



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

DATE & TIME: TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: PACIFIC GROVE POLICE CONFERENCE ROOM - 580 PINE AVENUE

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications (*Comments from the audience will not receive Traffic Commission action at this meeting. Comments must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Traffic Commission and will be limited to three minutes. Whenever possible, letters should be submitted to the Commission in advance of the meeting.*)
3. Approval of Minutes –February 12, 2008 Meeting
Recommended Action: Approve
4. Commission and Staff Announcements
5. Correspondence

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Forrest Hill Manor Construction – The Commission will receive periodic updates as to the constructions progress and any complaints from adjacent residents or others regarding the work.
Reference: City Staff Update
Recommended Action: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action as Necessary
 - B. Crosswalk Awareness Month – The Commission will receive periodic updates as to Staff’s progress in developing plans for a “Pedestrian Awareness Month” to promote pedestrian safety in our City.
Reference: City Staff Update
Recommended Action: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action as Necessary
 - C. A request was received from Mr. David Osborne, 1272 Stuart Avenue, to discuss issues with vehicles running the stop signs at Stuart Avenue and Seaview Avenue. (Continued from last months meeting)
Reference: Traffic Engineer Malcolm Knisely
Recommended Action: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action as Necessary

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. The Traffic Commission requested that staff prepare a report regarding the painting of red curbs at driveways in the City of Pacific Grove.

Reference: Traffic Engineer Malcolm Knisely

Recommended Action: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action as Necessary

- B. Request received from Commissioner Garcia to have staff investigate the difficulty vehicles experience in exiting the parking lot (Between Fountain Ave & 15th Street) adjacent to the Monterey Credit Union.

Reference: Commissioner Carmelita Garcia

Recommended Action: Paint the curb red on 15th Street opposite the lots driveway

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are welcome to attend. The City of Pacific Grove does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities and meetings are held in accessible facilities.

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of Meeting – FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Present: Shayne, Roehl, Terry, Garcia & Leinen
Staff: Chief Engles, & Commander Nyunt
Others: None
Absent: Kathy Besag & 1 vacant position

The Traffic Commission meeting was recorded. Recordings are kept at the Police Department for review. Recordings are kept for a period of ninety days following the meeting.

1. **The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shayne at 4:05 pm.**
2. **Oral Communications:**
None
3. **Minutes of meeting held January 08, 2008.**
MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by David Terry to approve the minutes as written. MOTION passed unanimously.
4. **Commission and Staff Announcements:**
Malcolm Knisely reported that he and Commissioner George Shayne attended a David Avenue and Prescott Avenue Traffic Solutions Meeting #1 at the Hilltop Park Center in Monterey on Thursday February 7th. The City of Monterey sponsored the meeting in conjunction with the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit the concerns of residents in this neighborhood area with the idea of making improvements to traffic conditions on Davis Avenue and on Prescott Avenue. A handout was presented to the Traffic Commissioners summarizing the concerns as presented at the meeting.
5. **Correspondence:**
None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Forrest Hill Manor Construction – Update by Staff
No concerns were received.
 - B. Discuss a request to improve pedestrian safety on the streets surrounding the Gateway Center (Continued from previous meeting)
Due to the fact that a quorum would not be present because Commissioners Shayne and Garcia who live in close proximity to this area and are removing themselves from discussing and voting on this item, it was discussed whether this issue should be tabled until a future meeting. (NOTE: Until the existing two vacancies on the Commission are filled, it does not appear that this item will be resolved)

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Carmelita Garcia that this item be dropped from further consideration at this time.
MOTION passed unanimously.

- C. Crosswalk Awareness Month – The Commission will receive periodic updates as to Staff’s progress in developing plans for a “Crosswalk Awareness Month” to promote safety in our City. (Continued from previous meeting)

Chief Darius Engles presented a draft flyer that he prepared regarding “Pedestrian Safety” along with a draft memo to start the process to develop plans for the “Crosswalk Awareness Month”. Some of the ideas presented were to solicit funds from local service groups and available grants to help defray costs of pamphlets (approximately 5,000 copies), pedestrian signing, pavement markings and other related costs. The associated traffic enforcement would involve issuing warning situations the first half of the month and actual situations the remainder of the month and hopefully the enforcement will continue. It was decided to continue agendaizing this item in order that the Traffic Commission can be kept up to date of staff’s progress.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A request was received from the ADA Committee to discuss compiling a sidewalk survey in Pacific Grove.

