



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM -
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:

Council Member: Cary Wiest

Committee Members: Larry Sweeney (Committee Chair), John Ruggeiro (Committee Vice Chair)
Gary Lauder, Michael Lempres, Mary Widmer

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members in attendance with the exception of M.Lempres who arrived at 6:02 pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of May 2014 meeting

The May minutes were approved by all members with the following comments from G. Lauder & M. Lempres:

L. Sweeney mentioned there was some confusion on 5.3 c. and the scheduling of the Fair Oaks Lane issue for a future T/C agenda item.

G. Lauder suggested that the word "round-about" should not be hyphenated, but one word to be grammatically correct and to facilitate computer searches.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Open discussion items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS: (15 minutes + questions/answers)

5.1 a. Encinal Traffic Plan – Ahmad Sheikholeslami

Mr. Shiekholeslami provided the Committee a presentation on the Encinal School Traffic Plan. The capacity is 680, enrollment is 780 and an additional campus is planned for Fall of 2016.

G. Lauder inquired if school administrators encouraged parents to have students rideshare, how student pickups were coordinated, and suggested eliminating left turns from eastbound Encinal into Encinal School to limited traffic congestion.

L. Sweeney asked about future student population growth at Encinal and the left turn problems on Encinal. He also requested Staff to provide updates on efforts to reduce traffic congestion at future Transportation Committee meetings.

J. Ruggeiro also made comments on the issue of student enrollment numbers at Encinal School and its impact on traffic congestion.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1 OLD BUSINESS: (STATUS OF)

- a. Stop light – Selby/El Camino Real – G. Siebert
G. Siebert related that Council declined to direct action on this item.
- b. Hybrid Beacon – G. Siebert
G. Siebert said Caltrans continues with designs at Alejandra and Isabella.
- c. Middlefield/Linden – G. Siebert
G. Siebert advised that M. Kashiwagi met with Chair L. Sweeney and Sandy Lee and will be proposing signing/stripping changes.
- d. Pedestrian Grant application – G. Siebert

G. Seibert stated the Grant application is being finalized by Alta, but it does not look promising.

- e. Status and discussion of roadway undulation policy (speed humps) – G. Siebert, E. Flint
Flint provided an overview on the recent Fair Oaks Lane speed survey and collision data for the past 5 years. A general discussion of possible traffic calming devices for Fair Oaks Lane such as speed humps, crosswalk striping and pedestrian advisory signs followed. During public comment, Kyle Enright expressed concern for the safety of his children and others on Fair Oaks Lane. Resident Ringham commented on the need for a Town traffic calming policy, the speed survey and the value and deployment of police personnel.
The committee moved conduct a study session on 8-12-14 regarding traffic calming.

6.2 NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Selby & Atherton—turn pocket for W/B traffic backup - G. Siebert

The committee recommended that the problem of morning and afternoon queues be analyzed.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS:

7.1 Police Traffic Unit

- a. Monthly Report for May 2014
- b. Monthly Report for June 2014

E. Flint reviewed the Police Department’s monthly Traffic Reports for May and June.

7.2 Public Works Updates

- a. McCormick & Watkins—crosswalk visibility

G. Siebert reported that a staff engineering analysis concurred that the crosswalk should be relocated to the other side of the intersection to improve visibility.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday September 9, 2014

8.0 ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING:

A motion was approved for a study session on August 12, 2014 to consider traffic calming issues for Fair Oaks Lane.

L. Sweeney proposed a second study session in October 2014 to review the impacts of outside development on Atherton streets.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully Submitted,

Edwin Flint, Chief of Police