



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 1, 2023 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
John Lampros (Vice-Chair)	X	
Stephen Seymour (Chair)	X	
Rhonda Collins		X
Roberta Hannibal	X	
Sean Quinn	X	

Staff in Attendance:

Hae Won Ritchie, Public Works Department
Harry Yip, Public Works Department
Ed Rios, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 8

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of February 1, 2023 meeting

Vice Chair John Lampros stated that the last item on Agenda, "Comments from Committee members" had additional comments; motion to review the amended minutes at the April 1, 2023 meeting. Sean Quinn seconded. (M/Lampros, S/Quinn. 4-0-0) Approved.

Previous minutes from February 1, 2023 were reviewed by staff and comments from committee member John Lampros was added under Item 7.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Pat Lewis, 400 block of Cedar Avenue, commented on safety concerns surrounding Parkside Middle School. There are no stop signs at the crosswalk where kids walk across the sidewalk to Cedar.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Cedar Ave Traffic Calming Tool Selection

Harry Yip stated staff received a petition from 21 of the 38 residents on September 4, 2022 requesting traffic calming on Cedar Avenue from Jenevein Avenue to Niles Avenue. He reviewed the existing street conditions, existing parking conditions and traffic speed and volume study results.

Harry Yip stated the goal is to discuss the pros and cons of the different proposed traffic calming tools of speed humps, radar speed signs or other options on Cedar Ave and decide what to include on a postcard survey for residents to vote on.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Kevin lives on 400 Block of Cedar and stated there is a lot of traffic around 8am and around 3pm, which includes speeding and traffic congestions.

Pat lives on the 400 block of Cedar and stated there are already warning signs existing near the school, but this doesn't slow vehicles down.

HY advised the item, educational sign is to provide a general message to slow down, going too fast.

SS advised next steps to send out a questionnaire. Have we done that already?

Hae Won Ritchie stated we will take a vote from the residents that live on Cedar and need 50% of the audience to vote on one or more of the four traffic calming items. It will then go on the postcard for voting.

John Lampros stated if we include the top 2-3 traffic calming items and then place them on the post card, it may not require a majority vote.

Jason B, resident on Cedar Avenue, originally thought speed bumps were a good idea but is concerned about them lowering the property values. Asked if there is a temporary speed hump solution, with another study to see if they are working. Would like to see existing speed bumps. Stronger enforcement is needed during school hours.

Ed, resident on Cedar Avenue, sees the speed bump option as the most effective to reducing total speed. Having a police presence may help. This would also address people parking in your driveway during school hours.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Stephen Seymour responded there are existing speed humps on Cypress Avenue that residents can view.

Hae Won Ritchie advised Cypress Avenue is not the exact design that would be installed. Cunningham to be installed with another city project.

John Lampros asked if it is possible to include an online link for the basic engineering data for speed bumps on the post card. It would be helpful for voting.

Harry Yip agreed this can be done.

Sean Quinn stated there are also speed bumps on Third Avenue.

Stephen Seymour advised the ones on Third Avenue are a rubber version. These can be viewed by the public.

Sergeant Rios addressed the request for additional police presence. He advised during the daytime hours there are 4 officers and a sergeant on duty. We do take traffic complaints and currently have a traffic grant that will offer overtime hours.

John Lampros advised one caller inquired about the effectiveness of speed bumps and possible loss of property value. Are there any studies that can be sent to residents?

Harry Yip advised it is a proven counter measure for speeding that is recommended by the State.

John Lampros recommended adding a link on the postcard regarding speed humps so residents can do some research.

Sean Quinn commented that streets can be designated one way on certain hours such as school drop off and pick up. It would help with traffic flow.

John Lampros mentioned in past there have been some legal issues regarding established speeds and enforcement.

Sergeant Rios advised that a survey to be done on major routes to allow enforcement via radar. There must be an established speed study done to win in court. Explained what variables are viewed as safe or unsafe. Need to explain why an action is unsafe, not just the speed itself.

Roberta Hannibal asked what the educational measures would be.

Harry Yip advised a portable message board could be placed out advising to "slow down" or "children present".

Stephen Seymour stated the people who are speeding are usually the ones picking up/dropping off. Asked if it is possible to do a one way, regulated time on a street.

Harry Yip advised a study would have to be done. Council would have to approve it.

Hae Won Ritchie stated staff recommends TSPC select 2-3 options for residents to vote on and reviewed the voting counting and collection process.

Stephen Seymour asked if the speed humps would be permanent or temporary. The temporary speed humps are cheaper.

Hae Won stated residents can vote on their preference. We will include the five options and vote on what will be on the postcard. She performed the voting calculations.

Harry Yip stated the options will include temporary versus permanent speed signs and speed humps.

Committee discussed options. Broken down to reflect the following on the postcard: 1. Install Electronic Speed Radar Signs; 2. Speed Humps permanent; 3. Speed Humps temporary; 4. None of the above. Then Category two will include striping and signage. A letter will accompany the post card with a description of what the measures are.

John Lampros asked to include temporary and permanent speed bumps, radar signs, a clear description of the type of signage, and centerline striping.

