

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 EQUESTRIAN TRAIL CROSSING EVALUATION

Staff stated that this issue was introduced at the Traffic Commission meeting of July 18, 2012, by Ms. Bonnie Adams, a resident of Lost Colt Drive, with regards to equestrian trail crossing issues in the Nellie Gail Ranch community. Ms. Adams listed a number of crossings of concern but focused on two, namely Nellie Gail Road east of Lost Colt Drive and Nottingham Court south of Oso Parkway. She also stated that her main concerns included the speed of traffic and failure of motorists to yield to equestrians at trail crossings. As a result of her concerns, staff met with Ms. Adams in the field to discuss traffic control standards and requested that the City's Consulting Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. perform a traffic analysis and field review of the two locations. Mr. Jerry Stock provided a summary of his report at this meeting. As a result of the findings of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., and in accordance with the Residential Streets Traffic Management Policy and the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), staff is recommending the addition of signage and striping, additional traffic speed enforcement, and establishment of an equestrian ad hoc committee to evaluate and prioritize improvements to equestrian trail crossings in the community.

Mr. Jerry Stock, of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., discussed the methods used in performing the Equestrian Trail Crossing analysis and summarized the results of the 24-hour, 7-day speed and traffic volume count assessment. Results determined that the 85th percentile speed ranged from 33 to 38 miles per hour indicating speeding is occurring, traffic volumes were low but typical for residential streets, and pedestrian activity was low. Review of accident history revealed no reported traffic collisions over a three-year period. Following the guidelines for the implementation of traffic control devices found in the MUTCD and the results of this analysis, it was determined these equestrian trail crossing locations do not meet the standard requirements for marked crosswalks or in-pavement lights. Mr. Stock stated that in conclusion it is recommended that speeding be addressed through increased enforcement, public education be increased via use of the portable radar trailer, and driver awareness of the equestrian trail crossing be enhanced by implementing the sign package that the community has previously adopted.

Ms. Bonnie Adams, a resident of Lost Colt Drive, voiced her concerns regarding traffic speeds and equestrian trail safety in the Nellie Gail Ranch Community, and provided the Traffic Commission with a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Nellie Gail Trail Crossing Safety Study." The presentation included information on in-pavement signal lights, active warning LED Enhanced Signage, "Smart Crosswalks," and speed humps. Ms. Adams discussed various options available and requested that the Traffic Commission consider the installation of in-pavement lighting systems at three trail crossings as a pilot project.

Ms. Linda Mudd, a resident of Dapple Grey Drive, thanked the Traffic Commission for their time, discussed her experiences using the trail crossings, and requested that the Traffic Commission consider the installation of marked equestrian trail crosswalks and address the traffic speed issues.

Mr. Jim Anderson, a resident of Richspring Circle, thanked the Traffic Commission for their time, discussed his experiences using the equestrian crossings in Nellie Gail, and stated that he is in favor of enhanced crosswalks and the formation of an ad hoc committee to look at alternative options.

Ms. Jean Bland, a resident of Lost Colt Drive, presented the Traffic Commission with a letter and copies of documents dating back to 1997, in review of past speeding issues on Lost Colt Drive and stated that she is in favor of enhanced crosswalks and signage.

Ms. Wendy Fox, a resident of Jasmine Creek Lane, thanked the Traffic Commission for their efforts, discussed her experiences using the trails in Nellie Gail, and stated that she is in favor of working together to make the Nellie Gail trails and equestrian trail crossings safe for everyone.

Mr. James Vaughn, a resident of Dillon Road, thanked the Traffic Commission for their efforts and stated that he is in favor of only the staff recommendation.

Mr. Barry Roa, a resident of Stageline Drive, thanked the Traffic Commission for their service, discussed his experiences using the trails, and stated that he is in favor of enhanced equestrian trail crossings.

Ms. Catherine Buller, a resident of Solano Court, thanked the Traffic Commission for their time, discussed her experience using the equestrian

trail crossings, and stated that she is in support of enhanced crosswalks and speed humps.

The Commission engaged in a discussion with staff, Mr. Stock, and residents regarding the various issues and options available to address equestrian trail crossings. Topics discussed included: (1) marked crosswalks at uncontrolled (mid-block) locations; (2) pavement markings; (3) in-roadway pavement lighting; (4) activated lighting; (5) equestrian trail sign package; (6) site distance analysis; (7) driver awareness; (8) advanced driver notification; (9) speed humps/bumps; and (10) ad hoc committee formation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FROELICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOW, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS A FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING EQUESTRIAN CROSSING ISSUES: (1) THE ADDITION OF SIGNAGE AND STRIPING AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED VICINITY MAPS AT THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL CROSSINGS OF NELLIE GAIL ROAD EAST OF LOST COLT DRIVE AND NOTTINGHAM COURT SOUTH OF OSO PARKWAY; (2) IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT; AND (3) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EQUESTRIAN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO PRIORITIZE AND EVALUATE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL CROSSINGS IN THE COMMUNITY.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Frazier, Froelich, Vice Chair
Rowe, Chair Hillis

NOES:
ABSENT:

4.2 SIGHT DISTANCE ANALYSIS AT PASEO DE VALENCIA SOUTH OF ALICIA PARKWAY AT THE "RALPHS" ENTRANCE

Staff stated that a motorist had expressed concerns about sight distance constraints at the Ralph's shopping center drive approach on Paseo de Valencia approximately 230' southerly of Alicia Parkway. As a result of this concern, staff requested that the City's Consulting Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. perform a sight distance evaluation and operational analysis of this location. Results determined that there is adequate sight

distance in both directions. Staff is recommending that the Traffic Commission receive and file this report.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FRAZIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROWE, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Frazier, Froelich, Vice Chair
Rowe, Chair Hillis

NOES:
ABSENT:

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer and recommended the addition of two locations of concern relating to Item No. 4.1 Equestrian Trail Crossing Evaluation. Chair Dow requested that Nellie Gail Road east of Lost Colt Drive and Nottingham Court south of Oso Parkway be added to the calendar.

5.2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Chief Behrens stated that he had nothing to report in addition to his comments relating to Item No. 4.1 - Equestrian Trail Crossing Evaluation.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Hillis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. to the meeting of November 21, 2012.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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Tim Hillis
Chair