Commissioner Garcia reported that the ADA Committee is requesting the Traffic Commissioners assistance in compiling an inventory of all existing sidewalks within the City Limits of the City of Pacific Grove. Surveying the Downtown area is the first priority of the sidewalk survey.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Jan Roehl that members of the City of Pacific Grove’s Traffic Commission support the ADA Committee’s proposal and will provide two Commissioners at this time to assist in the data gathering. MOTION passed unanimously.

- B. Discuss a request from the ADA Committee for the Traffic Commission to discuss the parking lot lighting at the golf course parking lot from dawn to dusk.

The Commission was informed that the golf course clubhouse facility will now be allowed to hold functions in the facility from dawn to dusk. It was noted that functions could now go until it gets dark. At the least it is assumed that some participants would be leaving after dark, finishing meals, cleaning up, etc. The Commissioners thought the lights are necessary for public safety. The Commission was informed that access to the lot is never chained or locked with gates, etc. after dark. The lot is also prewired for lights. Maybe fees could be attached for uses to the facility by private parties to help defray costs? Another thought was that if the lot was made totally secure before it gets dark, then it would appear to be OK not to have lights.

MOTION was made by Jan Roehl and seconded by Henry Leinen that the Traffic Commission supports the installation of lighting to provide public safety in the golf course parking lot. MOTION passed unanimously.

- C. A request was received from Mr. David Osborne, 1272 Stuart Avenue, to discuss issues with vehicles running stop signs at Stuart Avenue and Seaview Avenue. (This was previously discussed at the March 13, 2007 meeting).

Malcolm gave a brief review of the prior request. At the March 13, 2007 meeting of the Commission, a discussion was held about vehicles running the stop signs and the Public Works Department offered to look at the intersection and freshen up the stop pavement markings and possibly install stop ahead signs. The Police Department also offered to provide additional enforcement as time and personnel

permitted. The pavement markings were repainted and enforcement was stepped up. The current request concerned that vehicles were still running the stop signs.

Malcolm stated that he has requested the Public Works Department to set two traffic counters on Stuart Avenue about 20 feet in advance of the Seaview Avenue intersection. These counters will measure speed of the vehicles and should indicate the extent of the "the running of the signs". It might also indicate the time of the occurrences. The Commissioners also asked if unoccupied patrol vehicles could be parked in the vicinity.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Carmelita Garcia that this item be postponed until next month when the traffic counts will be available. MOTION passed unanimously.

- D. Traffic Commissioner Henry Leinen requested that the Sunset Drive bicycle lane be agendized in order that a discussion be held in regards to locating funds for a restriping of the bicycle lanes and pavement markings.

Commissioner Leinen has become aware that the bicycle lane striping and pavement markings need to be replaced on Ocean View Boulevard / Sunset Drive between Asilomar Avenue (near PG Golf Course) and Asilomar Avenue (at Asilomar Conference Center). The Commission was advised by the Public Works Department that funds are available for this restriping project and that the scheduling of the completion of this project is currently being formalized.

No further action is needed by the Traffic Commission.

- E. A request was received from Ms. Adele Negro, 206 Cypress Avenue, requesting a red curb be painted to the right of her driveway to allow sight distance to approaching vehicles.

Ms. Negro requested the red curb because as she exits her driveway and looks to her left toward Lighthouse Avenue, vehicles park up to her driveway which restricts her view to approaching southbound vehicles on Cypress Avenue. It was also noted by the Commissioners that parking "T"s exist on that portion of Cypress Avenue which controls the parking of vehicles to designated spaces.

Staff and the Commissioner have noted that a lot of red zones exist in the City of Pacific Grove. There does not appear to be a standard length of red curbing for these situations.

MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Jan Roehl to deny the request. MOTION passed unanimously.

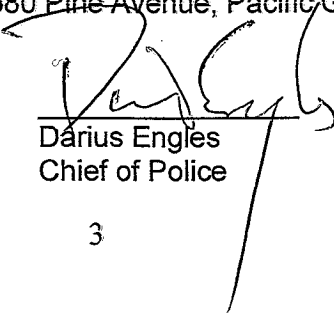
The Commissioners requested staff to come back to next month's Traffic Commission meeting with recommendations as to the length and placement of red curbing in situations such as this.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove.


