

# EL DORADO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

## WESTERN SLOPE Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 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  
Sergeant Gilbert Lee, California Highway Patrol (Placerville Office), Present  
Lieutenant Mathew Foxworthy, West Slope Sheriff's Department, Present  
Jon Hendrickson, Designee for County's Risk Management Office, Present

### **STAFF:**

Darryl Brown, Transportation Division, Traffic Superintendent - Present  
Jim Hunnicutt, Transportation Division, Senior Engineering Technician - Present  
Jon Vegna, Transportation Division, Senior Engineering 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  
Ernie Louis - Greenstone Road area  
Barbara Cloutier - Greenstone Road area  
Stanley Price - Utilitarian Cyclist  
Lindell Price - Utilitarian Cyclist  
Robin Reynolds - Greenstone Road area  
Ian Hoey - Placerville California Highway Patrol

**MINUTES**

Chairman Don Spear called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order at 9:12 a.m. with Chairman Don Spear, Sergeant Gilbert Lee, Lieutenant Mathew Foxworthy, 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 accepted one (1) request from the public (Stanley Price) to pull items 1 through 10 from the Consent Calendar, called for a motion to approve the Agenda with item 11 on the Consent Calendar. Chairman Spear put forth a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Committee member Jon Hendrickson.

Susan Fredericks, Carol Louis, Ernie Louis, Barbara Cloutier and Robin Reynolds of the Greenstone Road area wanted to address the Traffic Committee members regarding 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, unsafe driving patterns and truck traffic. The American Legion 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 scheduled for 2018, will potentially increase the vehicular speeds within this area.

Darryl Brown, Traffic Superintendent along with Jon Vegna, Sr. Engineering Technician 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 traffic speeds on Greenstone Road have been fairly consistent in the past three (3) Engineering and Traffic Surveys spanning the last 26 years. The 2015 ADT is 1,728 vehicles with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 46 MPH, which is consistent with the previous Engineering and Traffic Surveys.

Darryl Brown stated the geometric characteristics of Greenstone Road vary so much, in that the southern portion is curvilinear and the northern portion is straight and level. In 2015, all but one accident occurred in the portion of Greenstone Road North of Davidson Rd. At this time, it was Darryl Brown’s opinion that Greenstone Road did not meet the criteria to establish a speed zone at this time.

The main issue voiced by the Greenstone homeowners from Mother Lode Drive to US Hwy 50 is the need for a speed limit sign 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. As mentioned prior, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed on Greenstone Road measured is 46 MPH.

Chairman Don Spear asked if there was a motion to approve item 11 as stated in the Engineering and Traffic Surveys, Committee member Jon Hendrickson made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Committee member Sergeant Lee made an amendment to the motion, creating a 45 MPH speed zone in the northern portion of Greenstone Road just south of Davidson Drive (MP 0.70) to Hwy 50 East bound on/off ramps, a distance of approximately 0.73 miles.

Committee member Jon Hendrickson dropped his motion and accepted Sergeant Lee's amendment. The motion was carried and approved unanimously by the Committee at 10:55am.

**CONSENT CALENDER ITEMS (continued):**

Chairman Don Spear called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to reconvene at 11:03am with Chairman Don Spear, Sergeant Gilbert Lee, Lieutenant Mathew Foxworthy, and Jon Hendrickson present to continue with items 1-10.

Item #9 - Stanley Price proposed a senior citizen zone, speed zone of 25 MPH. Chairman Don Spear asked if there was a motion, Committee Member Jon Hendrickson motioned to send this item back to Staff for further review (study length of 0.53). The motion was carried and approved unanimously by the Committee at 11:15am.

Item #10 - Stanley Price asked for an all way Yield at the intersection of Blackstone Parkway and Cornerstone Drive. Darryl Brown explained the history from prior open forum with Blackstone HOA and criteria for the Blackstone traffic control measures to keep and All-Way Stop controlled intersection. Stanley Price acknowledged staff's reason to keep an All-Way stop.

Committee member Jon Hendrickson moved to approve the Consent Calendar with exception of items 9 and 11 to be removed for further review by staff. Motion was seconded by Committee member Sergeant Lee and Committee members voted unanimously to approve items 1-8 and 10 on the consent calendar, which is listed below.

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

**1. Speed Zone Survey on South Shingle Drive from Mother Lode Drive southerly (Study Length of 1.81 Miles):**

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

**2. Speed Zone Survey on Amber Trail from Gold Ridge Trail to a point 0.78 mile west, at the end of the County's maintained (Study Length of 0.78 Miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing "35 mile per hour" speed limit with radar enforcement.

**3. Speed Zone Survey on Knollwood Drive from its southerly intersection with Cambridge Road to its most northerly intersection with Cambridge Road (Study Length of 2.22 Miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “30 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.

**4. Speed Zone Survey on Cambridge Road from US Hwy 50 to Green Valley Road (Study Length of 3.36 Miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “35 mile per hour” speed limits with radar enforcement.

**5. Speed Zone Survey El Dorado Road from Pleasant Valley Road to US Hwy 50 (Study Length 1.83 Miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “40 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.

**6. Speed Zone Survey on El Dorado Road from US Hwy 50 to Missouri Flat Road (Study Length 1.00 Miles):**

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

**7. Speed Zone Survey on Green Valley Road from the Folsom City line in an easterly direction to 100 feet east of Allegheny Road (Study Length 2.13 Miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “50 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.

**8. Speed Zone Survey on Patterson Drive from State Route 49 to 100 ft south of Solstice Circle (Study Length 1.42 Miles):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “35 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement.

**9. Speed Zone Survey on Palmer Drive (Study Length 0.53):**

Staff recommendation to retain the existing “35 mile per hour” speed limit with radar enforcement. – **Removed for further review.**

**10. All-Way Stop Survey at Blackstone Parkway and Cornerstone Drive:**

Staff recommendation to install an All-Way Stop controlled intersection at the intersection of Blackstone Parkway and Cornerstone Drive.

**11. Speed Zone Request on Greenstone Road from Motherlode Drive to US Hwy 50 EB On/Off Ramps (Study Length 1.43 miles):**

Staff recommendation to deny the speed zone on Greenstone Road from Motherlode Drive to EB US Hwy 50 On/Off Ramps. – **Denied by TAC, amended for a 45 MPH Speed Zone from approximately South Studebaker Road to US Hwy 50.**

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Don Spear asked members and staff if there were any other items for the Committee's consideration. Chairman Spear had 2 requests.

Darryl Brown brought to CHP's attention the increase of phone calls regarding the east end of Meder Rd from Ponderosa Rd to Carousel. Potential increase in speed and a sight distance concern.

Stanley Price requested Transportation Division do pedestrian and cyclist counts each time a traffic count survey is done; requesting to derive the data from pneumatic tubes. Chairman Don Spear will contact staff to see if that is possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further questions or matters for the Committee's attention, Chairman Don Spear accepted the motion put forth by Jon Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Committee member Sergeant Gilbert Lee. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

At 11:22 a.m., with no further questions or matters for the Committee's attention, Chairman Don Spear adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Approved By:  on 5/6/14  
Chairman Don Spear Date

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