

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

February 28, 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 7:01 p.m.

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

C. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2022

Committeemember Schnier noted that he would abstain from the motion as he was not present at the January TSAC Meeting.

MOTION: By Committeemember Haydu, seconded by Committeemember House, to approve the TSAC Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2022. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0-1 (Schnier, Abstain).

D. PUBLIC FORUM

Fire Chief David Winnacker presented the MOFD process of applying for speed cushions, which are considered *obstructions of fire apparatus access roads*; the MOFD takes into consideration the emergency response time, egress time, and traffic safety; he stated that the City has not met all the criteria as required by the City of Orinda's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP); the emergency response times for Dalewood Drive are slower than the MOFD's benchmark of seven minutes and the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) maximum response time of under 12 minutes.

Committeemember Schnier expressed his belief that MOFD should not have the authority to enforce the criteria of the NTMP; MOFD may comment on speed cushion location, but it is up to the City Council to make the final decision.

Committeemember House and Committeemember Haydu requested more up-to-date data to meet the MOFD's traffic requirements.

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that from the staff perspective, Dalewood Drive meets the NTMP data prerequisites for speed cushions; further, the NTMP will be updated as per the request from the City Council.

Chair Blaschek-Miller recommended that the TSAC implement Level One and Level Two traffic calming measures from the NTMP for the traffic calming request locations on Dalewood Drive, which could include distributing information and increasing enforcement.

Nancy Ross-Madnick, Orinda resident, stated that there had been a verifiable accident on Dalewood Drive; she will send the information to Assistant Engineer McCourt.

E. DISCUSSION – NORTHWOOD DRIVE – TSAC APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH 40' PROXIMITY VOTE FOR A SPEED CUSHION

Assistant Engineer McCourt presented the Northwood Drive Traffic Calming Plan for TSAC consideration for the 40 foot proximity vote.

MOTION: By Committeemember House, seconded by Committeemember Schnier, to approve the Northwood Drive Traffic Calming Plan for the 40 foot vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that staff will mail out the ballots in the coming weeks.

F. DISCUSSION - MORAGA WAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

Chair Blaschek-Miller requested that this item be continued to the next meeting.

This item was continued to the next TSAC meeting.

G. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATES AND ACTIONS

1. Briefing from Police Chief - SLOW DOWN ORINDA/Traffic Citations Report
Police Chief Sullivan reported on the traffic issues and the enforcement around Orinda.

Officer Delgado reviewed the violation statistics for January.

Committeemember House stated that the additional citations and enforcement have been effective and there is an observable improvement in the traffic around schools.

2. Traffic Calming Requests - No new requests

H. ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES – No Updates

I. 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.

Dana Wentworth, Orinda resident, requested that the traffic calming requests be split into smaller items that could be completed faster.

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 second neighborhood meeting was held February 8, 2022; the original speed cushion locations requested will likely not pass the neighborhood vote; the Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) is now requesting additional signage as an alternative.

Committeemember House noted that a resident has inquired about the possibility of adding a “No Right Turn” sign from Hillcrest Drive onto Martha Road; if this request is formally brought to the TSAC, it may cause additional traffic issues in other areas.

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

Christopher Anderson, Orinda resident, requested that staff conduct a study to show that Dalewood Drive meets the MOFD’s traffic criteria for speed cushions; he noted that the MOFD would not oppose three or four additional Stop signs and questioned whether TSAC would agree.

Committeemember House suggested continuing with the original plan for installing speed cushions; he questioned the cost of a traffic study to justify the installation of speed cushions.

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that Stop signs would need to pass a Stop sign warrant analysis as it is not a traffic calming device and not within the oversight of the TSAC; the City Manager is currently in communication with Chief Winnacker regarding what potential options may be available to move the speed cushion installation forward; staff will bring an estimate for a traffic study to the next TSAC meeting.

4. *Update - Northwood Drive – Speed Cushion Request (40’ Neighborhood Vote)*

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that per discussion under Item E, this request is now proceeding with the 40 foot neighborhood vote.

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

Dana Wentworth, Orinda resident, appreciated the TSAC pushing forward on the speed cushions.

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the NAT is finalizing the traffic calming request.

6. *Lost Valley Drive/Valley View Drive - Signage/Striping/Radar Feedback Request (NAT)*
Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the NAT is requesting additional speed signs which will be reviewed in the upcoming weeks and will likely be brought back to TSAC for approval.
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)*

J. 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

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Committeemember Haydu, seconded by Committeemember House, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next Regular TSAC Meeting will be 7:00 p.m., March 21, 2022, by Teleconference via ZOOM meeting.

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