Malcolm Knisely
Staff Person

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Darius Engles
Chief of Police



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE STAFF REPORT

ITEM 6-B

DATE: February 28, 2008
TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer
SUBJECT: Pedestrian Awareness – Lighthouse Avenue

BACKGROUND: At the January meeting of the Traffic Commission Mr. Winston Elstob, a resident of our City, presented his concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians in the downtown area. Mr. Elstob noted that he has been keeping a record of pedestrian/vehicle violations during his walks in and around the downtown area. A discussion followed and the Commissioners moved that the City of Pacific Grove's City Council proclaim "Pedestrian Awareness Month" in our City. At the February meeting of the Commission, Police Chief Darius Engles presented a draft flyer that he prepared regarding "Pedestrian Safety" along with a draft memo to start the process to develop plans for the "Pedestrian Awareness Month". Some of the ideas presented were to solicit funds from local service groups and available grants to help defray costs of pamphlets (approximately 5,000 copies), and pedestrian and speed signs

DISCUSSION:

Staff has determined that the focus of the pedestrian safety efforts at this time be directed to Lighthouse Avenue in the Downtown Area. This decision was reached because of the large volume of vehicles and pedestrians in this area. A field review was made of the traffic control devices on Lighthouse Avenue and it indicated that probably many drivers of vehicles (especially those from out of the area) are unaware that there is a 15 MPH speed limit on Lighthouse Avenue because of the faded pavement markings and the small two (2) 15 MPH speed limit signs that exist. It is recommended that The City install two pavement markings at each end of Lighthouse Avenue in this area "SLOW PED XINGS" in conjunction with the installation of six (6) pedestrian crossing signs at six of the crosswalks. Local service clubs will be asked if they would like to contribute to the costs of the signs.

An attached drawing indicates the existing traffic control devices on Lighthouse Avenue from 13th Street to Lobos Avenue and the proposed improvements (See attachment depicting the signs and markings):

- (a.) Install six (6) pedestrian signs at crosswalks as indicated.
- (b.) Repaint and/or paint nine 15 MPH pavement markings.
- (c.) An existing five (5) 15 MPH pavement markings are proposed not to be painted but left to fade out.
- (d.) Replace the existing 15 MPH speed signs (2) with larger signs (30"x36").

Material Costs:

6 - R1-6 In-Street Pedestrian crossing signs (36"x12") plus posts and hardware \$162.84 ea, total \$ 912.64
Price does not include sales tax and shipping. Quote from Zumar

2 - R2-1 15 MPH Speed Limit Sign (30"x36") \$ 47.25 ea, total \$ 94.50
Price does not include sales tax and shipping. Quote from Zumar

