

EL DORADO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WESTERN SLOPE Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 9:00 A.M.

***Meeting Location: 2441 Headington Rd, Placerville, CA
Transportation Division***

VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Don Spear, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, Present
Lieutenant Commander Craig Root, California Highway Patrol (Placerville Office), Present
Lieutenant Jim Byers, West Slope Sheriff's Department, Present
Jon Hendrickson, Designee for County's Risk Management Office, Present

STAFF:

Darryl Brown, Transportation Division, Traffic Superintendent, Present
Patricia Gaylord, Transportation Division, Senior Engineering Technician - Present
Shane Cohen, Transportation Division, Traffic Operations Technician - Present

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Seven (7) members of the public and one (1) member of a public agency were in attendance at this Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting:

Susan Fredericks - Greenstone Road area
Carol Louis - Greenstone Road area
Barbara Cloutier - Greenstone Road area
Dana Cusack - Westlake Manor – Cambridge Road area
Colleen Rich - Westlake Manor – Cambridge Road area
Marjory Dreyer – Westlake Manor – Cambridge Road area
Sid Bazett – Rulison Townhomes – Cambridge Road area
Chris Reidel - Blackstone at El Dorado HOA

Mysti Freyenberger – Blackstone at El Dorado HOA

Ian Hoey – Placerville California Highway Patrol

MINUTES

Chairman Don Spear called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order at 9:09 a.m. with Chairman Don Spear, Lieutenant Commander Craig Root, Lieutenant Jim Byers, and Jon Hendrickson present.

CONSENT CALENDER ITEMS:

Chairman Don Spear explained the “Consent Calendar”, which allows Committee members, staff, or a member of the public to remove items from the “Consent Calendar” for further action.

Chairman Spear hearing no requests from the public for removal of any items from the Consent Calendar, called for a motion to approve the Agenda with the all items on the consent calendar. Committee member Jon Hendrickson put forth a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Committee member Lieutenant Commander Craig Root. The committee voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

OPEN FORUM:

Carol Louis, Barbara Cloutier, Marc Hogrefe, Terri Dicambio, and Susan Fredericks of the Greenstone Road area wanted to address the Traffic Committee members and re-submit the petitions for the Greenstone Road Speed Survey. Their concerns included; extremely fast motorists, clearance issues related to private roadway encroachments that were poorly engineered causing hazards upon ingress and egress, increased traffic, increased attitude, unsafe driving patterns, more commercial vehicles, change in driving patterns due to the unimproved Davidson Road where the asphalt concrete condition that is pushing more commercial traffic onto Greenstone from Davidson Road versus Mother Lode Drive. The American Legend Hall has also increased vehicular traffic to the Greenstone area, and the Capitol Improvement Project that will straighten out and widen the roadway alignment at the Slate Creek bridge which will increase the vehicular speeds within this area.

Darryl Brown, Transportation Division, Traffic Superintendent, presented the history of Greenstone Road to the group as to past Engineering and Traffic Survey’s, stating that the Traffic Advisory Committee had heard and voted to deny a 1989, 2000, and 2001 placement of a speed zone along various portions of Greenstone Road, from Mother Lode Drive to US Hwy 50.

The Greenstone area group felt that the petition is needed to address the speeds on Greenstone Road. The main issue is the need for a speed limit that can be enforced. The “Basic Speed Law” was discussed and reviewed between committee members, staff and the public. The “Basic Speed Law”

states that you can only drive at what is a safe and prudent speed with a maximum of 55 mph. Other mentioned issues included; encroachment access for property owners, having commercial development impact local roads due to "Conditions of Approval" not being addressed properly during the application process with the County.

