



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

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**  
**245 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas**

Committee Members Present: Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer, Public Works Dept.), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works Dept.), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Rhonda Abangan (Committee Secretary, Public Works Dept.)

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SE Garwick called to order at 9:40a.m.

**#05-14-01 CHEYENNE DRIVE AND ARAPAHOE WAY**

REQUEST FROM C. HOGAN, RESIDENT, to re-evaluate and reconsider installing stop or yield signage on Arapahoe Way to discourage speeding. This item was previously reviewed in January 2013.

**DISCUSSION:**

SE Garwick advised this item was previously reviewed in 2013. It was recently brought back to our attention seeking installation of yield sign.

Resident Hogan advised she has had incidents with this intersection with several vehicles; and confirms that a neighbor also has concerns about this area. She said she has spoken to Sheriff's department as to who has the right of way when drivers approach the intersection at the same time and was told that it is unclear who has the right of way. At the very least she would like a yield sign which, in her opinion, would likely establish right of way.

TE Siecke remarked the Vehicle Code does state that if you are at the stem of the T intersection, you are obligated to yield the right of way. After reviewing the intersection and 2013 recommendations he believes the yield sign suggestion is a good one at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Install yield sign southbound on Arapahoe Way*

**#05-14-02 S. CATARACT AVENUE AT W COMMERCIAL STREET**

REQUEST FROM D. CALVILLO, RESIDENT, to review and consider installation of red curbs on the ~~southeast~~\* corner of S Cataract at Commercial street to remove perceived line of sight concerns for vehicles traveling westbound on Commercial Street. Resident also recommends installation of flashing lights at the crosswalk on Cataract.  
\*correction – northeast corner.

**DISCUSSION:**

Reviewed on site and GIS. During the site review, TSC noted a tree located in the parkway in front of 222 S. Cataract limits sight distance for drivers traveling westbound on Commercial. Consensus was that tree trimming and installation of red curb in front of 222 S Cataract would address the line of sight issues raised by the Resident.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Trim City tree-raise tree skirt located in front of 222 S. Cataract*
2. *Notify resident of TSC item and concern and recommendation*
3. *Install approximately 25' of red curb in front of 222 S. Cataract*

**#05-14-03 COVINA BLVD W/O SAINTS COURT**

REQUEST FROM STAFF, *to re-evaluate the current posted restriction signage in front of school to reflect 8:30am start time.*

**DISCUSSION:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Item continued*

**#05-14-04 AVENIDA LOMA VISTA AND SAN DIMAS AVENUE**

REQUEST FROM M. KAPA, RESIDENT, *to evaluate this intersection for possible changes to highlight the signal on San Dimas Avenue as resident believes northbound/southbound drivers are continually running red light. Resident involved in accident at this location on 4/10/14 due to southbound driver running red light. She would like to see what improvements can be made for this obscure intersection and feels speeding on San Dimas Avenue contributes to the problems at this location.*

**DISCUSSION:**

SE Garwick confirmed that the committee reviewed on site. It was noted that all the trees have been trimmed and visibility is clear for drivers traveling southbound on San Dimas Avenue.

Resident Kapa advised she did not think it was the trees that interfered with the signal lights.

SE Garwick confirmed that the traffic accident history showed that only 1 accident was reported in the last year. Ms. Kapa's April 2014 accident had not been entered into the Sheriff's computer system.

Resident Kapa said she had her report and recapped her accident. She was exiting Avenida Loma Vista and had the green light to make a left turn; saw a southbound oncoming vehicle and believed it would stop; however as she made the turn she was hit. The southbound driver ran the red light. Resident Kapa suggests installing a flashing signal ahead type of system.

TE Siecke commented flashing beacons are not typically used unless visibility of the signal is obscured by curves, hills, etc. He stated further the signal is clearly visible.

Resident Kapa believes there have been more accidents than reported.

TE Siecke remarked that after reviewing the signal and intersection again today, he believes that changing the existing 8-inch diameter signal heads to 12-inch types could make the signals a little more visible for southbound drivers.

SE Garwick confirmed that changing the existing 8" signal heads to 12" signal heads should help the drivers traveling southbound. She further stated the funds would have to be programmed and it cannot happen overnight. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do for the inattentive driver, but this measure should help. It will not prevent driver error.

Resident Kapa agreed this measure will definitely help.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Change all existing 8" signal heads to 12"*
2. *Add one 12" signal head for southbound on east side of San Dimas Avenue. Will need to program funds to complete this enhancement.*

**#05-14-05 PASEO ANACAPA AND AVENIDA LOMA VISTA**

REQUEST FROM M. KAPA, RESIDENT, *to evaluate this intersection for possible changes to highlight the 3-way stop sign intersection. Resident believes drivers are not adhering to the stops signs in either direction at Avenida Loma Vista.*

**DISCUSSION:**

Resident Kapa believes that at least 90% of drivers do not stop at these stop signs. She said she usually rolls out as far as possible from the cul de sac so the drivers see her before proceeding. She said the homeowner on the corner, who has small children, puts out cones in front of home so that drivers slow down because they are usually racing into the cul de sac. It almost seems like a race track at times.

SE Garwick commented we should have the Sheriff's department look into this situation/area.

During the site review, it was noted that there is a stop ahead sign for eastbound traffic, but none for westbound traffic.