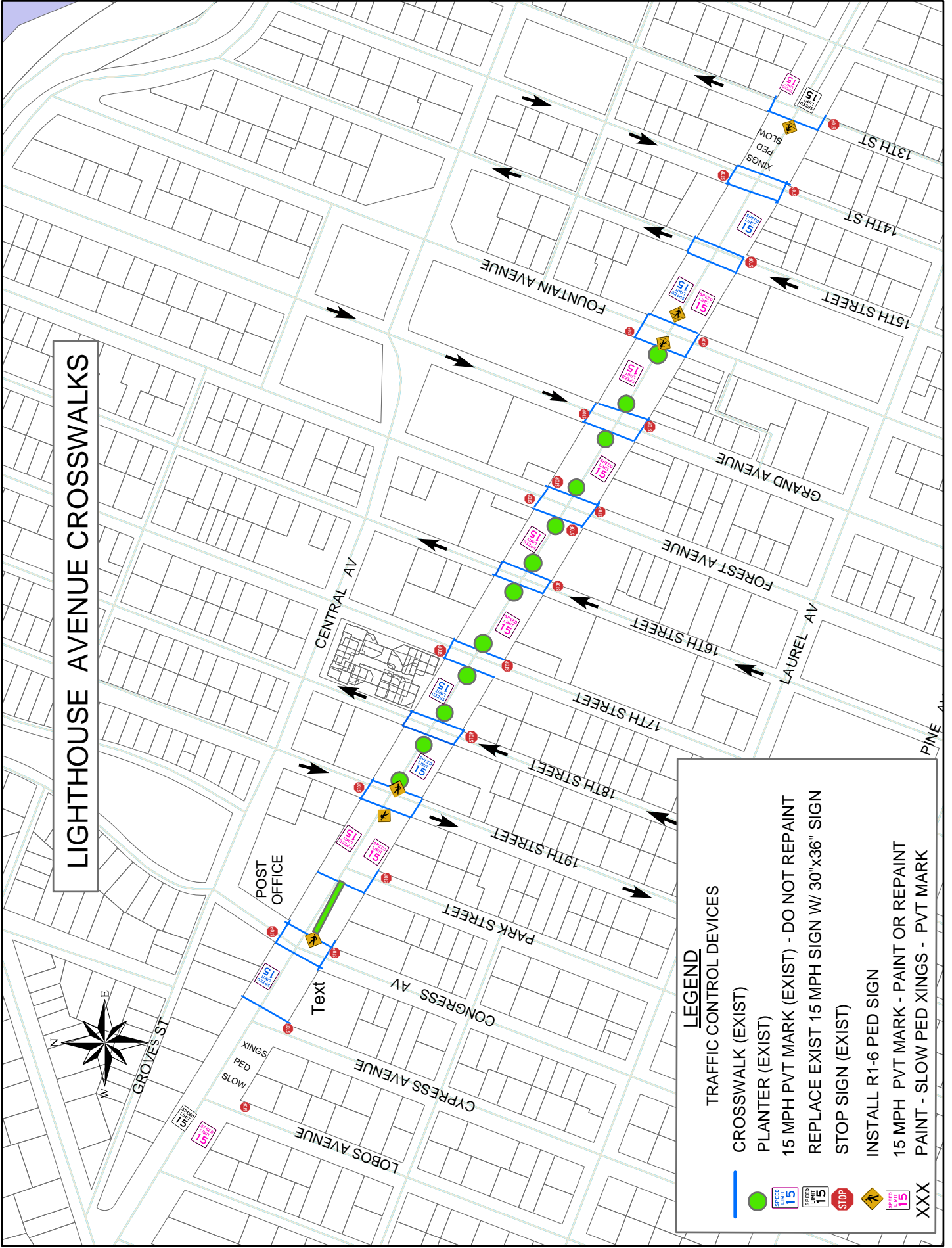
It is assumed that labor costs will be paid by the City of Pacific Grove

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that approval be given to Staff's proposal.

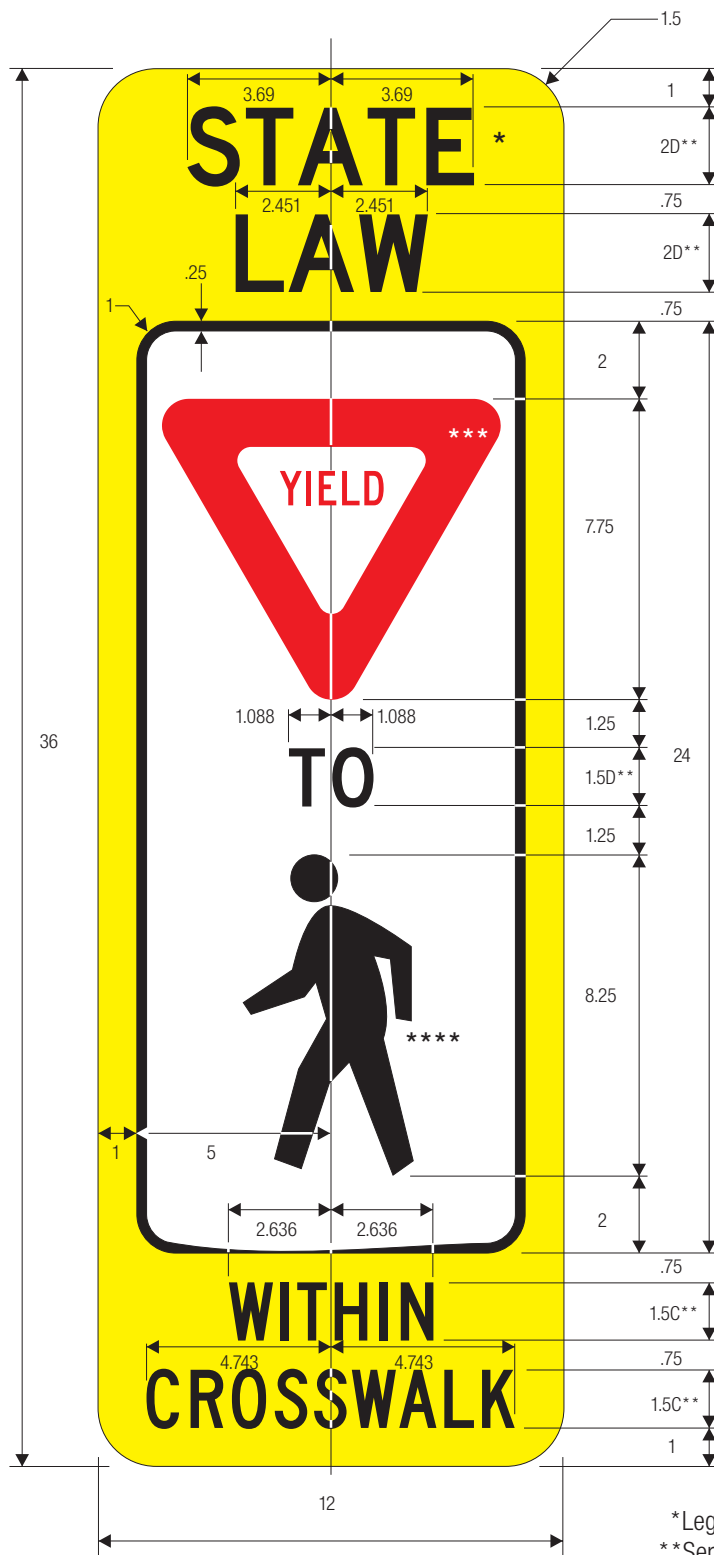
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LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE CROSSWALKS



