

EL DORADO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEST SLOPE Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Meeting Location: Zoom Conference Call

VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rafael Martinez, Director of Transportation - Present
Brian Mullens, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations - Present
Officer Andrew Brown, California Highway Patrol (Placerville Office) - Present
Sergeant Jesse Dacanay, El Dorado County Sheriff's Department - Present
Helaina Wilkinson, County's Risk Management Office – Present

STAFF:

Jim Hunnicutt, Department of Transportation, Senior Engineering Technician - Present
Michael Bastian, Department of Transportation, Senior Engineering Technician – Present

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

A total of three (3) attendees of the public and four (4) panelists were in attendance via the Zoom video conferencing application at this Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.

Cindy Munt
Karen Feathers
Shelley Wiley
Kathryn Henricksen
Meg Edlund
Zoom User 1
Zoom User 2

MINUTES

Chairman Rafael Martinez called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order at 9:05 a.m. with Brian Mullens, Officer Andrew Brown, Sergeant Jesse Dacanay and Helaina Wilkinson present via Zoom conference.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairman Rafael Martinez motioned to adopt the agenda and consent calendar which was seconded by Brian Mullens. Motion passed by voting members unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

No comments, N/A this meeting.

“ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS” ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Speed Zone Survey on Silva Valley Parkway from its start at the US Hwy 50 Eastbound Off-Ramp (White Rock Road) to Green Valley Road (Study Length 4.08 miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing speed limit of “45 MPH” from its start at MP 0.00 to MP 4.08 (entire length).

- 2. Speed Zone Survey on White Rock Road from Latrobe Road northerly to Silva Valley Parkway (Study Length 1.08 miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the “45 MPH” speed limit with radar enforcement from Latrobe Road to Valley View Parkway and “50 MPH” from Valley View Parkway to its end at the US Hwy 50 Eastbound Off-Ramp (end) with radar enforcement.

- 3. Speed Zone Survey for Hollow Oak Drive from Bass Lake Road northerly to its intersection with Whiskey Drift Drive (entire length) (Study Length 1.21 miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing speed limit of “40 MPH” from MP 0.00 (Bass Lake Road) to MP 1.03 and a “30 MPH” speed limit from MP 1.03 to its end at MP 1.21 (Whiskey Drift Drive), with radar enforcement.

4. Speed Zone Survey on Cameron Park Drive from a point 200 feet north of Palmer Drive to Green Valley Road (Study Length of 3.03 Miles):

Staff recommendation to retain the existing "45 MPH" speed limit with radar enforcement.

5. Speed Zone Survey on Carson Road from US Highway 50 to a point 0.57 miles east of Barkley Road and from a point 0.57 miles east of Barkley Road to a point 0.92 miles east of Barkley Road (Study Length of 1.67 Miles):

Staff recommendation to retain the existing "35 MPH" and "45 MPH" speed limits with radar enforcement, with an extension of up to 5 more years because of on-going construction within this Carson Road Speed Zone.

6. Speed Zone Survey on Blackstone Parkway from Cornerstone Drive to 1000 feet east of Royal Oaks Drive (Study Length of 1.84 miles):

Staff recommendation to retain the existing "35 MPH" speed limit on Blackstone Parkway with radar enforcement.

7. Speed Zone Survey on Bass Lake Road from US Highway 50 to 1,300 feet north of Serrano parkway and from 1,300 feet north of Serrano Parkway to Green Valley Road (Study Length of 3.91 Miles):

Staff recommendation to retain the "50 MPH" and "40 MPH" speed limit with radar enforcement.

8. Speed Zone Survey on Durock Road from Cameron Park Drive to South Shingle Road (Study Length of 2.03 Miles):

Staff recommendation to retain the "45 MPH" speed limit with radar enforcement.

COUNTY TRAFFIC ITEMS:

1. All-Way Stop Survey on Serrano Parkway at Greenview Drive (West) (Private Gated Road).

Staff recommends the approval and installation of "All Way Stop Signs" on Serrano Parkway at its intersection with Greenview Drive (West).

Michael Bastian summarized the timeline of this traffic item. A summary of that timeline

follows. The matter was brought to the attention of the Traffic Unit by the Serrano HOA. A preliminary study was prepared and presented to TAC at the December 5th, 2022, meeting. TAC directed the Serrano HOA to submit a letter along with resident petitions in support of the "All Way Stop". These items were received by the Department of Transportation on March 16th, 2022. At that time, the Traffic Unit began the Engineering and Traffic Survey for a new "All Way Stop". The survey was completed on January 6, 2023.

After the timeline was presented, TAC heard comments from Kathryn Henricksen. After those comments were heard Rafael Martinez motioned to pass the item to install an "All Way Stop". The motion was seconded by Brian Mullens. TAC passed the motion unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Request on Missouri Flat Road at Life Way to remove the passing lanes in the area of Green Valley Church.

Jim Hunnicutt summarized a request from a resident to remove the passing lanes. Staff conducted a field visit, reviewed collision history, and traffic volumes from the church and nearby schools. The existing passing lane distances do not meet current Caltrans specifications of 1,950 feet for either direction. The increase in turn movements and proximity between the church driveway and Life Way has high potential of conflict with passing lanes vehicles. Brian Mullens mentioned the growth that has taken place in this vicinity. Rafael Martinez directed staff to remove the passing lanes at this location.

2. Review the existing "No Parking Zone" on Salmon Fall Road from 250 feet south of New York Creek Bridge to approximately 2,500 feet north. Request stems from a call from a County constituent that vehicles are parking at the New York Creek foot bridge on California State Park property/County R/W at night. This location accesses a finger of Folsom Lake. El Dorado County Resolution 105-84 created a "No Parking Zone" north and south of the Salmon Falls Road New York Creek bridge that includes this visitor parking area. Thus, the parking area is included in a County "No Parking Zone". This discussion topic's purpose is to investigate changing the County resolution to incorporate that small 10 vehicle parking area for parking off Salmon Falls Road for California State Parks Folsom, public access. The secondary discussion concerns vehicles parking overnight at this location. This is a County Ordinance question as to whether overnight camping is allowed in County right-of-way.


Jim Hunnicutt summarized the roadway characteristics and request from a resident concerned with overnight camping. After conducting a field visit, it was found "No Parking" signs have been removed for approximately 220 feet. DOT will work jointly with Rich Preston from Folsom Lake State Parks to deter the public from using the trail. Brian Mullens and Rafael Martinez both recommend staff replace missing signs and collaborate with State Parks on additional measures.

3. **“No Parking Fire Lane” request from Calfire Fire Marshall, Kalan Richards, at the cul-de-sac bulb on Knollwood Court. Vehicles are parking in the cul-de-sac bulb in a perpendicular and herring-bone style of parking. Fire ladder trucks are not able to turn around in the cul-de-sac and/or negotiate the roadway. There are large apartment complexes located at the end of the cul-de-sac and the parked vehicles interfere with fighting potential fires. Staff is estimating that approximately 7 to 10 vehicles would be displaced if the “No Parking Fire Lane” were to be established in the cul-de-sac.**

Jim Hunnicutt summarized the concern from Calfire after conducting a field review to meet with the complex management. Fire apparatus had difficulty accessing a structure fire due to vehicles parked in the court. Rafael Martinez directed staff to place “No Parking” signs and red curb for 325’ at the end of Knollwood Court. Staff will also request a letter from Calfire requesting the “No Parking”/fire lane.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further questions or matters for the Committee’s attention, Chairman Rafael Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes Approved By:  on 3/23/23
Chairman Rafael Martinez Date

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