



AGENDA

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS)

April 10, 2024

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 Minutes from the March 13, 2024 Meeting
4.	Committee Member Reports
5.	Citizens to be heard – for items not on agenda
6.	Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues submitted by Citizens 1. Traffic Signs at Pinole Middle School for “no U-turns” 2. ADA ramps on Pinole Valley Rd and Granada Ct (opposite Shea Dr) are obstructed by large phone poles

7.	Staff Updates: • CIP projects • Development Projects • Active Transportation Plan • Grants
8.	Contacts for reporting Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues <i>TAPS Committee Contacts</i> Ben Doyle bdoyle@ci.pinole.ca.us Faith Dunham-Sims fdsims@ci.pinole.ca.us Kent Moriarty kmoriarty@ci.pinole.ca.us Oliver Collins ocollins@ci.pinole.ca.us <i>City of Pinole Public Works Contact</i> publicworks@ci.pinole.ca.us The Traffic Calming Policy can be found on the City of Pinole's website here: https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/public_works/streets_and_roads/traffic_calming_policy
9.	Future Agenda Items: Committee Member requests 1. ATP presentation to the Committee Members for review and feedback 2. Name change of TAPS Committee to include bicycles
3.	Adjourn to next meeting: May 8, 2024

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TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS)
MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2024

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Committee Meeting was held via a Zoom video conference and broadcast from the Pinole Council Chambers, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Committee Member Dunham-Sims chaired the meeting, and Public Works Specialist KJ Madayag called the Committee Meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Chair Dunham-Sims led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Statement of Conflict

Committee Members Present

Ben Doyle
Faith Dunham-Sims
Kent Moriarty

Committee Members Absent

Oliver Collins

Staff Present

KJ Madayag, Public Works Specialist
Officer Amy Eubanks, Traffic Officer
Sanjay Mishra, Public Works Director

3. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2024

Chair Dunham-Sims made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Member Moriarty; all approve minutes.

4. Committee Member Reports

None.

5. Citizens to be heard – for items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues

Submitted by Citizens:

1. Traffic Signs at Pinole Middle School for "no U-turns": Engineering consultants are working on the sign.
2. ADA ramps on Pinole Valley Rd and Granada Ct (opposite Shea Dr) are obstructed by large phone poles: Director Mishra discusses that the poles were left over from a PG&E project while the high school was built. AT&T did not complete their undergrounding at that location. Public Works has contacted them numerous times and is working internally on providing additional space around the poles.

Staff Madayag continues with each updated item from the ***List of Traffic Issues Discussed and Status:*** No updates.

7. Staff Updates

CIP Projects

Chair Dunham-Sims: Expresses gratitude for the Appian Way & Marlesta project being done and operational.

Development Projects

No updates. Staff Madayag refers to the City's website:

https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/planning/current_projects, as outlined in the presentation.

Chair Dunham-Sims: Does the website cover current and projected projects, such as at the K-Mart location and on San Pablo?

Director Mishra: Yes, the website does have all the information on these projects, all have been approved and are under construction.

ATP

Member Moriarty: Part of the proposal were two workshops

Director Mishra: Once the draft is ready, there will be another workshop to discuss the draft.

Member Moriarty: I haven't seen it done this way in the past, usually workshops are taking place before a draft is presented.

Director Mishra: The consultant has enough input from the public to write a draft. A workshop without a draft at this point wouldn't be beneficial. The details will be refined after the workshop.

Chair Dunham-Sims / Director Mishra: A pop-up workshop #3 is taking place on April 20 at Fernandez Park or Bayfront Park during the Earth Walk event.

Member Moriarty: Is there an estimate of the draft availability?

Director Mishra: Yes; it will be communicated.

Grants

Staff Madayag: Possible participation with Contra Costa County to seek Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Pinole Valley Road Project is currently being evaluated as a possible project.

Member Moriarty: There are many grants out there that apply; we should have real visibility of these grants and their prerequisites. A yearly discussion of looking ahead and having a strategy of which grants would benefit Pinole would be welcomed, as many times we are too late to apply. The grant writer consultant could assist with this.

Director Mishra: The grant writer provides all department heads monthly with a list of grants. These are reviewed and determined if our projects are a good fit for any of the grants. Once identified, we evaluate if we are in a position to compete for the grant/s. The grant writer provides guidance whether i.e. we are eligible, but don't meet certain criteria, etc. For this particular grant mentioned above, the CCTA approached us as it will be a grant for larger projects, connecting city projects to the county for a maximum chance of success. The county is talking to all cities, but there is no confirmation yet if our project has been chosen.

Member Moriarty: For the handful of grants offered, we should identify whether they are for pedestrian and bicycle safety; the process could be more transparent.

Director Mishra: Understood, will provide the list and present it.

Public Comment

Caller Anthony: 1) Echoes Member Moriarty's comments with regards to transparency, for the general public to have a list with grants available and all their details would be appreciated. 2) With the staffing constraints the city might not be able to secure grants in a timely fashion, the grant writer is an outside consultant; this should be an agenda item for the next meeting or discussed in more detail now.

8. (Contacts for reporting Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues – please see agenda page)

9. Officer Eubanks from Pinole Police Department

Presents a March overview of 452 traffic stops with 106 individuals having been cited. Will look into traffic grants going forward.

Member Moriarty: Are there any traffic regulations on how loud vehicles can be?

Officer Eubanks: Yes, in the CA Vehicle Code Violations it is specified. There is a training through CHP; Pinole PD has a couple of officers who have been trained.

10. Future Agenda Items

Staff Madayag: We have a couple of items – 1) Transparency of available grants/application process for Grants and 2) TAPS name change. Member Moriarty: By changing the committee's name, we are able to easier apply for grants, such as TDA (Transportation Development Act) Article 3 Bike-Ped Grant.

Director Mishra: We apply every year for the TDA, and we do receive it but not every time. It goes to different cities, through WCCTAC. We should get advice and recommendations from the TAPS Committee and other projects we can bring to WCCTAC.

Member Moriarty / Director Mishra: Verify the process of the name change to include bicycles or the need to have a separate bicycle group; name change shouldn't be a problem in favor of bicycle projects.

Public Comment

Caller Anthony: What happened to the report Commander Avery was to bring to TAPS re. traffic citations, roughly only 30% of the stops are being ticketed, we need to know the hot spots and why some drivers are not held accountable.

The police chief currently has dual role as interim city manager, maybe police work has suffered, does PD have a strategy to reduce traffic violations, side shows, etc. and hold people accountable.

Officer Eubanks: Any tasks for Commander Avery should be forwarded to him directly via email.

11. Adjournment to the next meeting on May 8, 2024

Chair Dunham-Sims adjourns the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee meeting at 6:38pm.