Stephen Seymour made a motion for the postcard being sent to resident on Cedar for voting purposes to include Electronic Radar Sign, Temporary Speed Hump, Permanent Speed Hump, or none of the above in Category One; Category Two to have both the centerline and the signage options; include information in the mailer so the residents understand the impact of the options and give existing locations to view what a permanent/temporary speed hump and an electronic speed radar sign looks like. John Lampros seconded. (M/Seymour, S/Lampros. 4-0-0) Approved.

B. Florida Ave and Huntington Ave Intersection

Harry Yip stated staff has recently received a request for the establishment of all-way stop control at the intersection of Huntington Avenue and Florida Avenue, stating that it is tough to see traffic on Huntington Ave when making a left turn from Florida Avenue. This was previously considered by the TSPC in 2018 and was not implemented. Staff has also recently received a request for traffic calming on Huntington Avenue citing that speeds are too high.

Harry Yip reviewed the existing street conditions, speed limits, traffic collision history, and recent improvements. He stated staff recommends a performing study of possible enhancements to Huntington Ave corridor from North of Florida Ave to Georgia Ave and request TSPC to narrow the study to 2-3 items and produce conceptual plans.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN

Resident, no name given, stated visibility and cars parked on the southbound side create difficulty when making a left hand turn on Florida; he supports removing the parking spots on the southbound side. Would not like to see stop signs installed.

A resident named Alicia advised she grew up on corner of Florida and Huntington where there is no stop sign. It's scary to open a car door due to cars turning off Huntington. Turning left there is a nightmare. Streets are very narrow. A 3-way stop would be best. There are no crosswalks there.

A resident named Kevin would like to add a stop sign on Huntington at Florida in the southbound direction because making a left turn from Florida onto Huntington northbound because of its angle does make it difficult. Placing a stop sign would make turning there a lot easier and slow down the traffic.

A resident named Ben stated visibility is an issue because of large cars parked at the intersection. Signage and markings would help.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Roberta Hannibal clarified that we are simply endorsing the study of the area.

Harry Yip advised that stop signs are not a traffic calming measure. Usage is for those to know the right of way at an intersection. He believes the volumes won't meet the warrants.

Stephen Seymour stated this is a safety issue, not a traffic issue.

John Lampros asked for clarification on warrants on a stop sign. Can the Committee ask for a study?

Harry Yip stated the warrant must meet the criteria for the State. The Committee can request a study for a stop sign at this location. Ideally there should be 2-3 items within a study.

The Committee discussed various options, pros and cons for inclusion in the staff recommended study.

John Lampros made a motion to approve the staff recommendation to perform a study of possible enhancements to the Huntington Avenue corridor from North of Florida Avenue to Georgia Avenue including items noted: 1. Crosswalks, pavement marking re-alignment, upgrades, and installation of flexible posts. 3. Review parking with amended wording to restrictions on parking instead of removal. 4. Performing an all-way stop warrant study. Study does not need to be performed in a particular order and in the rank choice of your professional opinion. Sean Quinn seconded. (M/Lampros, S/Quinn. 4-0-0) Approved.

Hae Won Ritchie stated that a resident named Larry has had his hand up; he did speak previously during public comment.

A resident on Florida Avenue named Larry Valencia stated he supports the committee's motion. After the sewer line and water lines were replaced on Florida, the striping was changed to a funky angle. The driver stops at the limit line and must sneak out to see. The striping that was there prior to the work was vertical to Huntington at least 5-6' further out onto Huntington, would allow a vehicle to see the southbound traffic on Huntington. This is concerning. He feels as if he is not being heard if he is not in person.

Hae Won Ritchie stated the meetings are now in person again, so residents are welcome to attend.

Stephen Seymour stated the study will give Harry Yip the ability to study the crosswalk and if a stop sign should be there. Once the study is done, will be brought back to staff and public will be able to weigh in.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sean Quinn advised he is happy with what was covered tonight. Advised those complaining about traffic issues to write letters to Public Works. He thanked Sergeant Rios for the police presence on San Mateo Avenue around 4:30 to 6 pm that ran the length of San Mateo Ave and was effective at preventing double parking and speeding.

Roberta Hannibal stated there are other City committees to volunteer for if any residents are interested.

John Lampros thank you to everyone being here. It has been 3 years since we have met in person. Nice being back and appreciate everyone's time. Looking forward to the next meeting.

Stephen Seymour stated he would like to look at traffic around the schools for drop off and pick up as time permits. He thanked the Police and Fire department, who assisted a good friend yesterday that uses a wheelchair and was struck in a crosswalk on Crystal Springs and ECR and was knocked out of his chair. The police and fire staff were there quickly. To be there and see them work so closely together and deal with the issue when it happened was impressive. It does bring to

mind that there are areas in the City are difficult for those who utilize wheelchairs. It would be good in the future to talk about it. Good to see everyone again and have the public in person and virtually joining in.

Stephen Seymour reviewed how residents can submit requests to the TSPC.

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Harry Yip stated the City Council adopted the Safe Routes to School Plan. The Local Roadway Safety Plan will be reviewed and hopefully adopted at the next City Council meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on April 5, 2023 at 7 p.m.