The Committee members each spoke on this item and showed overall support of the "Engineering and Traffic Survey" being completed to determine if a speed zone could improve the driving conditions of the roadway while following the requirements of the California Vehicle Code and Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) stated that no calls had been placed into the Placerville Office of the CHP regarding concerns about Greenstone Road between Mother Lode Drive and Highway 50. The Committee members told the group how to contact the CHP and get their areas of concern addressed prior to the "Engineering and Traffic Survey" being completed. The Traffic Advisory Committee further stated that the CHP and Sheriff's Office would place extra patrols in the area. The survey will be heard at the next Traffic Advisory Committee meeting next spring.

Dana Cusack, Colleen Rich, Marjory Dreyer, and Sid Bazett of the Cambridge Road area between Calido Court and Estepa Drive (eastern portion) wanted to address the Traffic Advisory Committee members to see if an "Engineering and Traffic Survey" could be completed to address the parking issues associated with a property owner parking their large vehicle on the shoulder of the roadway near the ingress and egress of their private driveway encroachments at Westlake Manor and Rulison Townhomes (eastern portion of Cambridge Road).

The groups concerns included the limited sight distance from the encroachments due to the steep slope of the encroachment itself and the extremely limited sight distance when vehicles are parked at this location. The residents stated that there are older and disabled motorists that use these encroachments and there will be a newly licensed young driver soon.

The resident's concerns are when vehicles are parked [at this location] it becomes extremely dangerous due to the insufficient time to leave the driveway without appropriate sight distance at the encroachments. The vehicles include large trucks and other forms of construction vehicles. Residents mentioned Cambridge Road is a windy and hilly road with many sight distance issues without the need to address parked vehicles limiting the sight distance further.

The Committee members each spoke on this item and showed overall support of the residents working together to resolve the parking issues associated with the residents at Rulison Townhomes and Westlake Properties. The possible options to resolve the issue include:

- Per the property owner of Rulison Townhomes, there are attorneys for both parties and both parties have been put on notice of the complaint; having obstructions blocking sight distance for the motorists exiting both parcels. Rulison Townhomes stated that their insurance limits have been increased due to this issue. It may be advantageous to have the attorney's discuss the insurance limits on each policy as they have been put on notice until this issue can be resolved.

- The owner of the truck is creating sight distance issues by parking along the shoulder of the roadway.
- Rulison Townhomes has assigned parking on-site and those restrictions on-site mandate that the truck park off-site.
- It is currently legal to park the vehicle at this location. Therefore, it would be best to work with resident to move large truck on-site by moving the striped parking stalls or changing the allocated parking stalls to include a larger space for that resident.
- Create a temporary parking area for the large truck (less than “x” minutes) to allow “unloading” to take place near the residence with agreement to park large vehicle off-site in area that will not impact sight distance issues.
- Research the possibility of removing vegetation on-site to improve sight distance in both directions of travel for both the Rulison Townhomes and Westlake Manor properties.
- Remove vegetation and obtain encroachment permit to create landscaped area that improves sight distance and prevents parking along the shoulder of the roadway. An encroachment permit would be the only way to create this and would need to be approved through Community Development Agency Development Services prior to moving forward. This option does not have any permit process approvals from the Traffic Advisory Committee.
- Work with Cameron Park CSD to update the CCR’s to address parking on Cambridge Road within the CCR’s.
- Submit petition to the Transportation Division, Traffic Superintendent to complete a “No Parking Engineering and Traffic Survey” for a specific area on Cambridge Road to address the sight distance issues, after above bullets/methods have been thoroughly exhausted as potential solutions.

Chris Reidel and Mysti Freyenberger of the Blackstone at El Dorado HOA wished to discuss the Traffic Control Solutions Request (No Parking) for Blackstone Parkway between Valley View Parkway and Bridgeford Way. The Transportation Division, Traffic Superintendent, responded to their request with information that indicated that it was already illegal to park along the shoulder of Blackstone Road as there is a bike lane striped on the roadway.

