



AGENDA

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS)

August 10, 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.	Committee Member Reports
4.	Citizens to be heard – For items not on agenda
5.	Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues submitted by Citizens 1. Crosswalk at Tennent and Plum Street (per Committee member request) 2. Crosswalk at Tennent and Pear 3. Pinole Valley Road and Savage
6.	Staff Updates: • CIP projects • Development Projects • Active Transportation Plan • Grants

7.	Future Agenda Items: Committee member requests
8.	Adjourn to next meeting – September 14, 2022

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TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS) MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 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 6:01 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ben Doyle
Faith Dunham-Sims
Kent Moriarty
Oliver Collins

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

none

B. STAFF PRESENT

Sanjay Mishra, Public Works Director

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

PUBLIC COMMENTS OPENED for Item #4

Matt Avery: RE: 30 feet of red curb on Pinole Valley Road south of Rafaella. During the April meeting a motion was made to have Mr. Mishra survey the area, contact the church and adjacent property owners and report back on a solution. During the May meeting Mr. Mishra reported that he completed the survey and the 2 spots needed to be yellow or red curbed but had yet to contact the church. Was this issue brought back to the Committee as a topic of discussion? Also, were any adjacent property owners contacted? With further red-curbings of the area, vehicles are parking in the other already red-zoned areas and forcing vehicles to make wider turns and drive into the opposing lane. Consideration was not taken of the residents that lost parking in front of their homes. This has created another safety issue. I ask that consideration be given to alternatives. I will be emailing this information to Committee members and staff as well. Thank you for your time.

Committee members discussed about the topic asked clarifications from Mr. Avery and also discussed the need for better way of notifications to the residents.

Anthony via Zoom: I agree with the previous speaker, some of the items that have been brought up in previous meetings and agendized have yet to be heard at the City Council. Speed limits, restriping, and sign obstructions should be addressed. A speed trailer should be put up several blocks before where the lady was struck in the crosswalk several weeks ago.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED for Item #4

5. TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS

1. Crosswalk at Tennent and Plum Street

Committee Member Moriarty: this and the next item are the same thing. I hope we will use this opportunity to look at safety in general. How do we design a street that fits the neighborhood and fix safety issues? Mini-roundabouts, **2 other items I can't understand at minute 23,** and other traffic calming measures that will cause a driver to drive a slower speed.

Committee Member Collins: I wanted to see if there's going to be an update on the collision at the intersection, maybe that can drive some of the discussion and help us make recommendations to the Council.

Committee Member Moriarty: we know that there's an issue there and all of Tennent based on past comments, people find it scary to cross the street and we know that the speeds are too high.

Committee Member Dunham-Sims: there is the issue of driver behavior.

Committee Member Moriarty: I think we can come up with "quick-build" solutions like cones and paint that can be easily implemented and changed to see how they work before committing to a permanent design.

Lt. Avery, Pinole Police Department: the initial investigation indicates that speed was not a factor in collision but obviously speed is a consideration that needs to be looked at. The initial investigation is that distracted driving is the contributing factor to the fatal collision.

2. Crosswalk at Tennent and Pear

Public Works Director Mishra: this is the same corridor with similar items and issues. At the Council meeting before last, concerns were raised over these 2 intersections. The City Manager asked for a reevaluation of the Tennent corridor. We are working with a traffic engineering study consultant to see what improvements can be made and to provide countermeasures. Once they are received, I will bring them to TAPS for review. We are also working with the principal of St. Joseph's re: safety measures e.g.: trained volunteer crossing guards.

Committee Member Doyle: I'd like to move that TAPS recommends to Council that they put out and educational email or message to all schools in the City about where, how and why to have crossing guards.

Committee Member Dunham-Sims: it's my understanding that the school district but St. Joseph's is a private school.

3. Pinole Valley Road and Savage Avenue

Officer Rogers, Pinole Police Department: I sat at this intersection for an hour yesterday and saw no speed violations. Last year's 6-day traffic recorder study supports this. However, I have observed that drivers are not yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalk. There are other intersections and crosswalks in town that should be looked at as well. Regarding the speed trailers, the supervisors need to check that they're set up properly, we will be more attentive to that. Regarding the traffic stops and citations for 2021-22, I can probably bring those numbers to the next meeting.

Public Works Director Mishra: this item was brought up by a member of the public and that's why I added it to the TAPS agenda. This location has a school and park nearby and probably requires a traffic study to understand the volumes before an engineering decision can be made. I'll be working with the traffic consultant to come up with any improvements that this intersection may require.

6. STAFF UPDATES:

- **Capital Improvement Projects:**

- **Appian Way and Marlesta Road Intersection Project**

- We met with the neighbors at this intersection yesterday. This project will be advertised sometime this week.

- **Pinole Valley Road Improvement**

- Still in the design phase. Hasn't progressed much because our attention has been diverted to the Tennent Avenue corridor reevaluation.

- **Development Projects**

- **Active Transportation Plan**

- **Grants**

- **Pinole Valley Road:**

- **Tennent Avenue Railroad Crossing:**

We'll be meeting with Contra Costa County to present these 2 projects soon.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Requests

Committee Member Ben Doyle: contiguous bicycle path that's protected from all the way up Pinole Valley Road to San Pablo Avenue and the Shoreline bike and pedestrian way, including where the bike path goes up behind either Pear or Plum Streets where the path goes up behind the parking lot.

Public Works Director Mishra: the active Transportation Plan will look at this, it addresses the bicycle and pedestrian concerns for the entire City. Usually the biggest constraint is the right-of-way.

Committee Member Moriarty: the traffic light at the intersection of Pinole Valley Road and San Pablo Avenue: while the light is telling drivers to turn left, it's telling pedestrians to walk into the crosswalk. We should address it because it's an accident waiting to happen, I hope we can talk about these things before they happen, not after.

Public Works Director Mishra: thank you for the comment, we will ask the County Traffic Engineers that take care of our lights to look at it, that should not be the case.

Committee Member Oliver Collins: Request a future presentation from Police or other department on the collision at Pear and Tennent Ave to help make an appropriate improvement.

Justin Rogers: Once the investigation is over further details will be provided.

Public Works Director Mishra: FYI, the Committee will be getting a City email address soon.

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

At 7:06 PM Chair Dunham-Sims adjourned the meeting to the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting on September 14, 2022.

Approved by Traffic and Pedestrian Committee Meeting: September 14, 2022