Resident Kapa believes drivers do not realize there is a stop sign after all the speed humps.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Replace aged stop signs at Paseo Anacapa*
2. *Add stop ahead sign for westbound traffic at Paseo Sereno. Locate it at the westbound BCR.*
3. *Request additional patrols in the afternoon hours from Sheriff's department*

**#05-14-06 SAN DIMAS AVENUE AND BASELINE ROAD**

REQUEST FROM T. HAJJAR, RESIDENT, *to evaluate this intersection for possible installation of 4-way stop signs and/or signal light as resident believes the westbound/eastbound Baseline Road vehicle traffic impedes the north/southbound San Dimas Avenue traffic causing near miss accidents.*

**DISCUSSION:**

Committee viewed the intersection on site. Consensus is that further analysis is required to determine if the warrants are met for a 4-way stop or traffic signal at this time. TE Siecke and SE Garwick both recall the intersection had been studied previously and it would be best to study area again to see if any significant changes have occurred from the last analysis.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Conduct a warrant study for a 4way stop or traffic signal control*
2. *Item continued*

**#05-14-07 SAN DIMAS AVENUE NORTH OF BASELINE ROAD**

REQUEST FROM T. HAJJAR, RESIDENT, *to evaluate and consider installation of red curb on San Dimas Avenue north of Baseline Road on eastside. Resident believes there are line of sight issues when vehicles are parked on east side of San Dimas Avenue for the vehicles traveling west on Baseline Road making a left turn and cannot adequately estimate the San Dimas southbound traffic when making a left turn.*

**DISCUSSION:**

Study of item #05-14-06 will also incorporate a sight distance study and will determine if red curb is warranted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Conduct a sight distance study*
2. *Item continued*

**#05-14-08 BONITA AVENUE (SAN DIMAS HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE EVENT)**

REQUEST FROM STAFF, *to review submitted traffic control plan for the high school homecoming parade scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2014. The event closes a portion of Bonita Avenue from 3:00am to 5:00pm.*

**DISCUSSION:**

SS Campbell confirmed no changes to the traffic safety plan from last year's parade. Would like to keep the pre-meeting requirement/condition in the Special Event Permit (one week prior to event). As in the past, he will coordinate with SDHS and Lisa Mendolia.

TE Siecke asked if the changeable message signs are used for this type of event. It would be beneficial for commuters to be alerted a few days in advance. SS Campbell confirmed changeable message signs have not been previously used for this type of event.

SE Garwick requested that an additional "no right turn" enhancement at Bonita and San Dimas for southbound be added into the traffic control plan; otherwise it is approved as submitted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Traffic control plan approved with change as discussed*

**#05-14-09 FIRST STREET/IGLESIA (52<sup>nd</sup> CITY BIRTHDAY BBQ)**

REQUEST FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, to review traffic control plan for the Chamber of Commerce's City Birthday BBQ scheduled for August 2, 2014 which closes a portion of First Street/Iglesia and utilizes a portion of the Civic Center parking areas.

**DISCUSSION:**

SS Campbell confirmed no changes to the traffic safety plan from last year's birthday BBQ. He prepared and updated the final traffic control plan submitted for the Chamber of Commerce.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Traffic control plan approved as submitted*

**#05-14-10 TERREBONNE AVENUE (BETWEEN SAN DIMAS GOLF COURSE & SAN DIMAS CANYON RD)**

REQUEST FROM I. CRUZ, RESIDENT, to review and consider installation of stop sign near the exit of Golf Course and/or near intersection of Terrebonne Avenue & Whitebluff Drive to slow north/southbound traffic.

**DISCUSSION:**

Item reviewed on site. There is a line of sight issue for traffic exiting Whitebluff Drive due to the curvature and slope of Terrebonne Avenue. Site review revealed that drivers must pull significantly out of Whitebluff cul de sac in order to maneuver safely into Terrebonne. Consensus is to study this intersection further before recommendation(s) can be made.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *Conduct a detailed study for sight distance at this intersection*
2. *Item continued*

CONTINUED ITEM:

**#03-14-03 CALAVERAS ROAD (THE VILLAGE AT SAN DIMAS HOA)**

REQUEST FROM H.CLICK, THE VILLAGE AT SAN DIMAS HOA, *to review installation of additional stop signs at Lotus and Carson within the HOA due to apparent speeding along these streets. Additionally, HOA would like to re-request consideration and installation of speed humps to further deter speeding within HOA. To review Traffic Engineer report of existing speed conditions and line of sight issues.*

**DISCUSSION:**

TE Siecke recalled the Committee reviewing this area in 2009 and confirmed it was reviewed again last month. He confirmed the street did not meet warrants for speed humps in 2009 and there were no accidents recorded in the past 5 years. The Traffic Engineer report compares the traffic counts between 2009 and 2014 (see attached). There have been no significant changes in traffic conditions since 2009. The Village is an enclosed area, thus Calaveras is not used as a bypass for non-residents. The residents are familiar with their neighborhood. Whatever speeding that occurs is probably by the residents or their visitors.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *No additional traffic control measures are recommended at this time (see report dated 5/18/14)*
2. *Request the HOA to send reminder letters to area residents regarding speeding*

Meeting adjourned. 11:01am.