



**CITY OF BELMONT
PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

October 29, 2009 – 9:30 am

Present: Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) Members and Residents.

Meeting opened and introductions were made. For each item residents presented their concern, staff presented results of investigations to date, discussion ensued and staff will further investigate and report.

Request to establish signs for school zone, install deer crossing signs and provide enforcement of the speed limit on Notre Dame Avenue by Notre Dame Elementary School.

3 residents attended this meeting to voice their option. The person who submitted original request did not attend the meeting. Several issues were raised by residents including speeding vehicles, lack of signage, excessive signage that no one pays attention to and parking in the sidewalk. City staff presented findings that included speed and volume data and collision history. It was pointed out that vehicle speed is within the allowed limits and additional signage will not be beneficial since existing signage is often ignored by the drivers. The parents of the children who attend the school were asked to contact the elementary school's principal to provide an outreach to parents about safety of driving to protect the welfare of the pedestrians.

Request to change configuration of the westbound Ralston Avenue west of South Road for traffic to merge into the left line.

No resident attended the meeting to discuss this item. The PTSC members agreed that the existing configuration does not require any changes since the geometry of the street is such that the left lane merges into the right lane.

Request to establish a no parking zone on the eastern curb of North Road at the intersection with Williams Avenue extending towards Notre Dame Avenue to avoid cars veering into the opposite lane of traffic to avoid a parked car without impeding the ability of a car on Williams Avenue to turn southbound.

Four residents attended this meeting. Several concerns were expressed:

- When cars are parked at the intersection of North Road and Williams Avenue, cars traveling southbound on North Road have to go into the opposite lane of traffic in order to get around the parked car, which might lead to a collision with the cars turning right from Williams Avenue. Therefore, red zone shall be extended from the current location on North Road at Williams to Notre Dame Avenue.
- There is existing telephone service cabinet on North Road at Williams Avenue, which occasionally has a technician working in it – therefore parking is needed at this location.

- Cars traveling southbound on North Road make a sharp turn to get to Williams Avenue without consideration of the cars exiting Williams Avenue.
- Driving northbound on North Road towards Notre Dame Avenue with due caution is not a problem.
- Existing vegetation at the corner of Williams Avenue and North Road is overgrown.
- Street light is out at the intersection of North and Williams.

City staff presented the speed and volume data and confirmed that there were no reported collisions at this location. In addition, City staff pointed out that there is already a section of North Road by the subject location which has no parking restrictions. Additional no parking restrictions will allow vehicles to travel at higher speed. City staff recommended trimming of the existing overgrown vegetation to improve the visibility at North Road/Williams Avenue.

Request to install speed humps on Coronet Blvd. between Casa Bona and Lyon Avenues.

Two residents attended this meeting and participated in discussion. City staff presented results of the traffic study and its applicability to the speed hump installation policy. The results of the study showed that the speed humps were not warranted by neither by speed and volume nor by the street grade.

Request to consider yield pavement markings at the intersection of Barclay at Monserat Avenue.

Three residents attended the meeting. They described the situation at the intersection of Monserat and Barclay. They mentioned that drivers on Barclay do not yield to Monserat traffic like they are supposed to do. This intersection is located close to the school where drivers might not be familiar with traffic conditions at the subject intersection. Drivers traveling north on Monserat often yield to people coming south on Monserat which creates confusion. Therefore they would like to have yield pavement markings at the intersection to help drivers traveling on Barclay understand that they have to yield.

PTSC members pointed out that there is already existing Yield signage in place and the pavement markings might not have any effect on driver's behavior. It was recommended to place a sign next to the Yield sign that will say that traffic on Monserat does not stop. In addition, residents were advised to talk to their HOA to provide an outreach to neighbors in regards to the traffic situation.

Ralston Avenue/Hallmark Drive school crossing safety.

PTSC members discussed this issue after receiving complaints from the parents in regards to cars not yielding to pedestrians. Police Department talked to the Crossing Guard and school district to provide educational outreach to the parents who drive their children to school. It was recommended to involve PTA and Hallmark HOA to provide an outreach both to parents and neighbors since the only traffic on Hallmark is from the residents who live there and from parents driving their children to the school.

Request to install a stop sign on Bayview Avenue at Forest Avenue.

This item was a follow-up from the previously received request. City staff conducted another study during a school year and compared the results applicability to the stop sign guidelines. The stop sign was not warranted. City staff is planning on getting a traffic engineer to revise a policy for the stop sign(s) installation.

Request to install stop signs or yield signs at DeKoven Avenue and Monserat Avenue.

This item was a follow-up from the previously received request. The residents previously expressed a concern that the data gathered previously was during school being not in full session. Therefore, City staff conducted another study during a school year and compared the results applicability to the stop sign guidelines. The stop signs on a minor street (DeKoven) were not warranted. City staff is planning on getting a traffic engineer to revise a policy for the stop sign(s) installation.