LEGEND

- TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
- CROSSWALK (EXIST)
- PLANTER (EXIST)
- 15 MPH PVT MARK (EXIST) - DO NOT REPAINT
- REPLACE EXIST 15 MPH SIGN W/ 30"x36" SIGN
- STOP SIGN (EXIST)
- INSTALL R1-6 PED SIGN
- 15 MPH PVT MARK - PAINT OR REPAINT
- PAIN - SLOW PED XINGS - PVT MARK



R1-6
IN-STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

* Legend is optional.
 ** Series 2000 Standard Alphabets.
 *** Insert R1-2 and size to fit.
 **** See 6-10 for design detail.

- COLORS:** LEGEND — BLACK
 BACKGROUND — FLUORESCENT YELLOW-GREEN, OR YELLOW (RETROREFLECTIVE)
 YIELD SYMBOL — RED (RETROREFLECTIVE) ON WHITE (RETROREFLECTIVE)
 PED SYMBOL — BLACK ON WHITE (RETROREFLECTIVE)



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE STAFF REPORT

ITEM 6-C

DATE: February 28, 2008
TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer
SUBJECT: Stuart Avenue @ Seaview Avenue

BACKGROUND

A call was received from David Osborne, 1272 Stuart Avenue, regarding the speed of vehicles on Stuart Avenue at Seaview Avenue. Mr. Osborne previously brought this issue before the Traffic Commission on March 13, 2007. There was and it still is his concern that many vehicles do not stop for the stop signs especially on Stuart Avenue.

At the prior meeting on March 2007, Mr. Robert Verwold of the Public Works Department was present and stated "that Public Works would freshen up the paint at the intersection and possibly add "stop ahead signs". During the same meeting, Chief Engles said "the Police Department will try to have officers present as time and manpower permits (7:00am to 9:00 am & 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm)". The pavement markings have been repainted but "stop ahead signs" were not installed. The Police Department has provided traffic enforcement as time and available personnel has permitted. This item was continued over from the February 12th meeting of the Traffic Commission until traffic counts could be taken.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

As previously noted, Stuart Avenue and Seaview Avenue is a "T" intersection and both streets are classified as residential with 25MPH speed limits. There is a posted 3-way stop at this intersection and all approaching traffic is expected to stop.

DISCUSSION

The recent traffic counts as taken by the Public Works Department are attached. Also see the attached sketch. The traffic counters were set thirty (30') feet behind the stop bars on the approaching lanes to the intersection with Seaview Avenue and recorded traffic for three days. The traffic count (ADT) for eastbound approach traffic on Stuart Avenue west of Seaview Ave was 104 vehs/per day with an 85th percentile of 19.64 mph.. The total traffic for the three days was 313 vehicles and 35 of those vehicles had speeds recorded between 20 mph and 74 mph 30' from the stop bar.

