

**Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
City of Santa Paula  
May 18, 2021  
2:05 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Public Works Director, Clete Saunier, called the Regular Meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee for the City of Santa Paula to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. by Zoom on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Public Works Office located at 866 E. Main Street, Santa Paula, California 93060.

**Members and Staff Present:**

Clete Saunier, Public Works Director  
Scott Varner, Police Commander  
Gary Monday, Division Chief West County Operations, Ventura County Fire Department  
Michael White, Interim Streets Supervisor  
Bob Woodward, Interim City Engineer  
Cindy L. Madrigal, Executive Assistant

**Members Absent:**

None

**Public Present:**

None

- I. **QUORUM.** A quorum was declared present based on the presence of at least three Committee Members.

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Minutes of January 26, 2021 were reviewed for approval.

Committee Action: **ACCEPTANCE**

Motion to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2021, Traffic Committee Meeting were accepted as presented by Bob Woodward, Interim City Engineer and Michael White, Interim Streets Supervisor.

## II. NEW ITEMS

### **REVIEW REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA TO PAINT THE CROSSWALK AND INCLUDE TRAFFIC CONTROL AT 1498 E. HARVARD BLVD. TO EAST MAIN STREET. TRAFFIC IS AT A HIGH SPEED WITH LACK OF VISIBILITY.**

The Committee Discussion:

Mr. Saunier presented item No. 2021-04 a request for the City of Santa Paula to paint the crosswalk and include traffic control at 1498 E. Harvard Blvd. to East Main Street. The request was received from W. John Kulwiew, Treasurer of Spirit of Santa Paula on January 25, 2021. The committee had a general discussion and it was agreed that more information would be needed related to potential safety concerns, traffic counts, pedestrian counts/demand and estimated costs for installation before a decision can be made. Bob Woodward, Interim City Engineer would attempt to research this and report back to the TSC at a future meeting.

The Committee Action – **TABLED**

## III. CONTINUED ITEMS/OTHER BUSINESS

### **REVIEW REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN SOMEWHERE ON THE STRETCH OF EAST SANTA BARBARA STREET BETWEEN 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND PALM PREFERABLY AROUND 4<sup>TH</sup> OR 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET. TRAFFIC ROUTINELY DISREGARDS THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT AND THIS LEG OF THE ROAD IS HEAVILY TRAFFICKED BY CHILDREN.**

The Committee Discussion:

Mr. Saunier presented item No. 2021-03 a request to install a Stop Sign on the stretch of East Santa Barbara Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm preferably around 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The request was received from Chris Decaen on December 29, 2020. Mr. Saunier asked Mr. Decaen to make a statement regarding his request. Mr. Saunier showed the committee photos of the area. The committee discussed this matter and requested Bob Woodward, Interim City Engineer to contact the City's Traffic Engineer and request a cost proposal for a Warrant Study and Speed Survey for this area. TSC recommended to postpone conducting the Study until restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic are discontinued, including the reopening of all Santa Paula schools.

The Committee Action – **TSC RECOMMENDED TO POSTPONE CONDUCTING A WARRANT STUDY UNTIL RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**ARE DISCONTINUED, INCLUDING THE REOPENING OF ALL SANTA PAULA SCHOOLS. (THIS ITEM WILL BE COMBINED WITH NO. 2021-16)**

**REVIEW REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA TO INSTALL SPEED BUMPS ON THE 1800 BLOCK OF CHERRY HILL ROAD AND STONEGATE STREET DUE TO AN INCREASING NUMBER OF VEHICLES SPEEDING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**

The Committee Discussion:

Mr. Saunier presented item No. 2020-07 from the minutes of July 21, 2020. Review request for the City of Santa Paula to install Speed Bumps on the 1800 block of Cherry Hill Road and Stonegate Street due to an increasing number of vehicles speeding in the neighborhood.

The Committee Action – **CITY STAFF WILL PREPARE A DRAFT POLICY FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2021**

**REVIEW REQUEST FOR VEHICLE FEEDBACK SIGNS ON SANTA PAULA STREET**

The Committee Discussion:

Mr. Saunier presented item No. 2019-13 from the minutes of July 21, 2020. Review request for the Vehicle Feedback Signs on Santa Paula Street.

The Committee Action – **COMMANDER, SCOTT VARNER TO FOLLOW-UP WITH ERIC BURNETT, TRAFFIC OFFICER AND CHIEF WALKER TO FINALIZE LOCATION. (TABLED)**

**REVIEW REQUEST FOR MULTI-WAY STOP SIGNS AT WEST SANTA PAULA STREET AT BRADLEY STREET AND WEST SANTA PAULA STREET AT DEAN DRIVE**

The Committee Discussion:

Mr. Saunier presented item No. 2019-16 a request for Multi-Way Stop Signs. The request was received from Gloria Casas on August 13, 2020. Bob Woodward will follow-up with Consultant Willdan Engineering to perform the work.

The Committee Action – **TSC RECOMMENDED TO POSTPONE CONDUCTING A WARRANT STUDY UNTIL RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**ARE DISCONTINUED, INCLUDING THE REOPENING OF ALL SANTA PAULA SCHOOLS. (THIS ITEM WILL BE COMBINED WITH NO. 2021-03)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Woodward, Interim City Engineer motioned to adjourn The Santa Paula Traffic Safety Committee Meeting at 2:30 p.m.

  
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Kimberly Strange  
Secretary