

**CITY OF SAN MARINO
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2017

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

2200 Huntington Drive

San Marino, CA 91108

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Coupe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Coupe

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Chair Coupe, Vice Chair Chang, Commissioner Crowley, and Alternate Lo

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Doo, Commissioner Gupta

City Officials Present: Chief John N. Incontro, Ruth Smith, Dan Wall

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1- **Judy O'Keefe** – Winthrop and Los Robles – Brought to the Traffic Advisory Commission's attention the fact that the ordinance or code has been redefined on Los Robles just south of Mission. Vehicles are not allowed on Los Robles exceeding 3 tons. It would enable the Police to give tickets. It would be easier if the signs are put up north of Huntington to Los Robles all the way to Mission. Would like a traffic count.

Chair Coupe stated trucks are worse than cars and we should place this item on the agenda for our next meeting concerning the traffic stats.

- 2- **Katherine Tripodes** – 910 Darby Road – Concerned about Traffic on Granada – States there are intermittent stop signs. Vehicles avoid the stop signs on Granada but travel onto Darby road. Caused a lot of traffic on Darby Road. Another complaint is that on Huntington Drive going west towards Stoneman School there's a curb where it stands out and it's not painted red. Why do they have the curb if it's not painted red?

Chair Coupe requested that traffic on Darby Road be placed on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2017:** Vice Chair Chang requested that we change page 4 to read Chair Coupe. Commissioner Crowley moved approval of minutes and was seconded by Vice Chair Chang.
2. **DISCUSS CUT THROUGH AT THE LOWER ISLAND ON SIERRA MADRE:** Chair Coupe placed this item on the Agenda. There are two small cut through's where you have vehicles loading these areas with two or three cars. It is a very dangerous situation where people are abusing it. It's difficult to turn left due to the impact from the traffic.

Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith stated she drove by the area and saw that it was a concern.

Chief Incontro stated we will take a look at this section and see what we can do. One of the cut through's goes through San Marino and the South one goes through Euston which are used throughout the day.

Traffic Engineer Ruth inquired if Chair Coupe was referring to both directions.

Chair Coupe stated vehicles are traveling faster and should be more rational. Requested to be discussed at a later time when observation is complete by Traffic Engineer.

3. **DISCUSS TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON WINSTON AND CALIFORNIA:**

Curtis Jung – 589 Winston: Concerned about the traffic accidents at Winston and California. Just this year alone there have been a total of two traffic collisions in April. Since April, there have been a total of four documented traffic collisions. More recently there was an accident on June 8, 2017 and again on June 14, 2017 there was a more serious accident. The one in March occurred early in the morning where there was property damage. It's at a point where something needs to be done. Acknowledged Chief Incontro for putting a decoy vehicle to deter vehicles from speeding. Mr. Jung asked what the status of this item was?

Chair Coupe stated it will be discussed once public comment is complete.

Commissioner Crowley inquired as to where these accidents were occurring.

Mr. Curtis Jung stated the North East corner.

Henry Eng and Gregory Eng– 596 Winston Avenue – Stated the intersection was the North East Corner where accidents occur on Winston and California. The concern is that a lot of these accidents are becoming more violent in nature.

Gregory Ying stated that accidents have been a fact of life.

Chair Coupe asked if we could place this on the next agenda.

Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith stated she will look into the traffic collision history to see if there's a pattern and if we can do anything to improve it. We will look at five year history to determine a pattern. If we do not find a pattern it will be difficult to do anything. We will take counts as well. We will come back with an update at the next meeting.

Alternate Lo stated the next street has a signal.

Commissioner Crowley stated that there's heavy traffic going eastbound. The sun is a real impediment when crossing the intersection. Maybe synchronize the two signals on California and San Marino that may be an alternative.

Mr. Ying stated that most of these accidents occur at all times of the day. Something needs to be done as a whole. The problem is speed.

Alternate Lo inquired what the speed limit was.

Chief Incontro stated 35 MPH.

Mr. Jung confirmed that accidents occur at all times. In terms of suggestions or recommendations it would be great to put speed bumps, signage, etc. Vehicles will slow down with signage. That is a more practical solution.

Chair Coupe stated we cannot take any action at this time until the Traffic Engineer observes the situation and reports back with an update. We all know that there are many streets that have speeding vehicles. We will certainly take a look at the options.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. CONCEPT PLANS FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT ROBLES AND SIERRA MADRE:** Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith provided the report stating that sight distance is a cause for traffic collisions involving eastbound traffic on Robles. A previous study was conducted back in 2006-2007. Traffic Engineer presented slides showing the proposed options for Robles and Sierra Madre. Proposed to prohibit vehicles from turning left at Robles and Sierra Madre and showed slides with concept plans illustrating the proposed plans. Those traveling southbound will have a sign stating they cannot turn left. Signage would be added to clearly advise vehicles of their options.

