



AGENDA

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS)

September 14, 2022

6:00 P.M. Virtual Via Zoom and In-person at City Council Chambers

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1.	Call to order– Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Roll Call
3.	Approval of August 10, 2022, Minutes
4.	Committee Member Reports
5.	Citizens to be heard – For items not on agenda
6.	Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues submitted by Citizens 1. San Pablo Avenue Crosswalk at Pet Hospital 2. Shea Drive and Hoke Court

7.	Staff Updates: • CIP projects • Development Projects • Active Transportation Plan • Grants
8.	Future Agenda Items: Committee member requests
9.	Adjourn to next meeting – October 12, 2022

POSTED: Thursday, September 8, 2022

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS) MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN HONOR OF THE US MILITARY TROOPS

The Committee Meeting was held via a Zoom videoconference and broadcast from the Pinole Council Chambers, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Committee Member Dunham-Sims Chaired the meeting and called the Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ben Doyle
Faith Dunham-Sims
Oliver Collins
Kent Moriarty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

none

B. STAFF PRESENT

Sanjay Mishra, Public Works Director

3. AUGUST 10, 2022, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

PUBLIC COMMENTS OPENED for Item #4

Peter Myers: I'm a Tara Hills resident and my kids go to St. Joseph's. RE: the fatal collision on Tennent Ave. at Pear St., I would like to know what the City staff and Council are doing about the intersection. It's unclear what the process is going forward. It doesn't take long to see close calls for accidents when walking or running around in the community. Lack of visibility in the morning and evening on San Pablo Ave. and insufficiently marked pedestrian crossings are a problem. Would like to see it prioritized. What are the next steps?

Public Works Director Mishra: the City is taking action at Tennent Ave. and have hired a consultant. We are in constant communication with the principal from St. Joseph's school and are looking at options together. Will be agendaized at the City Council in October. The TAPS Committee has addressed this issue twice, once before and once after the fatal collision.

Committee Member Moriarty: what has the consultant been asked to do? Have they been given a broad or narrow mandate?

Public Works Director Mishra: initially we are going to look at traffic calming and visibility at 4 locations: Tennent Ave. at Plum and Pear Streets, Appian Way at Mann Dr., and Savage Ave. As the budget allows, we will expand our scope. TAPS along with citizens can go to the City Council with recommendations for a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to receive the required funding for corridor studies.

Anthony: suggested that the webinar ID# and phone number be posted on the TV screen for all City meetings during the entire meeting.

There are 6 streetlights out on Pinole Valley Rd. and the striping is faded. We'd like to see some action taken. The Pinole Library parking lot lights are out as well.

Citizen: I agree with previous speaker, we're waiting for an accident to happen. We need the money to get this done, the sooner the better. The Tennent sidewalk near the farmer's market needs repair, people are tripping. Mark it with spray paint until it can be repaired. Curbs where WestCAT picks up also need to be painted so people don't park there.

Public Works Director Mishra: thank you for your comment, can you confirm which bus stop curb needs to be painted?

Citizen: the corner of Marionola Way and Marlesta Rd. There's always someone parked there.

Public Works Director Mishra: I will take a look at it, thank you.

Charlene: my children go to St. Joseph's; I agree with the first gentleman that spoke. My goal is to understand how the communication works and what measures are being taken to ensure transparency. Everyone is passionate about improving pedestrian safety. I'm also a bike rider and bike with my children, bike safety is also lacking. I ride the bus as well and think it's important to delineate bus stops. I'm willing to offer my help in any way I can. I'm cautious about the safety of my family as well as everyone else's. Thank you.

Public Works Director Mishra: thank you for your comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED for Item #4

6. TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS

1. San Pablo Ave. Crosswalk at the Pinole Pet Hospital:

Public Works Director Mishra: I received a request for pedestrian crossing lighting for the existing crosswalk on San Pablo Ave. at the Pet Hospital, which is 3rd Ave. Drivers don't stop for pedestrians. I've noted it as one of the future project sites when evaluating the corridor.