Mr. Reidel later placed a call to the Placerville CHP to address the issue of parking being unauthorized on Valley View Parkway at Blackstone Parkway. The officer that received the call told Mr. Reidel that it wasn’t possible to enforce the parking issue at that location. Mr. Reidel and Ms. Freyenberger want to ensure that the letter from the Traffic Superintendent is accurate and is enforceable.

The Committee members, staff, and members of the public spoke about both locations and the ability to enforce on the County Maintained roadways (Blackstone Parkway) and where they cannot enforce on Non-county maintained roadways as easily (Valley View Parkway). The CHP will do some research on Valley View Parkway to verify the enforcement possibilities of the roadway.

Valley View Parkway is unique in that the County may adopt the roadway as a County maintained roadway in the future, but at this time it has not been accepted into the County maintained road

system. The letter from the Traffic Superintendent addressed Blackstone Parkway and the California Vehicle Code, the letter is accurate and the CHP will assist with enforcement when staff is available.

CONSENT CALENDER ITEMS (continued):

Committee member Jon Hendrickson put forth a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, which was seconded by Committee member Lieutenant Commander Craig Root. The committee voted unanimously to approve all items placed on the consent calendar, which is listed below.

“ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS” on CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Speed Zone Survey on Blackstone Parkway from Valley View Parkway to Cornerstone Drive (Study Length of 0.68 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to establish a “40 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 2. Speed Zone Survey on Camino Hills Drive from Vista Tierra Drive to Vista Del Mundo (S) (Study Length of 0.60 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “25 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 3. Speed Zone Survey on Cold Springs Road from Placerville City Limits to 500 feet North of Gold Trail Elementary School (Study Length of 5.41 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “40 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 4. Speed Zone Survey on Garden Valley Road from Marshall Road to 3,000 feet south (Study Length of 0.57 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “40 mile per hour” speed limits with radar enforcement.
- 5. Speed Zone Survey Pleasant Valley Road from 0.19 of a mile east of Bucks Bar Road to 0.50 of a mile west of Mt. Aukum Road (Study Length 4.20 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “50 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 6. Speed Zone Survey on Sophia Parkway from Sacramento County Line to Green Valley Road (Study Length 1.60 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “50 mile per hour” speed limit with radar-enforcement.
- 7. Speed Zone Survey on Union Mine Road from 1,400 feet south of Truscott Lane to State Highway 49 (Study Length 0.91 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “35 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.

8. Speed Zone Survey on Wentworth Springs Road beginning at a point 2,270 feet easterly of Bald Mountain Road through Quintette and ending at a point 106 feet easterly of Sand Mountain Road (Study Length 1.12 Miles):

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “45 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.

9. Speed Zone Survey on White Rock Road from Sacramento County Line to Latrobe Road (Study Length 1.13):

Staff recommendation to amend the existing “50 mile per hour” speed limit to be amended to 55 mile per hour with radar enforcement.

10. Speed Zone Memo on White Rock Road from Vine Street/Valley View Parkway to Silva Valley Parkway (Study Length 0.52):

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “55 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement until the Silva Valley Interchange Project – Phase I has been completed and the Engineering and Traffic Survey can be performed (approximately 2016 for project completion and 2017 for survey returning to the Traffic Advisory Committee).

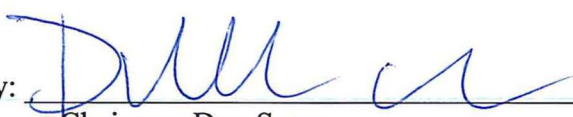
OPEN DISCUSSION:

Chairman Don Spear asked members and staff if there were any other items for the Committee’s consideration. Chairman Spear heard no requests for other items of discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further questions or matters for the Committee’s attention, Chairman Spear accepted the motion put forth by Jon Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Committee member Lieutenant Commander Craig Root. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

At 10:48 a.m., with no further questions or matters for the Committee’s attention, Chairman Don Spear adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Approved By:  on 10/2/15
Chairman Don Spear Date

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