

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairwoman Mitchell
Donald Hugh
Tom Judge
Nell Mirels
Steve Pekich

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Clark Davis
Jerry Gliksman
Gerald Lum
Larry Vanden Bos
Arthur Wisot

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel R. Wise, Assistant City Manager
Erik Zandvliet, Traffic Engineer
Sgt. Paul Creason

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, NOVEMBER 16, 2006

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN MITCHELL ORDERED

THE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16,
2006, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PVDN AT RANCHVIEW ROAD – “KEEP CLEAR” MARKING REQUEST

The Assistant City Manager reported that the Ranchview Homeowners' Association had requested the installation of a “Keep Clear” marking on Palos Verdes Drive North adjacent their entryway on Ranchview Road. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet summarized the staff report, noting that due to the high traffic volume on PVDN, there are few gaps in traffic flow during peak hours to enter or exit Ranchview Road. He added that a “Keep Clear” zone in the eastbound direction would improve circulation and traffic safety by providing a break in the vehicle queue on PVDN to assist left turning traffic entering westbound PVDN as well as facilitate westbound left turns from PVDN entering Ranchview Road. Following discussion, Member Judge moved, seconded by Member Hugh

TO APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL A “KEEP CLEAR” MARKING AND LIMIT LINES ON RANCHVIEW ROAD IN THE EASTBOUND DIRECTION ON PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH.

EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE SIGNAGE SUGGESTIONS

The Traffic Engineer reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. The Traffic Committee reviewed each of the requests and made the following recommendations:

1a: Add chartreuse yellow horse crossing sign – SE corner of PVDN and Crenshaw

The Traffic Engineer reported that pursuant to the California Manual of Traffic Control Devices, crossing signs shall NOT be used at signalized intersections; therefore it was inappropriate and potentially confusing to post pedestrian warning signs in advance of a traffic signal equipped with pedestrian signals and crosswalks.

1b: Add chartreuse yellow horse crossing sign – Rolling Hills Road (mid-block crossing) near St. Luke's Church

The Traffic Engineer supported the replacement of the existing equestrian warning signs with fluorescent yellow signs to improve visibility.

2. Add a mid-block crossing on PVDN near Dapplegray Lane

The Traffic Engineer reported that mid-block crossings are not recommended since there is no designated horse trail crossing. He added that equestrian warning signs could be placed in both directions at key locations where crossings are more likely.

3. Set up a Sheriff "sting" operation for the mid-block crossing on Rolling Hills Rd.

After consulting with Sgt. Creason, the Committee concurred that it would be appropriate to utilize Sheriff's Department enforcement at this intersection.

4. Add equestrian-related wording to Welcome to Rolling Hills Estates signs

Following discussion, it was suggested that this item be referred back to the Equestrian Committee to finalize the wording and forward to the Park and Activities Commission for review of the sign types and locations. Chairwoman Mitchell suggested that advisory wording on signage should be kept to a minimum so that it is easily read by motorists.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

Committee Member Judge:

- a. Striping on PVDN near Silver Spur: After some discussion, no action was taken by the Committee to modify the existing striping at this location.

- b. PVDN Traffic Signal Timing: The Traffic Engineer reported that the City recently installed GPS coordination to the signals on PVDN and were in the process of refining the signal timing plan. He indicated that priority is given to green time on PVDN. It was suggested that when the coordinating system is fully installed, that residents be informed of this improvement through the City's Newsletter.

- c. Crenshaw/PVDN – Traffic Signal Modification: Member Judge suggested the possibility of installing a right-turn arrow for northbound Crenshaw, right-turn to eastbound PVDN. Following discussion, the Assistant City Manager indicated that this item could be included in the study currently underway by Willdan for traffic improvements to numerous traffic intersections indicated by the City. Chairwoman Mitchell added that when the intersections are studied, consideration should be given to increasing pedestrian safety including the addition of "limit lines" at intersections where appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairwoman Mitchell adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel R. Wise
Assistant City Manager
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