The traffic count (ADT) for westbound approach traffic on Stuart Avenue east of Seaview Ave was 47 vehs/per day with an 85th percentile of 18.50 mph.. The total traffic for the three days was 142 vehicles and 7 of those vehicles had speeds recorded between 20 mph and 64 mph 30' from the stop bar.

It should be noted that the Highway Design Manual indicates that the stopping sight distance for a vehicle traveling at 20 miles per hour needs 120 feet to safely stop. Although the counters were at thirty feet from the stop bar, it was assumed that if the driver slammed on his brakes traveling at 20 MPH the vehicle probably could come close to stopping. For this reason we considered the 42 vehicles noted above that exceeded 20 MPH were either rolling through the intersection or outright running the stop signs.

The traffic counts indicate a drop of vehicles from Stuart Avenue from west of Seaview to east of Seaview Avenue. This drop off is due to vehicles going eastbound on Stuart Avenue and turning left to go north on Seaview Avenue and the returning vehicles probably make the opposite turn to go from southbound to westbound. The City did not count traffic on Seaview Avenue but most likely the same speed data would occur on Seaview Avenue as indicated on Stuart Ave.

RECOMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Police Department continue to provide traffic enforcement as time and available personnel permits. The City of Pacific Grove will periodically monitor the traffic at this intersection to determine if conditions change and other traffic control devices become warranted.

Nu-Metrics Traffic Analyzer Study
Computer Generated Summary Report
City: Pacific Grove
Street: Stuart & Seaview On Stuart

A study of vehicle traffic was conducted with HI-STAR unit number 5163. The study was done in the W/BE/O Seaview lane in Pacific Grove, Ca in Monterey county. The study began on Feb/12/2008 at 01:30:00 PM and concluded on Feb/15/2008 at 01:30:00 PM, lasting a total of 72.00 hours. Traffic statistics were recorded in 15 minute time periods. The total recorded volume showed 142 vehicles passed through the location with a peak volume of 3 on Feb/13/2008 at [15:45-16:00] and a minimum volume of 0 on Feb/12/2008 at [13:45-14:00]. The AADT count for this study was 47.

SPEED

Chart 1 lists the values of the speed bins and the total traffic volume for each bin. At least half the vehicles were traveling in the 10 - 15 MPH range or lower. The average speed for all classified vehicles was 15 MPH with 1.89% vehicles exceeding the posted speed of 30 MPH. The HI-STAR found 0.94 percent of the total vehicles were traveling in excess of 55 MPH. The mode speed for this traffic study was 10MPH and the 85th percentile was 18.50 MPH.

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CHART 1

CLASSIFICATION

Chart 2 lists the values of the classification bins and the total traffic volume accumulated for each bin. Most of the vehicles classified during the study were Passenger Vehicles. The number of Passenger Vehicles in the study was 97 which represents 92 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Vans & Pickups in the study was 4 which represents 4 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Busses & Trucks in the study was 4 which represents 4 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Tractor Trailers in the study was 1 which represents 1 percent of the total classified vehicles.

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CHART 2

HEADWAY

During the peak traffic period, on Feb/13/2008 at [15:45-16:00] the average headway between vehicles was 225 seconds. During the slowest traffic period, on Feb/12/2008 at [13:45-14:00] the average headway between vehicles was 900 seconds.

WEATHER

The roadway surface temperature over the period of the study varied between 39.00 and 68.00 degrees F. The HI-STAR determined that the roadway surface was Dry 100.00% of the time.

Nu-Metrics Traffic Analyzer Study
Computer Generated Summary Report
City: Pacific Grove
Street: Stuart & Seaview On Stuart

A study of vehicle traffic was conducted with HI-STAR unit number 5168. The study was done in the E/B W/O Seaview lane in Pacific Grove, Ca in Monterey county. The study began on Feb/12/2008 at 01:30:00 PM and concluded on Feb/15/2008 at 01:30:00 PM, lasting a total of 72.00 hours. Traffic statistics were recorded in 15 minute time periods. The total recorded volume showed 313 vehicles passed through the location with a peak volume of 9 on Feb/14/2008 at [14:45-15:00] and a minimum volume of 0 on Feb/12/2008 at [14:00-14:15]. The AADT count for this study was 104.

