

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

April 11, 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

Committeemember Schnier called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Committeemember Schnier explained the process for the teleconference meeting.

B. ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: Assistant Engineer Kevin McCourt

C. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2022

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

MOTION: By Committeemember Warren, seconded by Committeemember Haydu, to approve the TSAC Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022. The motion carried by a voice vote 2-0-1 (Schnier, 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); the City Manager is requesting that the TSAC make a motion to recommend the proposed changes to the City Council.

Committeemember Schnier commented that he would like the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) to accept the changes to the prerequisites and focus on emergency response times.

MOTION: By Committeemember Warren, seconded by Committeemember Haydu, to recommend to the City Council the proposed changes for the *Speed Cushion Prerequisites* in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, which would modify

the criteria for consideration of speed cushion installation. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

F. DISCUSSION - MORAGA WAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

Committeemember Haydu questioned whether the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) project that is currently underway can look into safety issues along the Moraga Way corridor.

Committeemember Schnier stated that there have previously been Town Hall meetings to discuss these issues.

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that the LRSP will analyze Moraga Way for safety projects and conduct town meetings.

Committeemember Warren favored using part of the TSAC budget for additional safety studies on Moraga Way if necessary

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 was unable to attend the meeting and provide a briefing.
2. Traffic Calming Requests
No new requests

H. ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Update – Accessibility

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the push button for the Pedestrian Crossing on Orinda Way at Camino Pablo, which was prioritized by the TSAC, has been relocated for improved accessibility. The Moraga Way Pathway project, which extends the existing pathway from El Camino Moraga to Altamount Drive, is in the final stages of design; this project was recommended to City Council by the TSAC.

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)*
Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the NAT is still canvassing the neighborhood for possible installation of a single speed cushion as well as additional signage.
3. *Update - Dalewood Drive – Speed Cushion Request (Appeal MOFD)*

Assistant Engineer McCourt stated that the MOFD had 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; however, the MOFD has not changed the decision to deny the speed cushions.

Chris Anderson, Orinda resident, commented that he spoken with MOFD Boardmember Craig Jorgens, who stated that the Fire Department does not support installation of speed cushions and generally endorses Stop signs to slow traffic.

Committeemember Schnier stated that there are different criteria to install Stop signs and that Stop signs would likely slow response times as well.

Committeemember Warren questioned whether the Dalewood residents would support installation of Stop signs.

Committeemember Haydu noted that Stop signs are not used for traffic calming and can create other safety issues.

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted that a Stop sign warrant analysis would be required and staff would not recommend installation if the warrants were unmet.

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

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that the returned ballots from the 40' vote did not support the proposed location for placement of a speed cushion.

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

Dana Wentworth, Orinda resident, stated that the NAT is hoping to get the voting for speed cushions out soon and move the item forward.

Assistant Engineer McCourt advised that he will work with the NAT to finalize the traffic calming plan.

6. *Update - Lost Valley Drive/Valley View Drive - Signage/Striping/Radar Feedback Request (NAT DRAFTING PLAN) – SCHOOL ROUTE*

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

Donna Johnke, Orinda resident, requested Bots Dots and rumble strips be added as approved traffic calming measures; Lafayette has been proactive in implementing traffic calming throughout that city and encouraged Orinda to do the same.

Committeemember Schnier advised that in the past Bots Dots had been installed on Monte Vista Road; although effective, the Bots Dots were not replaced after detaching from the pavement.

Committeemember Warren commented that the traffic calming process can be difficult to navigate and would like to take steps to make it easier in the future.

Assistant Engineer McCourt noted his understanding is that in the past rumble strips had been removed due to noise complaints.

Committeemember Schnier requested agendaizing a discussion on adding traffic calming devices to the NTMP for the next TSAC meeting

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 – Additional Traffic Calming Devices for the NTMP
- 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 Haydu, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next Regular TSAC Meeting will be 7:00 p.m., May 16, 2022, by Teleconference via ZOOM meeting.

Prepared by: K. McCourt