traffic flow into one lane and installation of No Left Turn during peak hours signage at the exit should not be a problem. Chair Patel inquired how will the new proposed conversion of the existing Special Ed bus drop off/pick up area to kindergarten drop off/pickup zone would be enforced? Principal Horsley confirmed she would be directing parents.

Chair Patel suggested further that the existing one way two lane drop off/ pick up lane separated by yellow lane line way should be painted white, as yellow striping indicates traffic is allowed in both directions. For the merging requirements from the existing two lanes down to one exit lane, he recommended the merging should commence at the second fence post from the cross walk. Superintendent Campbell commented the merging

lane could slow travel in this area. Principal Horsley inquired who she should contact for the tapering of the lanes. Chair Patel offered Staff could assist with the measuring and pre-marking for school Facilities department for final painting. SE Garwick confirmed No Left Turn signage could not be installed till lanes painted and markings completed. Chair Patel asked when school begins. It was confirmed August 20th.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Install 6 feet of red curb (reduce 29 feet area by 6 feet to leave 23 feet for one car parking in front of residence).
2. Install 10 feet of red curb at the existing staff driveway on Amelia, north of exit
3. Install No Left Turn, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, School Days² signage at the parent driveway exit. Signage to be posted to the right of exit and across the street. BUSD Facilities to sandblast as necessary existing painted arrows and lanes and paint appropriate merging lane, cross hatching and arrow per staff recommendations.
4. Remove existing parking restrictions signage on Amelia between the two bus loop driveways.

#07-12-02 NORTH CATARACT/WEST BASELINE ROAD

REQUEST FROM DENNIS de SAGUN, RESIDENT, to review feasibility to install No Outlet sign at the southwest corner of the North Cataract and West Baseline Road intersection to deter drivers from speeding down cul-de-sac.

DISCUSSION:

This item reviewed on-site and on GIS. Per Chair Patel intersection is located at the new 7 lot subdivision homes recently completed and the request to have a No Outlet sign installed at the entrance to cul-de-sac. Superintendent Campbell indicated a Dead End sign could be installed; however Chair Patel indicated the City's new standard will be to install No Outlet signage instead of Dead End.

RECOMMENDATION:

Install No Outlet sign at the southwest corner of the entrance/intersection of the North Cataract and West Baseline Road intersection.

#07-12-03 540 DERBY ROAD

REQUEST FROM ASHLEY SOK, RESIDENT, to review feasibility to install Stop sign and/or traffic mirror to assist pedestrians and drivers at the intersection of Derby Road and Kent Drive. The intersection is 90 degree angle and presents an apparent line of sight issues (note no sidewalk in this area as well, minimal setbacks and proximity of home).

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel communicated the request to consider a mirror or stop sign on this corner. Location was reviewed on-site and on GIS. It was determined that there are line of sight issues at this corner/intersection (Derby Road and Kent Drive) due to the 90 degree curvature of street. Staff will contact the HOA to advise of issue brought forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

Install Stop sign for northbound traffic on Derby Road adjacent to 540 Derby.

#07-12-04 HOLIDAY HALF MARATHON

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review traffic control plan for the Run Racing's Holiday Half Marathon scheduled for December 9, 2012 which closes a portion of Puddingstone.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel opened item advising this has been a regular event within San Dimas for several years. SE Garwick reviewed traffic control plans submitted with application and determined the traffic control plans were for La Verne portion of the race. SE Garwick advised TSC the applicant would need to provide traffic control plans for affected San Dimas streets. TSC concurred with SE Garwick's assessment of documents provided.

RECOMMENDATION:

Continued to next TSC meeting for further review.

#07-12-05 52nd CITY BIRTHDAY BBQ

REQUEST FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERICE, to review traffic control plan for the Chamber of Commerce's City Birthday BBQ scheduled for August 4, 2012 which closes a portion of First Street east of and utilizes a portion of the Civic Center parking areas.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel confirmed this event is another long standing City event. The event limits have not changed from last year's event. It was confirmed the traffic control plan has been updated for the August 4th event, which also includes 2 temporary handicap stalls at the east parking lot (staff parking lot). The Birthday BBQ has been successful in terms of the parking and traffic controls. It is similar to the City's Family Festival project. TE Siecke inquired if there were any controls on Bonita Avenue to prevent people for driving into the area. Superintendent Campbell indicated special event signs will be posted at the entrance. Chair Patel noted the current updated TCP should be further updated to show the current existing street striping on Bonita between Iglesia and Albertsons. Superintendent Campbell would take care of the changes. .

RECOMMENDATION:

Traffic control plan approved with minor modifications discussed.

CONTINUED ITEMS

#11-11-01 PUDDINGSTONE DRIVE EAST OF SAN DIMAS AVENUE

REQUEST FROM MICHAEL POU, RESIDENT, to review continued overflow parking issues (by Raging Waters patrons) and consider parking restrictions and/or a parking permit program for this area.

UPDATE: TSC will monitor effectiveness of the seasonal parking restrictions imposed in 2011. TSC will revisit item at the end of season (October 2012 TSC meeting).

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel summarized history of this item and of the resident's concerns brought to TSC's attention with respect to the overflow parking on Puddingstone in front of the Tiburon HOA. Part of the recommendation from November 2011, was that TSC would continue to monitor area during Raging Waters peak season to gauge the effectiveness of the restricted parking signage. TSC staff has been instructed to make notes of any parking issues viewed during their routine city business.

RECOMMENDATION:

TSC to continue monitoring and observing area.

Adjourned – 10:02 a.m.

Notes:

- No additional comments made by residents, audience members with respect to traffic items other than specified above.
- Next Traffic Safety Meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2012