SPEED

Chart 1 lists the values of the speed bins and the total traffic volume for each bin. At least half the vehicles were traveling in the 10 - 15 MPH range or lower. The average speed for all classified vehicles was 16 MPH with 2.56% vehicles exceeding the posted speed of 30 MPH. The HI-STAR found 0.37 percent of the total vehicles were traveling in excess of 55 MPH. The mode speed for this traffic study was 10MPH and the 85th percentile was 19.64 MPH.

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CHART 1

CLASSIFICATION

Chart 2 lists the values of the classification bins and the total traffic volume accumulated for each bin. Most of the vehicles classified during the study were Passenger Vehicles. The number of Passenger Vehicles in the study was 252 which represents 92 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Vans & Pickups in the study was 10 which represents 4 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Busses & Trucks in the study was 9 which represents 3 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Tractor Trailers in the study was 2 which represents 1 percent of the total classified vehicles.

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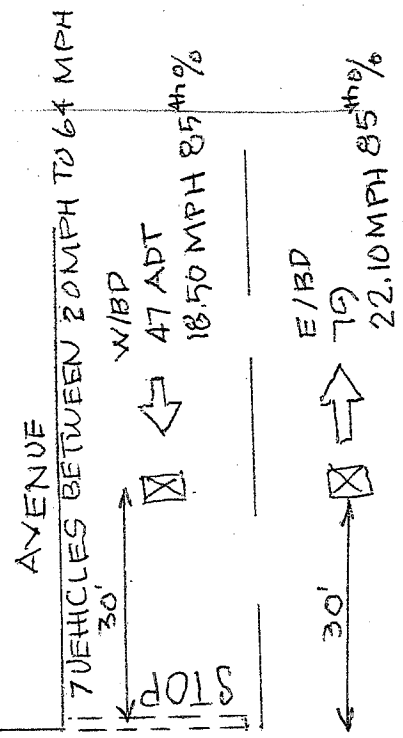
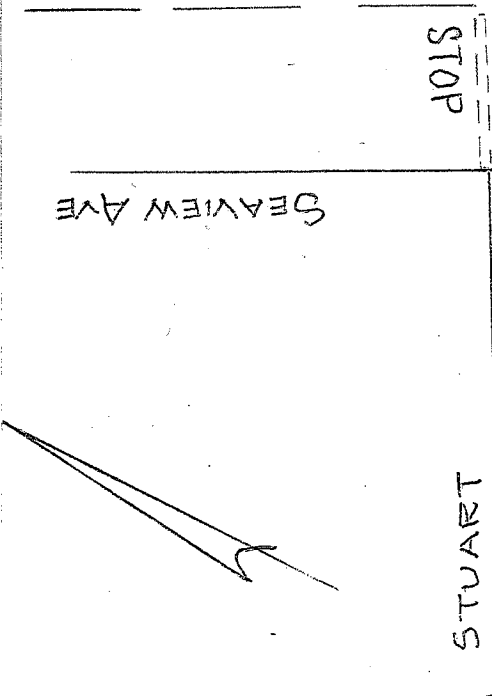
CHART 2

HEADWAY

During the peak traffic period, on Feb/14/2008 at [14:45-15:00] the average headway between vehicles was 90 seconds. During the slowest traffic period, on Feb/12/2008 at [14:00-14:15] the average headway between vehicles was 900 seconds.

WEATHER

The roadway surface temperature over the period of the study varied between 50.00 and 93.00 degrees F. The HI-STAR determined that the roadway surface was Dry 100.00% of the time.



STUART

W/BP
ADT 130
85th% 21.04 MPH

30'

E/BP
ADT 104
85th% 19.64 MPH

30'

STOP

35 VEHICLES BETWEEN 20 MPH TO 74 MPH

☒ Traffic Counter
COUNTS BEGAN/ 02/12/08
COUNTS ENDED/ 02/15/08
72 HOURS /or 3 DAYS

TOTAL VEHICLES (ADT) APPROACHING STOPS 625 = 151
42 VEHICLES OUT OF 151 WERE TRAVELING
IN EXCESS OF 20 MPH.



