



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

May 6, 2010 – 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 and staff presented results of investigations to date followed by a discussion.

Request to install traffic calming devices at 2427 Hastings Drive to avoid cars driving on the opposite side of the street.

Three residents attended the meeting to participate in the discussion. City staff presented a summary of the previous traffic calming measures including the reason why they were put in and the approval process they underwent to be installed as well as the reason why they were removed. The residents expressed their concerns for the speeding vehicles and vehicles crossing double yellow line. Residents suggested various options to improve the traffic pattern ranging from stop sign installation to traffic calming devices, stepped-up traffic enforcement, rumble strips, lowering the speed limit. Some residents suggested that the City should get input from all the neighbors on Hastings Drive, but others objected indicating that uphill neighbors will be less inclined to any traffic calming measures that would reduce their travel speed.

City staff will conduct a speed/volume study and report the findings at the next PTSC meeting.

Request to install a No Parking Zone on Paloma Avenue at Talbryn Drive and place a convex mirror at the corner of Paloma Avenue and Broadway.

Three residents attended the meeting to discuss this issue. The following issues were raised:

- Residents have more cars than their garages can fit
- Heavy vehicles have problems navigating through the narrow street
- Traffic from San Carlos is creating a problem
- Broadway is too narrow of a street to have parking on both sides
- People park in wrong direction
- Drivers speed up and do not abide stop signs on Talbryn Drive at Paloma Avenue

The following solutions were recommended by residents:

- Make Talbryn Drive one way street (possibly going towards San Carlos)
- Parking on Broadway should be restricted on one side or at least there should be 20-30 feet of no parking by Talbryn
- Direct Traffic Enforcement

City staff assessed the concerns and indicated that they will review all the recommendations and discuss this item at the next meeting.

Request to install a 15-20 foot long guardrail above driveway to 1230 Talbryn Drive and place “Slow Down” signs for downhill traffic on Talbryn Drive. This request has been modified to include only establishment of the double – yellow striping to delineate travelway.

One resident attended this meeting to discuss the issue. He submitted a 3rd request that canceled (modified) two requests received earlier. The resident mentioned extensive speeding on Talbryn Drive, particularly in the vicinity of 1230 Talbryn Drive and recommended the following approaches to improve the situation:

- Make Talbryn Drive a one way street
- Install stop signs on Talbryn Drive at Talbryn Lane to “slow down” the traffic
- Install additional signage to slow down traffic (i.e. “Slow Down”, “Stay to Right”, etc.)
- Install speed bumps

City staff assessed the concerns and indicated that they will review these options and discuss it at the next PTSC meeting.

Request to improve parking at Winding Way/Ross Street.

Two residents attended the meeting to discuss this issue. The owner of 1505 Winding Way requested a no parking zone to be installed along the frontage of her property. She emphasized that it is common to experience a car parking in front of the residence, which impedes the safe ingress and egress of the property. The street is narrow at this location (though wider than other parts of Winding Way); a parked vehicle in the subject area encroaches into the travel way irrelevant of the car size, forcing the southbound traffic to go in the opposite lane of traffic by crossing a double-yellow line, which can be potentially hazardous. City staff confirmed that crossing a double yellow line is a violation of the California Vehicle Code Section 21460 stating “When double parallel solid lines are in place, no person driving a vehicle shall drive to the left thereof.”

City staff took this item to the May 25, 2010 Council meeting; the Council adopted a resolution to establish the red-curb zone. City staff painted the curb red on June 2, 2010.

Request to convert existing 2-way stop at North Road/Ruth Avenue into a 3-way stop.

Two residents attended the meeting and participated in discussion. City staff also received letters in support of converting a 2-way stop at North Road/Ruth Avenue intersection into a 3-way stop.

In advance of the PTSC review of this matter, staff performed a field investigation, checked accident data and reviewed conformance of the intersection with the Multiple-Way Stop Sign Guidelines adopted by the City Council on July 22, 2003. It was determined that a three-way stop is warranted.

City staff took this item to the May 25, 2010 Council meeting where it was approved. City staff will install appropriate signage in the first half of June.

Request to relocate a Stop Ahead sign for WB Lincoln Avenue to 2432/2436 Lincoln Avenue.

Three residents attended this meeting to discuss the issue. The residents adjacent to the location where the sign was recommended to be moved objected to the relocation. City staff agreed that there is adequate warning for the stop sign considering the current site distance. City staff recommended adding an arrow sign indicating the location of the stop sign. The additional sign will be mounted on the same pole where the "Stop Ahead" sign is currently located.

Request to improve traffic safety on Cipriani Blvd. at Lincoln Avenue.

Five residents attended this meeting. The following issues were raised:

- Drivers from Buena Vista pick up speed to get to Lincoln Avenue. The speed limit is not observed.
- Residents on Cipriani at Lincoln Ave. do not feel safe.
- Stop sign on Cipriani at Newlands is not observed.
- Stop sign on Lincoln at Cipriani is obstructed by trees.
- The area is a school zone and Samtrans buses use these streets.

The residents recommended reduction of the speed limit, which might not be feasible since 25 mph is a common speed limit for a residential street. Another recommendation was to post a reminder of the speed limit, which will consist of caution signage for drivers to observe the existing speed. City staff is underway with a work order to post this sign to the existing pole.

Request to waive requirements for 15 feet of no parking on both sides of the fire hydrant at 612 Southview Court.

A property owner at 612 Southview Court raised his concerns about the recently painted red curb at the fire hydrant in front of his and his neighbor's properties. The newly painted no parking zone restricted the property owner in parking his vehicle on the street across the driveway. The property owner requested an exemption to have the no parking zone shortened by 3 feet along his frontage to allow parking. However, it is a standard policy to restrict parking within 15 feet on each side of the fire hydrant. Based upon the regulations in place and assessment by the PTSC, the determination was made that no exceptions can be made in this case.