



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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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.), Terry Gregory (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works Dept.), Mark Miller (Traffic Engineer), Sasha Geschwind (Environmental Services Coordinator, Public Works Dept.)

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Chair Patel called to order at 9:38 a.m.

**#11-15-01 BONITA AVENUE (between Monte Vista and San Dimas Ave)**

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review and consider installation of time restrictions in municipal parking lot area behind Bonita Avenue businesses, south side of Bonita Ave (between Monte Vista and San Dimas Ave) as Staff has received complaints of "long term" parking which is affecting customers from utilizing the public parking area.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Item reviewed during field review and on GIS.
- Chair Patel discussed location of restricted parking to be from drainage gutter in middle of parking lot behind San Dimas Feed and Grain, to the west up to the first parking lot light; this covers about twelve (12) parking spaces. Suggestion is to install three (3) "2-Hour Parking" directional signs, with one sign's arrow pointing west on the east side, one sign with the arrows pointing east and west in the middle, and one sign's arrow pointing east on the west side, to make it very clear where the "2-Hour Parking" limit applies.
- Business representative Rodriguez (150 W Bonita) asked for clarification if handicap parking would be included in this and Chair Patel confirmed that no, handicap parking would not be included in this restricted parking section as there is already adequate ADA parking available.
- Business representative Rodriguez (150 W Bonita) stated that he was in support of the "2-Hour Parking" and that he had no additional comments.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Add "2-Hour Parking" restrictions to roughly twelve (12) parking spaces. Install three (3) "2-Hour Parking" directional signs, with one sign's arrow pointing west on the east side, one sign with the arrows pointing east and west in the middle, and one sign's arrow pointing east on the west side from the drainage gutter in middle of parking lot behind San Dimas Feed and Grain, to the west up to the first end of the parking lot light end of the parking lot.

**#11-15-02 121, 125 AND 129 PUDDINGSTONE DR (Tiburon HOA)**

REQUEST FROM HOA, to review request from Tiburon Puddingstone HOA to remove mailboxes located at the above referenced address where the installation location is owned by the County of Los Angeles with an easement reserved for utilities.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Item reviewed during field review
- Staff confirmed the mailboxes are installed in a location owned by the County of Los Angeles with an easement reserved for utilities.
- Chair Patel advised staff to let the HOA know to keep as is because the mailboxes are in the public right-of-way.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Advise HOA since mailboxes are in the public right of way/easement; no changes to occur (keep as is).

**#11-15-03 W. CYPRESS AVE AT S. DUMAINE AVE**

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review and consider installation of red curb on the southwest corner of Cypress Ave at the South Dumaine Ave intersection to eliminate perceived line of sight concerns for vehicles exiting Dumaine Ave. It has been brought to Staff's attention that parked vehicles in this area make it difficult to navigate a left turn exiting Dumaine Ave.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Item reviewed during field review.
- TE Miller commented on the line of sight issues for vehicles exiting Dumaine Ave turning left onto Cypress St, if cars are parked on the southwest corner of Cypress Ave at the Dumaine Ave intersection.
- Staff additionally commented that this area is high traffic because of the schools and sports fields, so parking is in demand, however at this site, parking (on Cypress) interferes with the line of site.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Extend red curb on the south side of Cypress St (where Lone Hill Ave meets Cypress St) all the way east to Dumaine Ave.

**#11-15-04 SAN SIMEON ROAD AND LA CUESTA ENCANTADA HOA**

REQUEST FROM HOA, to review all red curb areas within HOA and consider repainting faded areas within complex.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Item reviewed during field review and on GIS.
- Staff noted the red curbs in this HOA were not painted by the City. The City has posted "No Parking, except in designated spaces" signs at the entrance of the HOA and at the entrance of each street, specifying the street name as well. This sign covers the "No Parking" restrictions for all the streets within this HOA.
- Resident Theodoro expressed he has issues with vehicles parking by the pool on San Simeon Rd, where the fire lane is, which also makes it challenging for him to exit the street.
- SE Garwick commented that this is a public street but the posting of "No Parking, except in designated spaces" also addresses the "No Parking" policy.
- SMS Campbell advised that residents can contact the Sheriff's Department regarding vehicles continuing to park in violation of policy.
- Chair Patel reiterated that the "No Parking, except in designated spaces" signs are comprehensive in this HOA.
- SMS Campbell clarified that the "designated parking" are the parking striped stalls.
- SE Garwick began the discussion of requesting the HOA publish a reminder of the parking policy in their newsletter.
- Chair Patel clarified that this parking policy applies to the La Cuesta Encantada HOA, on Viva Vaquero, and on the north and west side of Via Vaquero. However, on the south side of Via Vaquero there is an additional and separate HOA, Montecito, which consists of all private streets and or driveways.
- Resident Theodoro inquired if contractors can park anywhere and Chair Patel responded there are no special provisions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. No action regarding the red curbs because the existing "No Parking, except in designated spaces" signs are comprehensive.
2. Staff to notify HOA to publish a reminder of the parking policy and to advise residents to contact the Sheriff's Departments if there is illegal parking occurring so the posted signage policy may be enforced.

**#11-15-05 LONE HILL AVE/COVINA BLVD/ST COURT (SAN DIMAS HIGH SCHOOL & LONE HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL)**

REQUEST FROM SCHOOLS/PARENTS/STAFF, to evaluate parking and circulation on Lone Hill Ave, Covina Blvd, and high school parking lot following initial 2014 inauguration of Performing Arts Center, as well as review line of site concerns when entering/exiting SDHS student parking lot off of Covina Blvd.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Item reviewed during field review and on GIS for both Lone Hill Middle School and San Dimas High School.