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE STAFF REPORT

ITEM 7-A

DATE: March 3, 2008
TO: Traffic Commission
From: Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer
Subject: The Painting of Red Curbs at Driveways

BACKGROUND

The City of Pacific Grove's Traffic Commission over the years has received many requests for painting red curbs adjacent to driveways to enable drivers of vehicles to see approaching traffic before exiting and in some cases making entry into their driveways easier.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

During a recent Commission discussion regarding a request for the installation of red curbing adjacent to a residential driveway on Cypress Avenue it was noted that there is an abundance of red curbs in our City. A lot of times it appears that no two red curbs are the same. They have different lengths; different uses accompanied by the fact that a large number of streets in Pacific Grove are narrow, some are one way, some serve commercial properties and some serve residential properties. The Traffic Commission in 2007 received eight (8) requests for red curbs; most of these were to improve residential driveway situations. In one instance, a red curb was authorized, painted and then removed three months later because the residents complained that the red curb eliminated a parking space.

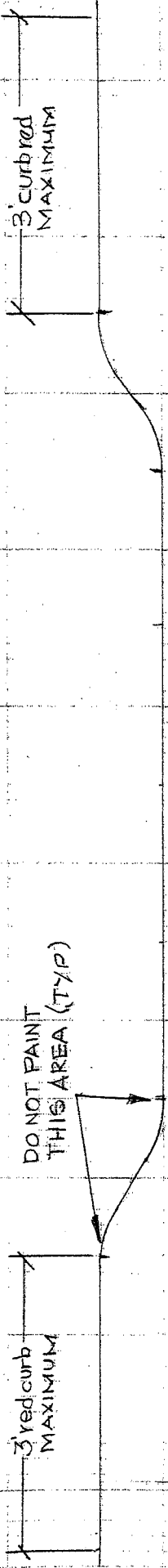
DISCUSSION

As a result of the discussion last month, the Commissioners requested that staff come back at the next meeting with recommendations as to the length and placement of red curbing especially in areas where it is placed to aid drivers of vehicles exiting and entering their driveway. Staff field reviewed some of the red curbs at driveways and it was noted some driveways had one foot red curbs on each each side and some driveways had varying lengths of red curbing from one foot to six feet and more each side.

RECOMENDATION

It is recommended that three (3') feet be the length of red curbing to be used at the sides of the driveways to improve vehicle access/exiting and sight distance (See attached sketch). It is also recommended that when there is a short distance between adjacent driveways, consideration be given to allowing twenty (20') feet of unmarked curb between the driveways for a parking space. This may reduce the length of the three foot red curb as noted above.

This standard of the three foot red curb at driveways is only to be installed when local residents have requested the red curbing for reasons stated above and that staff has concurred with the request.



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
 Standard For
 RED CURBING @ DRIVEWAYS

N.T.S.

NOTE:
 IF THREE FEET EXTENDS INTO AN
 ADJACENT PARKING SPACE, IT MAY
 REDUCED ACCORDINGLY

MARCH 2008

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CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE STAFF REPORT

ITEM 7-B

DATE: March 3, 2008
TO: Traffic Commission
From: Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer
Subject: Red Curb on 15th Street

BACKGROUND

The City of Pacific Grove's Traffic Commission has received a request to review conditions as vehicles attempt to exit the existing parking lot adjacent to the Monterey Credit Union between Fountain Avenue and 15th Street. The exit driveway is located on 15th Street. It should be noted that the parking lot is a private lot and is not owned by the City of Pacific Grove.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

A prior request expressed concern about parked vehicles on the east side of 15th Street directly opposite the exit driveway of the parking lot. It was also noted in the current request that three large trucks (vans) were parked in the lot immediately to the right of the driveway and they overhanged the parking spaces and reduced the existing driveway width by six (6') feet. The width of 15th street is 19 ½ feet. Fifteenth Street is designated one way northbound. See attached sketch

DISCUSSION

In reviewing the conditions in the field I made several drives through the lot and the last time through a large 4 door mercury was observed attempting to exit the lot and the driver dropped off the curb trying to make the left hand turn while attempting to miss the parked pickup across the street and the large vans.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the curb be painted red on the east side of 15th Street across from the parking lot and beginning at the driveway across the street and running in a southerly direction twenty-one feet.

It is also recommended that Staff contact Grapes of Wrath, the owners of the parked vans, and be asked if they could park their vehicles on the north side of the lot instead of the southerly side where they are now parking. This would make it easier for vehicles to exit onto 15th Street.