

# EL DORADO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

## WEST SLOPE Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

*Meeting Location: Zoom Conference Call*

### VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rafael Martinez, Director of Transportation - Absent  
Brian Mullens, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations - Present  
Commander Rick Hatfield, California Highway Patrol (Placerville Office) - Present  
Sergeant Kevin Pebley, El Dorado County Sheriff's Department - Present  
Helaina Wilkinson, County's Risk Management Office – Present

### STAFF:

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

### PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

A total of two (2) attendees of the public and zero (0) panelists were in attendance via the Zoom video conferencing application at this Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.

Fred Ott  
Karen Feathers

### MINUTES

Chairman Brian Mullens called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order at 9:02 a.m. with Commander Rick Hatfield, Sergeant Kevin Pebley and Helaina Wilkinson present via Zoom conference.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

**OPEN FORUM:**

Fred Ott expressed his concerns of vehicles passing on the right at the intersection of Mother Lode Drive and Holiday Lake Drive. When eastbound vehicles are stopped waiting to make a left turn onto Buckeye Road, Mr. Ott has observed vehicles passing on the right, making unsafe turn movements. He recommended placing a "No Passing on the right" sign. Brian Mullens said, staff will follow up with Mr. Ott and discuss the findings and effective sign options.

**"ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS" ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The Committee may approve any or all the following "Engineering and Traffic Surveys" in an omnibus approval. Items not approved in the omnibus Consent Calendar will be addressed separately by the Committee. Chairman Brian Mullens motioned to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Helaina Wilkinson.

- 1. Speed Zone Survey on Enterprise Drive from Forni Road to 0.49 of a mile east (Study Length of 0.49 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 30 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 2. Speed Zone Survey on Forni Road County maintained portion between the Placerville City Limits from Gold Nugget Way (MP 4.79) easterly to the terminus at the Placerville City Limit (Study Length of 0.69 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 25 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 3. Speed Zone Survey on Forni Road from Pleasant Valley Road to Missouri Flat Road (Study Length of 2.01 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 35 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 4. Speed Zone Survey on Marshall Road from a point 1,000 feet south of Garden Valley Road to 850 feet south of Black Oak Mine Road (Study Length of 0.82 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 40 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 5. Speed Zone Survey on Middletown Road from westerly City Limits to easterly City Limits of Placerville (Study Length of 0.20 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 30 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.

- 6. Speed Zone Survey on Royal Oaks Drive from Latrobe Road to Blackstone Parkway (Study Length of 0.86 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 40 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 7. Speed Zone Survey on Malcolm Dixon Road from Salmon Falls Road to 0.75 miles east of Uplands Drive (Study Length of 1.00 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 35 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 8. Speed Zone Survey on Pleasant Valley Road from Mt. Aukum Road west 0.50 miles through the town of Pleasant Valley (Study Length of 0.50 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 45 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 9. Speed Zone Survey on Pleasant Valley Road from Mother Lode Drive to State Route 49 (West) (Study Length of 1.31 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 25, 35, and 45 mph speed limits with radar enforcement.
- 10. Speed Zone Survey on Missouri Flat Road from a point 300 feet north of El Dorado Road to State Route 49 (Study Length of 2.40 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 45 mph speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 11. Speed Zone Survey on Mother Lode Drive from South Shingle Road to a point 600 feet east of Buckeye Road (Study Length of 1.25 Miles):**  
Staff recommendation to retain the existing 35, 45, and 50 mph speed limits with radar enforcement.

### **COUNTY TRAFFIC ITEMS:**

N/A

### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Request to remove a passing lane on Latrobe Road in the vicinity of Avanti Drive.**  
Staff received a request from a resident on Avanti Drive to evaluate the passing lane distances.

Jim Hunnicutt presented a summary of this segment between Investment Boulevard and Royal Oaks Drive. The passing lane does not meet current Caltrans Standard of 1,950 feet for 55 mph. There is a four-lane segment of Latrobe Road approximately one-half mile north of this area. There have been two reported collisions in the vicinity of Investment Boulevard which were not related to the passing lane. Staff recommends the removal of this passing lane due to not meeting the current standard distances. Brian Mullens directed staff to move forward with the removal of the passing lane.

