



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015 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 Dept.), Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer, Public Works Dept.), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works Dept.), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works Dept.), Mark Miller (Traffic Engineer), Deputy Paul Alaniz (San Dimas Sheriff's Dept.), Debbie Grenier (Principal, BUSD), Rhonda Abangan (Administrative Secretary, Public Works Dept.)

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Senior Engineer Garwick called to order at 9:30 a.m.

#01-15-01 LONE HILL & CIENEGA INTERSECTION

REQUEST FROM P. STOWITTS, RESIDENT, to review perceived line of sight issues with respect to location of traffic signal light pole and block wall at the northwest corner of this intersection. Per resident, vehicles heading southbound on Lone Hill making right turn onto Cienega cannot see pedestrian stepping into the crosswalk.

DISCUSSION:

- Item reviewed during field inspection
- Resident believes pedestrian is not visible until vehicle is in the crosswalk due to brick wall fence
- TE Miller stated upon review this intersection is not unusual; the visibility is correct and very visible to driver
- Resident requested to fix the signal cycle so that pedestrian safety (from his observations) as a southbound driver on Lone Hill making a right onto Cienega is not compromised. Resident observed the pedestrian crossing was initially not activated with the southbound vehicle green indicator. Sometime during the vehicle green phase, the pedestrian pushed the call button, and the pedestrian walk was activated mid cycle of the southbound vehicle green cycle. The resident requested that the pedestrian walk only be allowed to be activated upon the beginning of the green cycle for southbound vehicles, not mid cycle.
- TE Miller clarified it appears to be a timing issue and we need to review the timing and have signal maintenance contractor put a restriction on the timing to avoid any apparent conflicts.
- Chair Patel noted item this is item that may have impact on future enhancements of this intersection (left turn pocket); this will need to be reviewed in the future with the anticipated project. In addition, since the Lone Hill corridor from Covina Blvd to Gladstone is interconnect or synchronized the timing may have to be reviewed (adjusted) by LA County.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. TE to review timing sheets and if necessary coordinate with LA County for adjustments
2. Staff to coordinate with traffic signal contractor to input any adjustments

#01-15-02 COVINA BLVD (SAN DIMAS HIGH SCHOOL)

REQUEST FROM M. KELLY, PRINCIPAL, to review and consider installation of NO U-Turn signage in front of school to deter vehicles from making U-turn after dropping off students in front of school (in order to change directions and head west on Covina).

DISCUSSION:

- Item reviewed on-site during field inspection; several vehicles witnessed making U-turn during inspection
- Principal Kelly wants 2 locations with the No U-turn installed (both turn pockets on Covina); with time limits as cars are darting from the south side of Covina across 2 lanes to get into the turn pockets to make U-turn; Principal

Kelly stated the drop off loop is available through parking lot, but it seems more people want to drop off in front of school

- *Chair Patel commented things have greatly changed at SDHS (parking circulation, Performing Arts Center) and have impacted Covina; believes the time restriction No U-turn idea could possibly work; however, only for the western turn pocket (directly in front of SDHS). The No U-turn at the eastern turn pocket location (at the mobile home park entrance) is not necessary as its too far from Saints Ct and furthermore it would impact the mobile home park entrance on Covina*
- *Principal Kelly confirmed the time limits should be 7am-8am and 2pm-3pm*
- *TE to review timing and turning movements at Saints Ct/Covina Blvd to further improve circulation*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *Install No U-turn signage with time limits (7am-8am and 2pm-3pm) on the un-signalized eastbound left turn pocket directly north of the school parking lot*
2. *After installation, Staff to notify Sheriff's Department for enforcement*
3. *Adjust any timing changes at Covina/Saints Court signal per TE recommendations and findings*

#01-15-03 SAN DIMAS AVE. (SC VELO)

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review traffic control plan for the SC Velo Stage Race Bike event scheduled for March 27-29, 2015. This event will close portions of San Dimas Ave., Puddingstone Dr., Cannon Ave., Walnut Ave., Bonita Ave., 1st St. and Iglesia St. from approximately 6:00am to 6:00pm.

DISCUSSION:

- *Race day 3 has no traffic control plan changes (course thru Bonita corridor)*
- *Race day 2 race course is dropping the use of Cannon Ave and utilizing Puddingstone Drive from the Raging Waters exit; SC Velo completely modifying the course inside the park using more of the park; using west end of the yard as the "KOM" (King of the Mountain)*
- *SC Velo stated by eliminating Cannon Ave pressure has been removed by diverting the traffic onto east bound Puddingstone; resident will be able to return to their homes via San Dimas*
- *Chair Patel likes the change as there is less impact to resident; added this was the original race route years ago*
- *SV Velo confirmed the County has given their approval*
- *SE Garwick had a concern for the Cannon stop – is it a "soft" stop*
- *SC Velo said it is a soft, controlled stop by officers/marshals – traffic to be released after they riders have passed*
- *SE Garwick sees a few items that need to be changed, but the concept is approved; just need to sort out details/signage for the traffic control plan*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *Traffic control plans approved, subject to minor changes for Day 2 race; TE Miller to provide comments*

#01-15-04 PUDDINGSTONE DRIVE (TRI EVENTS INC.)

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review traffic control plans for the Tri Events Inc.'s LA Championship and Tri Express Triathlon events scheduled for various dates in 2015 (March 8th, April 19th, May 9th, and October 11th). This event(s) will close portions of Puddingstone Dr., Cannon Ave, Walnut Ave and San Dimas Ave from 6:00am to 11:00am.

DISCUSSION:

- *Tri Events indicated first two events will go over dam and to head to Fairplex; events #3 & #4 will go over San Dimas Ave; no June race, rather park has moved it up to March to avoid the start of Raging Waters 'peak' season in June; park has given Tri Events approval to go over dam*
- *Tri Events confirmed the traffic control plans and race courses have not changed*
- *TE Miller asked who prepared traffic control plans; Tri Events indicated private party*
- *SE Garwick confirmed the traffic control concepts are approved, but there are some details to iron out with respect to signage; we will review them for compliance with current MUTCD and get comments back to Tri Events*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *Traffic control plans approved as to concept; subject to minor changes; TE Miller to provide comments for all 4 events*

#01-15-05 BASELINE ROAD (SAN DIMAS AVE & AMELIA AVE)

REQUEST FROM M. EVANS, RESIDENT, to review perceived vehicle speeding issue on Baseline Road between San Dimas Ave and Amelia Ave.

DISCUSSION:

- *Item reviewed during field inspection and on GIS*
- *SE Garwick indicated Baseline resident's concern is the speeding; and it appears street is being used to avoid the 210 fwy; it is also likely there is more traffic on Baseline due to the current construction projects on Allen Ave and Amelia Ave*
- *TE Miller noted during field inspection there are several issues with signage and overgrown trees along the ¾ of mile street; he will review speed zone engineering survey*
- *TE Miller proposed edge lines may enhance this area*
- *Chair Patel said studies have shown the white edge lines do assist with slowing down vehicles*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *TE Miller to review signage, striping for possible enhancement to straightaway*

#01-15-06 TRAFFIC SAFETY LOGS

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review and update TSC logs.

DISCUSSION:

- *Committee reviewed and updated 2014 and 2013 TSC logs*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *N/A*

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.