
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Chair Woodruff at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Woodruff.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Chair Larry Woodruff, Vice Chair Greg Staar, Commissioner Len Herman, Commissioner Mark Jones.

Absent: Commissioner David Wheeler.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2018, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/VICE CHAIR STAAR.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, COMMISSIONER WHEELER ABSENT.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC SPEED CONDITIONS ON SANTA VITTORIA DRIVE BETWEEN RIDGE ROUTE DRIVE AND LAKE FOREST DRIVE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by residents of the Laguna Village Community regarding speeding, collisions and oversized vehicle parking on Santa Vittoria Drive between Ridge Route Drive and Lake Forest Drive. Based upon the resident's concerns, Staff initiated a traffic engineering evaluation of Santa Vittoria Drive between Ridge Route Drive and Lake Forest Drive. The speed surveys determined the 85th percentile speeds on Santa Vittoria Drive as 40.6 mph near the northerly end towards Lake Forest Drive and 35.6 mph near the southerly end towards Ridge Route Drive. The 85th percentile speed measurement at the northerly end towards Lake Forest Drive is higher than expected.

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A five-year traffic collision history review indicated only one collision as “speed related.” Consequently, no change to traffic controls was recommended, and additional traffic enforcement by the Sheriff’s Department and driver education through the use of the radar speed trailer was recommended.

Ms. Shah also indicated that a site distance evaluation determined restricted parking would improve site distance for exiting vehicles at one driveway location. Staff recommended that a no parking regulation be established for 60 feet north of Caminito Costa. The no parking area would provide appropriate site distance for vehicles given the layout and design of Santa Vittoria.

Ms. Shah noted that a previous traffic evaluation was performed on Santa Vittoria Drive between Ridge Route Drive and Lake Forest Drive in December 2016. The traffic data at that time showed the prevailing traffic speeds to be consistent with the posted speed limit. Traffic volumes were also consistent with historic counts. Given the current speed survey results, Staff will return to this location in approximately six months’ time and perform follow up speed surveys.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL A MODIFICATION OF THE PARKING ALLOWED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SANTA VITTORIA DRIVE TO RESTRICT PARKING FOR 60 FEET NORTHERLY OF CAMINITO COSTA TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE AND TO INCREASE SPEED ENFORCEMENT AS RESOURCES PERMIT, BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/VICE CHAIR STAAR.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, COMMISSIONER WHEELER ABSENT.

4.2 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC SPEED CONDITIONS ON RAPID FALLS ROAD BEWTWEEN HIDDEN TRAIL ROAD AND LOST TRAIL DRIVE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted regarding concerns of vehicular speeding on Rapid Falls Road from Hidden Trail Road to Lost Trail Drive. Due to resident’s concerns, Staff initiated a review of the travel speeds and traffic collision history on Rapid Falls Road between Hidden Trail Road and Lost Trail Drive.

The Traffic Engineers of Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., (HCI) completed the traffic study. The speed survey determined the 85th percentile speeds on Rapid Falls Road as 32.4 mph near the west end towards Hidden Trail Road and 31.8 mph near the east end towards Lost Trail Drive. While the regulatory speed limit on a residential street is 25 mph, Staff’s experience has found the typical prevailing speed range on residential streets in the City as being between 32-34 mph, without adverse traffic collision history. A five-year traffic collision history report determined there were no traffic collisions reported along this segment during the time period. Consequently, no change to traffic controls was recommended.

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Ms. Shah indicated police enforcement of driver behavior was the best and appropriate remedy, and staff would work with the Sheriff's Department on enforcement activity in this area and also post the radar trailer in this area to increase driver education as to the appropriate speed on Rapid Falls Road.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, BY M/VICE CHAIR STAAR, S/COMMISSIONER HERMAN.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, COMMISSIONER WHEELER ABSENT.**

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant McFatridge indicated he did not have anything to report.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

5.3 NOVEMBER TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

The November Traffic Commission meeting will be held the prior to Thanksgiving, if necessary.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner Comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Woodruff declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Prepared By:

Amber Shah, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Approved By:

Chair Larry Woodruff