Commissioner Crowley inquired about the northbound intersection dedicated left hand turn lane on Canterbury. Traffic Engineer stated traffic counts were completed and will look into it and report back after the meeting.

Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith asked the Traffic Commission to take action on Robles with a recommendation to City Council.

Vice Chair Chang stated there are public comments on this item.

Dany Hon Sierra Madre Blvd – Inquired if Robles will be one-way heading west. People get very impatient.

Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith stated that was not the option. You would only be able to go west on Robles (in the median).

Chair Coupe asked if we recommend the option would we need to conduct a Community Meeting and mail out notices.

Chief Incontro stated we will need to send a notice to everyone within a 500ft radius and all those residents will be notified.

Chair Coupe inquired if it will be completed in September.

Chief Incontro stated we will do our best.

Chair Coupe made a motion to recommend the concept plan for a right turn only Robles at Sierra Madre Blvd.

Commissioner Crowley asked if he could recuse himself since he is impacted by this.

Chief Incontro stated it's not prudent but it's imperative.

Alternate Lo seconded and Chair Coupes recommendation passed unanimously.

Sierra Madre Edge Line Striping Concept Plan Discussion:

A resident asked if they can put a right turn only on Le Fleur.

Chief Incontro stated it's primarily a traffic enforcement issue. People are just impatient and we will add enforcement.

Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith went on to explain the Sierra Madre concept plan regarding using edge line striping to slow traffic, and thoroughly explained all the options available to consider.

Chief Incontro stated he liked the idea of the yellow lane with the white line for the parking lane. One effective way for our Department to conduct crowd control is we use crime scene tape. The option of the white line is similar to the crime scene tape. We need to look at our wider streets and use visual cues to control traffic. Take a look at Rosemead where the islands were installed and vehicles slow down.

Commissioner Crowley recommended to move forward with Option 3 – Install solid white edge lines on Sierra Madre Blvd (from San Marino Avenue to California Boulevard) .

Alternate Lo seconded the recommendation, which was passed unanimously.

- 2. UPDATE ON MONTEREY ROAD:** Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith stated the purpose of the Community meeting (on May 17, 2017) was to gain input from the residents. Discussed the traffic calming measures for those who were not able to attend the Community Meeting. The area of concern is Monterey Road from Los Robles and Oak Knoll. All options were presented to the Commission.

Chair Coupe talked about Waze and the impact on our roads.

Traffic Engineer Ruth Smith stated our next step would be to narrow lanes to 10'. Will come back with a concept plan next time.

Resident Cordelia Donnelley commented by stating that Chair Coupe is blocking all safety measures.

Chair Coupe stated he had not committed to anything and is waiting for the Traffic Engineer's plan. Once the plan is prepared we will make a recommendation.

Ms. Donnelley stated we should use the narrowing of lanes to psychologically deter vehicles.

- 3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** (should this be pulled out as a separate category and not be under Old Business??)

Chief Incontro stated we received written communication from residents on Winston and California. However, we already addressed this item.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No Commissioner Reports.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Incontro stated since we are in the middle of June there aren't any statistical data or results. All of our statistics are showing a decrease in every area.

Hit and Run accidents are down 5%. Injury accidents are down 14%. Non-Injury accidents are down 5%. We have been fortunate where a variety of tools are being used.

Winston and California accidents have increased due to lack of attention and speed.

California and Huntington have shown an increase in accidents.

Chief Incontro announced that on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 the Police Department will hold its first National Night Out.

Alternate Lo inquired about accidents on California Blvd. what the pattern is. Are we able to put out mobile speed radar trailer's.

Chief Incontro stated we have one and we will deploy it out there.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dan Wall – There are a couple of slurry projects. We have a program for resurfacing projects. Spoke about WAZE and the City of Mountain View. Where the City placed signs where specific streets will not allow WAZE users to use re-directing traffic to collector streets instead where they truly belong. The City attorney needs to get involved in order to move forward with a recommendation to City Council.

Chair Coupe inquired as to how we would determine this.

Dan Wall stated this is just a way to cut traffic on our residential streets and not collector streets.

Chief Incontro stated the key is to disrupt the algorithm of the WAZE application.

PUBLIC WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED

There were no public writings distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Coupe adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. to the regular meeting to be held at City Hall in Council Chambers on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. INCONTRO