Committee Member Collins: I'm familiar with the intersection and cross there. Do these complaints get forwarded to the Police Dept. to get extra patrol or enforcement? I'm not sure what the immediate course of action is.

Committee Member Moriarty: the request was to put in some type of lights, that could take a long time. Some interim remedy might be painting saw teeth or something like what we have on Tennent Ave. that could have an impact until we have a permanent solution. Is that possible?

Public Works Director Mishra: that's possible, yield signs and saw teeth can be added to the road itself. We probably already have yield signs. It's a 35-40 mph speed limit and people probably drive faster than that. If a pedestrian is in the middle of the street things can go wrong.

Committee Member Dunham-Sims: studies have shown that at mid-block crossings, pedestrian-activated signals that turn from green to red when activated are effective. I agree that because it's 4

lanes, people tend to fly through there. I'd like to add that type of signal to the list of considerations as a longer-term solution to the problem there.

2. Shea Drive and Hoke Court:

Public Works Director Mishra: a member of the public is here to comment on this item.

Anna: my husband José and I live at the intersection of Shea Dr. and Hoke Ct. We've noticed that there's been an issue of driver's running the stop sign ever since traffic lights were added to the Pinole Valley corridor. People use Shea Drive as a short-cut. We've brought this issue to the Police Dept. but didn't get the result we were hoping for. We've brought this issue here today in hopes of a change, maybe repainting the stop sign markings? Also, possibly pedestrian crossing lights to make it safer to cross the street. It's a school intersection and drivers still don't stop. My daughter was hit there several years ago. We also have people doing donuts right in front of my driveway. My neighbor can't cross the street because drivers won't stop.

Committee Member Doyle: is the traffic on Shea mostly going up to Appian Way?

Public Works Director Mishra: yes, that's what it sounds like.

Committee Member Moriarty: the Local Road Safety Plan seems to be the place for these concerns to be recorded. How can we address this and other concerns without them being forgotten about?

Public Works Director Mishra: the Local Road Safety Plan identifies high-injury corridors and intersections. An addendum can be attached to it. I'm also keeping a log of safety concerns that have been brought to TAPS. All those that I can act on I will complete. When I need support from the Council for funding and other resources, I'll add it to the Local Road Safety Plan or a CIP. Whatever is being brought to this Committee will not get lost.

Edgar: I want to reiterate what the previous person spoke about on Shea and Hoke. It's an extremely dangerous intersection. People are definitely running that stop sign. I see it all day long. I told the PD that I can't pinpoint the exact times. Six years ago I was walking my dog at the intersection, he was hit there and we lost him. Hoke Dr. also has an "S" curve with a blind spot that people speed down, speed bumps or flashing slow down signs would help. Thanks for your time.

Public Works Director Mishra: thank you for your comment.

St. Joseph's School Principal: I'd like to comment about Tennent Ave. I'm privileged to be here and hear about what the City of Pinole is doing about some of these problem areas. One of my colleagues was killed a couple of months ago walking across the street with a distracted driver. Also, some of our parents want to make a left onto Tennent Ave. and we could use some help, possibly with a larger sign. What are the plans for slowing people down on Tennent to make them more aware of people crossing the street? We've been proactive with crossing guards in the morning and afternoon, I don't have all the slots filled but I'm appreciative of parents taking it on, but it doesn't slow the cars down.

Public Works Director Mishra: thank you for your comment.

Ms. Ruppert: what's being discussed is so important. It's important to be proactive. Possibly having the PD or a Council member at the TAPS meetings? Bicyclists are interested in this issue as well. Even doing something temporarily would be good. People need to feel safe walking and driving around.

Public Works Director Mishra: thank you for your comment.

