

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

March 21, 2022

A REGULAR 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, Steve Schnier (absent, excused)

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

**C. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 28, 2022

Committeemember Warren noted that she would abstain from the motion as she was not present at the February TSAC Meeting.

MOTION: By Committeemember House, seconded by Committeemember Haydu, to approve the TSAC Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0-1 (Warren, Abstain).

**D. PUBLIC FORUM - None**

**E. DISCUSSION – SPEED CUSHION PREREQUISITE UPDATE**

Assistant Engineer McCourt presented the proposed updates and clarifications for the Speed Cushion Prerequisites from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP); he also updated the TSAC that the MOFD requested additional information for the Dalewood Drive speed cushion locations to show that the area meets the NTMP prerequisites.

Chair Blaschek-Miller requested that resident observation of speeding meet the prerequisites for speed cushions.

Committeemember Warren suggested adding staff observation of a high presence of pedestrians and children.

Committeemember Haydu suggested dropping the requirement from two or more accidents in three years to one.

This item was continued to the next TSAC meeting.

**F. DISCUSSION - MORAGA WAY TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Chair Blaschek-Miller requested that this item be continued to the next TSAC 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  
Officer Delgado reviewed the violation statistics for February. Officer Delgado noted that officers have increased presence on Glorietta Boulevard.

Dana Wentworth, Orinda resident, questioned whether teachers at the Orinda Intermediate School (OIS) could have an exemption to the *No Left Turn* sign from Moraga Way onto Ivy Drive (north).

Officer Delgado stated that the exception would need to be stated on the sign and regulation would be difficult; however he would discuss this issue with the Police Chief.

Committeemember Warren stated that although she is sympathetic to teachers getting to work, the safety of the school children should require that enforcement not have exceptions.

Committeemember House opined that a traffic signal may solve the issue.

2. Traffic Calming Requests  
Orchard Road – Left Turn Restriction Sign  
Assistant Engineer McCourt presented the Orchard Road traffic calming request to the TSAC; he advised that a traffic study would likely be required to install a *No Left Turn* sign at this location.

Kellie Williams, Orinda resident, stated that Orchard Road has a high amount of speeders that are bypassing Moraga Way traffic in the morning and that the turn restriction would alleviate this issue.

Committeemember Warren asked whether using speed cushions would be better than a no turn sign as it would physically slow traffic while not restricting movement.

Ms. Williams stated that she and other residents do not support the installation of speed cushions due to noise.

Committeemember Haydu questioned whether a holistic solution could be found for the traffic on Moraga Way.

Committeemember House stated that part of the rise in traffic is due to the increase in bus fares.

MOTION: By Committeemember Haydu, seconded by Committeemember House, to add the Orchard Road Traffic Calming Request to the end of the request queue. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

## **H. ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES**

Update – Accessibility Priorities

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the City is applying for an Active Transportation (ATP) grant to replace the entire span of the Camino Pablo Pathway and raise the crosswalk at Glorietta Boulevard and Martha Road.

Committeemember House requested, as a separate issue, that the sidewalk on Glorietta adjacent to the school be considered for repair.

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that he would have the location checked.

## **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.

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

Kirsten Slawson, Orinda resident, stated that the NAT appreciated the additional police enforcement in the area; the NAT is finalizing the speed cushion locations and additional signage including a *No Right Turn* onto Martha Road.

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that including a no turn at Hillcrest Drive onto Martha Road as part of this traffic calming request may create other traffic issues; the sign may also need to be requested by the Martha Road neighborhood as it primarily restricts their movement.

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

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that MOFD requested additional data meeting the NTMP speed cushion prerequisites; staff ran inquiries from Street Light Data, a data traffic application which is used throughout the County; the data indicates that the prerequisites are met and the information was forwarded to MOFD.

Chris Anderson, Orinda resident, questioned whether the data would meet the MOFD requirement.

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that staff is awaiting the MOFD response.

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

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the ballots were mailed to the residents, with a due date of April 30, 2022, for responses.

5. *Update – Sleepy Hollow Lane – Various Traffic Calming Measures (NAT Meeting)*  
Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the NAT sent an updated traffic calming plan for staff review.

Dana Wentworth, Orinda resident, remarked that the NAT is getting close to finalizing the plan and would like to move forward to the City Council.

Committeemember House commented that the intersection of Sleepy Hollow Lane and Washington Lane may need traffic engineering due to the location having multiple intersecting streets.

6. *Update - Lost Valley Drive/Valley View Drive - Signage/Striping/Radar Feedback Request (NAT DRAFTING PLAN) – SCHOOL ROUTE*  
Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that staff went to the site to review possible locations for additional speed signs; any added signage would still need a neighborhood meeting with TSAC and City Council approval; there is also a question whether portions of the traffic calming request could be split into separate requests for approval.

Chair Blaschek-Miller discussed whether this particular application could be divided into two separate requests based upon the different streets; that may make it easier to move forward, however it could add to contention among the residents.

Committeemember Warren requested that this discussion be continued to the next TSAC meeting; she recommended that the NAT be required to have a single traffic calming plan.

Committeemember House concurred that the NAT should develop a plan for the entire neighborhood.

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 - SCHOOL ROUTE (ON HOLD)*

**J. MATTERS INITIATED**

Items for the next TSAC agenda:

- Discussion – Speed Cushion Prerequisite Update
- Discussion - Moraga Way Traffic Safety
- Traffic Calming Updates and Actions
  - Briefing from Police Chief - SLOW DOWN ORINDA/Traffic Citations Report
  - Traffic Calming Requests
- Accessibility Issues
  - Updates
- Staff Report
  - Updates

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: By Committeemember Warren, seconded by Committeemember House, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next Regular TSAC Meeting will be 7:00 p.m., April 18, 2022, by Teleconference via ZOOM meeting.

Prepared by: K. McCourt