

**CITY OF ORINDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 24, 2022

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TSAC) WAS HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE BY TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM MEETING.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blaschek-Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chair Blaschek-Miller explained the process for the teleconference meeting.

B. ROLL CALL

COMMITTEEMEMBERS: Travis Blaschek-Miller, Brandon Haydu, Stuart House (absent, excused), Emily Warren, Steve Schnier (absent, excused)

City Staff: Assistant Engineer Kevin McCourt, Police Officer Ari Delgado

C. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2021

MOTION: By Committeemember Warren, seconded by Chair Blaschek-Miller, to approve the TSAC Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2021. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. PUBLIC FORUM – None

E. DISCUSSION – MORAGA WAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

Chair Blaschek-Miller requested that this item be continued to the next TSAC meeting when Committeemember House will be in attendance as he is central to the discussion.

Committeemember Haydu inquired how the process for installation of a signal at Moraga Way and Ivy Drive (north) could be initiated.

Chair Blaschek-Miller questioned what traffic improvements the TSAC could recommend for installation.

Assistant Engineer McCourt informed the Committeemembers of the limitations for additional traffic engineering on Moraga Way; more information will be available at the next TSAC meeting.

This item was continued to the next TSAC meeting.

F. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATES AND ACTIONS

1. Briefing from Police Chief - SLOW DOWN ORINDA/Traffic Citations Report
Officer Delgado reviewed the violation statistics for December; there were increased citations issued during the month; less frequent left hand turns onto Ivy Drive from Moraga Way during the restricting times were observed; Officers are slowing vehicles through additional patrols.

Chair Blaschek-Miller requested a focus on the areas with traffic calming requests.

Committeemember Haydu requested a way of tracking past data to view trends over time.

Committeemember Warren questioned whether the Local Roads Safety Plan (LRSP) Project could review the citation data.

Assistant Engineering McCourt stated that he would research the issue of obtaining longer term data and would check if the LRSP could be requested to utilize this information.

2. Traffic Calming Requests - No new requests

G. ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Pedestrian Ramp Prioritization List – Location Ranking

Assistant Engineer McCourt presented a list of the future locations for curb ramp upgrades which the TSAC has chosen to rank for prioritization.

Committeemember Haydu stated that he was in favor of the location at Camino Pablo and Orinda Way as it is an inexpensive upgrade; he also supported prioritizing St. Stephens Drive and Tahos Road.

Chair Blaschek-Miller and Committeemember Warren concurred.

MOTION: By Committeemember Haydu, seconded by Committeemember Warren, to rank the prioritization of the potential curb ramp upgrades in the following order: 1) Camino Pablo at Orinda Way; 2) St. Stephens Drive at Tahos Road/Highway 24 Eastbound Off-Ramp; 3) Manzanita Drive at the EBMUD Filtration Plant; 4) Ironbark Circle at Ironbark Place; 5) Ironbark Circle at Iron Bark Court. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

H. STAFF REPORT

1. *Update – Current Balance of Traffic Calming Improvements Program*
FY 2021 expenditures are \$0 to date; of the \$30,000 budget, the remaining balance is \$30,000.00.

2. *Update - Hillcrest Drive (between Martha Road and Overhill Road) – Speed Cushion Installation and Radar Speed Sign Installation – (NAT Finalizing Traffic Calming Plan)*

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) is prepared for the second neighborhood meeting scheduled for February 8, 2022; it was postponed in order to be held following the upcoming City Council meeting regarding MOFD’s requirements for offset speed cushions.

3. *Update - Dalewood Drive – Speed Cushion Request (Appeal MOFD)*

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the City Council meeting for the Dalewood Drive appeal to the MOFD for placement of the requested speed cushions is February 1, 2022; he advised that due to the Fire Chief’s request, staff is clarifying that the “traffic study” cited in the Neighborhood Traffic Manual is a *field review*; staff requires clarification from the MOFD on what type of speed cushions would be acceptable.

Elizabeth Boyle, Orinda resident, requested that the Committeemembers attend the City Council meeting.

4. *Update - Northwood Drive – Speed Cushion Request (NAT DRAFT PLAN)*

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that Neighborhood Meeting was held January 20, 2022; the traffic control plan for this request will be presented at the next TSAC meeting for consideration of moving forward with the next step.

5. *Postponed – Sleepy Hollow Lane – Various Traffic Calming Measures (NAT Meeting)*

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the neighborhood is finalizing their traffic calming plan.

Dana Wentworth, Orinda resident, stated that the NAT is identifying possible locations for red curb markings and asked about the feasibility of installing centerline traffic buttons.

6. *Lost Valley Drive/Valley View Drive - Signage/Striping/Radar Feedback Request (NAT)*

Alycia Shada, Orinda resident, stated that the NAT is requesting speed limit signs near the intersection of Lost Valley Drive and Don Gabriel Way.

Donna Johnke, Orinda resident, requested that options such as rumble strips be considered as an alternative to speed cushions.

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that past rumble strip installations were subsequently removed due to complaints regarding excessive noise.

7. *Postponed – Underhill Road – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*

No Update

8. *Postponed – Davis Road – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*

No Update

9. *Postponed – Dias Dorados and La Cintilla – Speed Cushion/Signage Request (ON HOLD)*
No Update
10. *Postponed – Crestview Drive – Various Traffic Calming Measures (ON HOLD)*
No Update
11. *Postponed – Claremont Avenue – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*
No Update
12. *Postponed – Glorietta Boulevard/Martha Road – Speed Cushion Request (ON HOLD)*

I. MATTERS INITIATED

Items for the next TSAC agenda:

- Briefing from Police Chief - SLOW DOWN ORINDA/Traffic Citations Report
- Traffic Calming Requests
- Discussion - Moraga Way Traffic Safety
- Accessibility Issues
 - Updates
- Staff Report
 - Updates
- Traffic

Committeemember Warren questioned whether there are alternative uses for the TSAC budget as to date the Committee has not used any of the funds.

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that he would bring the answer back to the next TSAC meeting.

Assistant Engineer McCourt reminded the Committee that the February 21, 2022, regularly scheduled TSAC meeting will be cancelled as it falls on an a holiday.

The Committeemembers confirmed that a Special TSAC meeting will be held 7:00 p.m., February 28, 2022.

J. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Committeemember Warren, seconded by Committeemember Haydu, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next Special TSAC Meeting will be 7:00 p.m., February 28, 2022, by Teleconference via ZOOM meeting.

Prepared by: K. McCourt