7. STAFF UPDATES:

- **Roadway Striping:** faded striping all over the City has been brought up by several members of the public. The Public Works Dept. refreshes stripes every year through the summer. We are in the process now of refreshing a lot of the red curbs. We will also be doing roadway striping. It will be scheduled as staffing is available.
- **Capital Improvement Projects:**
 - **Appian Way and Marlesta Road Intersection Project:** the bid due date is September 21st. It will be awarded sometime in October. It's for new traffic light installation.
Committee Member Doyle: there's an obstruction in the sidewalk that's been there for a couple of weeks. The middle school kids are walking around it into the street. Can you see if the project manager or a construction person can open the sidewalk back up?
Public Works Director Mishra: the above project hasn't started yet so this must be part of the fiber optic installation. I'll have our Public Works Inspector take a look at it.
 - **Pinole Valley Road Improvement:** the design for this hasn't moved much, we are trying to get a grant for it. The preliminary design is available and we'll be looking into some design changes possibly adding a bike lane.
- **Development Projects:** the City is currently reviewing the Pinole Vista Project at 1500 Fitzgerald Dr. as well as Pinole Shores II. Committee members and members of the public are welcome to look at the project's details at the City's website and provide feedback to the Planning Commission.
- **Active Transportation Plan:** is part of our CIP and is slated to be competed in the next fiscal year. I'm currently working on the Request For Proposals. Because it's a CIP project we'll be engaging a consultant to do the work. Once it's been prepared by the consultant, TAPS Committee members and the public will have an opportunity to provide their input.
- **Grants**
 - **HSIP Grants Submitted**
 - **OBAG 3 Submitted for 2 Projects: Pinole Valley Rd. and Tennent Ave. at Railroad Ave.**

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Requests

Committee Member Doyle: at the park on the corner of Primrose Lane and Pinon Ave. in the grass near the entrance on Primrose there's a pothole. I watched 2 people trip over it and I sprained my ankle stepping into it about a year ago and it's still there. I think it's probably something we should address. It's in the grass so it's hard to see.

Public Works Director Mishra: I will note it as an Operations and Maintenance item and have Public Works go and take a look at it.

Committee Member Moriarty: I think continuing these conversations at this committee meeting and getting the public's input is essential to getting these high-priority issues elevated to the Council and receiving CIP monies. I hope this is what will happen in the future.

Public Works Director Mishra: I will make this a future agenda item for discussion.

Committee Member Dunham-Sims: there used to be a hotline for recording graffiti in the City, is that still the case?

Public Works Director Mishra: I didn't know there was a hotline. If you send an email to Public Works I'll have someone take a look at it and find out.

Committee Member Doyle: could we implement a program that can possibly be done by volunteers that addresses all of the traffic, pedestrian, and bike issues in the City? Is this one way we can take a proactive. systematic approach?

Committee Member Collins: I think that's a good idea. I know of a community that has an online reporting system for this: SeeClickFix. I believe it puts all of the complaints into a spreadsheet and makes them easily trackable. Community members can send an email and attach pictures. I think it's no or low cost.

Public Works Director Mishra: we have looked at the SeeClickFix system for the City of Pinole and we are working with our IT Dept. to get a similar system. SeeClickFix is not free for the City. The GIS system we are looking at, Citizen Reporter, is similar to SeeClickFix and we are already a subscriber. We are looking to put it in place but it will take a while. I already have the City Manager's approval. Currently the best method to report an issue is by emailing publicworks@ci.pinole.us.

Committee Member Doyle: could we add a standing item to the agenda that states how to contact the TAPS Committee and request or report an issue as it currently stands?

Public Works Director Mishra: yes, I'll include that on the next agenda and in my slides.

Committee Member Collins: I'd like to request the PD to do a presentation within this quarter on traffic safety: citations, collisions, areas where they've received a number of complaints and what kind of enforcement is being done.

Public Works Director Mishra: I will make this a future agenda item for discussion. We invite the PD to come to all of the TAP'S meetings. I'll request to have a presentation done from Chief Gang.

9. ADJOURNMENT to the next meeting on October 12, 2022.

At **7:27 PM** Chair Dunham-Sims adjourned the meeting of the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting on September 14, 2022.