- TE Miller shared his observations on seeing large number of cars turning lane into the school parking lot. Southbound traffic on Lone Hill Ave turning left is causing backup/delays and potential congestion at the intersection of Lone Hill/Covina. Suggests middle school encourage parents to drop off students south of the mid-block cross walk on Lone Hill which will assist to alleviate the backup.
- TE Miller commented that at the Covina Blvd and Lone Hill Ave intersection, there are inconsistent “No Right Turn” signs during certain am and pm hours, on all four corners. One sign also states “When Children are Present”.
- P. Jones stated that the idea is when there are kids present; we do not want people making right turns.
- P. Jones, a parent of students who attend these schools, expressed that the signs are not right for the times because every Wednesday, there is early release at 1:00pm or so.
- SMS Campbell brings up that the problem is the days change from year to year.
- P. Jones suggested making the times set for the whole school day.
- Chair Patel commented due to the different release times, it is not practical to install signage accommodating the different school release schedules on Covina Blvd.
- Chair Patel notes that with the addition of the 10,000 sq. gym project and other ancillary work, will further compound traffic and circulations around the schools for the next 12 to 18 months. He is still waiting for plans to be submitted by District.

#### San Dimas High School

- TSC discussed the following: It is apparent that circulation is poor, vehicles make unsafe U-turns, and the original circulation design is not being utilized. San Dimas High School has conflicting signs for “Student Drop Off” and “Delivery Vehicles Only” on Saints Ct. Additionally, San Dimas High School should have a double yellow line instead of white in front of the Bonita Center for the Arts to separate traffic in travelling in opposite directions. Signage and red curbing were also reviewed.
- TE Miller discussed the “No Parking” signs on Covina Blvd. The current detailed times are 7am-9am & 2:30pm-4pm. Based on the observations of traffic turning/exiting between Saints and turning/exiting out of the school parking lot drive approach and subsequent limited visibility. Recommended removing “No Parking” and putting “No Stopping” between Saints Court and drive approach with same time restrictions and to extend the red curb either of driveways. On east extend to 10 feet and the west, west off of street light by 10 feet.
- P. Jones expressed that he does not think any signs are needed here and that is should be a loading zone.
- Staff suggests for clarity and enhancement to the existing No Parking signs between the east side of parking lot drive approach and up to west side of staff parking lot drive approach is to upgrade the signage with the addition of “Student Loading/Unloading”.
- TE Miller addressed Covina Blvd from Lone Hill Ave all the way to the freeway and advises adding “No Stopping” signs on Covina Blvd at the end of the bike line to freeway entrance.
- Chair Patel mentioned the signage in this area came about since the baseball fields have an opening in the fence at this point. Three (3) parking places should be kept at this location and signage should start at the street light, not end of bike lane, and continue to the freeway entrance, .

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Remove existing “No Parking” signs from Saints Ct easterly to the school parking lot drive approach first and install “No Stopping” sign during the times of 7am-9am & 2:30pm-4pm.
2. Remove existing “No Parking” signs from school parking lot drive approach easterly up to the first drive approach of the staff and install “No Parking, Student Loading /Unloading” during the times of 7am-9am & 2:30pm-4pm.
3. Extend existing red curb on either of school parking lot drive approach; on the eastside extend to 10 feet and the west, west off of street light by 10 feet.
4. Remove existing “No Parking” signs and Install “No Stopping” signs on east side of Covina Blvd from the south bound 57 freeway on ramp to first street light west thereof.

#### **CONTINUED ITEM(S):**

#### **#07-15-02 SAN DIMAS AVE and ALLEN AVE INTERSECTION**

REQUEST FROM N. GWINN, RESIDENT, to review and consider installation right turn only striping on Allen Ave to assist with vehicles traveling straight on Allen Ave (similar to Gladstone St). **To review TE study and findings.**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Reviewed during field review and on site.
- TE Miller states because of the queuing of the vehicles, it is recommended adding left turn pockets and does not recommend right turn lane east of San Dimas on Allen Ave. Additionally, he recommends adding red curb in front of homes on northeast corner of East Allen.
- Chair Patel asks if a left turn pocket is installed, will it impact the district office parking. Staff to notify BUSD of striping intentions at this intersection.
- TE Miller advises to reprogram cameras when the striping is complete.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Installation of left turn pockets on Allen Ave east of San Dimas: 60' pocket and 90' transition. Red curb in front at 902 San Dimas Ave and 121 E Allen Ave (as per TE striping plan).
2. Installation of left turn pocket on Allen Ave west of San Dimas: 90' pocket and 90' transition. Red curb to be extended (as per TE striping plan).
3. Staff to notify residents at 902 N San Dimas Ave and 121 E Allen Ave of the installation of red curb/changes.
4. Staff to notify BUSD office of the recommendations/changes/additions of red curb.
5. Staff to reprogram cameras at this intersection when striping is complete.

**#11-14-07 MONTE VISTA AND GLADSTONE STREET INTERSECTION**

REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS, to review and consider installation of Stop sign on Gladstone/Monte Vista intersection to assist with perceived speeding for west/east bound Gladstone traffic. **To review TE speed study results after installation of striping plan.**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Chair Patel noted a year ago parking lane striping was installed and it appears to be working very well, and based on recent speed survey, traffic speed has dropped about 10-15%, which validates the efforts and confirms goal.
- SMS Campbell shared he received positive feedback (regarding Gladstone striping) from residents during the Western Days parade.
- TE Miller warned that the semi-trucks traveling on Gladstone is a complaint for the sheriffs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Monitor striping modifications recommendations per TSC meeting of November 19, 2014

Meeting adjourned: 11:08 am