AGENDA

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS)

February 8, 2023

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 January 11, 2023 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. Improvements on Mann Drive - Pinole Middle School (See Attached conceptual plans) 2. Illegal U-turn issue on San Pablo Ave between Valley Ave and John St 3. Public outreach effort for Red Curb extension at Pinole Valley Road near Rafaela St.

7.	**Staff Updates:** • **CIP projects** • **Development Projects** • **Active Transportation Plan** • **Grants**
8.	**CONTACTS FOR REPORTING TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES** *TAPS Committee Contacts* Faith Dunham-Sims (Chair) fdsims@ci.pinole.ca.us Kent Moriarty (Vice-Chair)kmoriarty@ci.pinole.ca.us Oliver Collins ocollins@ci.pinole.ca.us Ben Doyle bdoyle@ci.pinole.ca.us *City of Pinole Public Works Contact* publicworks@ci.pinole.ca.us
9.	**Future Agenda Items:**
10.	**Adjourn to next meeting – March 8, 2023**

POSTED: February 2, 2023

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS) MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2023

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Oliver Collins
Ben Doyle
Faith Dunham-Sims
Kent Moriarty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Sanjay Mishra, Public Works Director

3. Approval of November 9, 2022 Minutes:

- Minutes approved by all with a confirmation from Member Collins that he was the speaker where there was question marks in the minutes.

4. Committee Member Reports

None.

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

Public Comments Opened

- Matt Avery: Regarding his presentation at the November 9 meeting, 1) when will he receive a response to his August meeting questions and follow-up email to Staff Mishra; 2) will the additional red curb on Pinole Valley Rd at Rafaela St be revisited as a future agenda item.

  Chair Dunham-Sims: Was under the impression that responses had been provided to Citizen Avery, and that he is not in favor of the red curb.

  Citizen Avery: The 2nd set of questions included whether Staff Mishra talked to anyone in the neighborhood which was part of the motion made.

  Staff Mishra: Reviewed all of Citizen Avery's details which did not change his determination.

  Member Moriarty: Reviewed all materials sent to the City. If anyone would pull out into the intersection due to cars blocking the sideline, they would suffer a collision due to lack of sight distance. The red curb poses a decreased risk of collision.

  Citizen Avery: Since Member Moriarty resides in the neighborhood of the red curb, he should recuse himself. There could also be possible Brown Act issues since a non-agendized item is discussed. Next step is to take this to City Council.

  Member Collins: The 3 minutes are over, this needs to be an agenda item. Recommended to close the 3 minute comment, and vote to agendize the red curb discussion. Seconded by Member Doyle.
- John Bender: 1) One of the pages in the safety improvements plan on Tennent Ave dealt

with the local road safety plan. The existing conditions analysis is from 2015-2019, why did it stop at 2019. Since COVID began in March 2020, the population's driving habits have worsened. 2) There is supposed to be a pedestrian and vehicle safety report issue; what is the status; he lives on San Pablo Ave which is basically a freeway. 3) The environmental impact report for the bridge replacement project at the railroad was supposed to be published end of 2022 or beginning of 2023, as property owners will be directly affected. Staff Mishra: Will reach out to Citizen Bender in a separate email.

- Irma Ruport: The public should be made aware of the answers provided to all the questions in the meetings. Some questions should be posted to all residents. Be more proactive.

6. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues

Staff Mishra: None received from residents. The list of traffic issues has 15 items, some have been done, some are still in progress.
Member Moriarty: Last time we discussed the pedestrian/bike path between Sarah Dr and Pinole Valley bridge; this group voted to suggest to Council that repairs be included in the next updated at CIP; when is the next CIP?
Staff Mishra: The next CIP update will be at the Council Meeting on either February 7th or 21st.

7. Staff Updates

Staff Mishra: The Appian Way and Marlesta Rd intersection project is in the construction phase. The Pinole Valley Rd improvements are in the design phase; other projects had priority.
Development projects: Listed on the Public Works website. There are currently 3: 1500 Fitzgerald Dr "Pinole Vista"; 830-848 San Pablo Ave; 821 San Pablo Ave.
Active Transportation Plan (hereinafter: ATP): Part of CIP and will be completed next fiscal year. 5 proposals from the RFP were received.
Member Moriarty: What is the status of the Local Road Safety Plan (hereinafter: LRSP)? Is TAPS involved?
Staff Mishra: The LRSP received a draft from consultant, bringing to public one more time before it goes to Council for adoption on February 7th or 21st. For the ATP, once a contract has been awarded, then TAPS and public will be involved.

Rafael Menis: On the website, the minutes in the sub-column are blank. There is no video uploaded for the November 9 meeting. To item #7: As far as he understands, the role of TAPS has mostly passed regarding Pinole Vista and the Saha projects as they have moved on to Council.

Irma Ruport: For the CIP and ATP projects, the roads projects and contracts, and how roads to be repaired are selected – could we agendize that and explain/educate to the public how streets are selected.
Staff Mishra: Will bring this agenda item to Council, which will answer most questions. The road repairs have a strategy.

Grants

- HSIP: three locations for rapid flashing beacons, results haven't been published; no reply yet.
- OBAG 3: we have submitted two projects; no reply yet.

8. Future Agenda Items

Staff Mishra: Each committee member to bring an item to the next meeting regarding the permanent design at Pinole Middle School. Residents and school district have been invited to the TAPS meeting to discuss conceptual design and options. Their feedback and comments will be provided to the TAPS members soon, and posted to the TAPS webpage. This item added to next agenda: seconded by Member Doyle.

Committee Member Requests

Member Collins: Agenda item for the road in front of Pinole Valley Middle School on Mann Dr. Seconded by Chair Dunham-Sims. Approved by all.

Member Collins: Agenda item based on Matt Avery's red curb discussion: 1) Follow-up comments and emails to clarify; 2) Data from the City regarding reduced collision numbers or community complaints for/against the red curb. Seconded by Chair Dunham-Sims; abstained by Member Moriarty; rest in favor.

Chair Dunham-Sims: Condition of Shea Dr; speed bumps have almost no paint, one speed bump has a sign; when it changes to Sarah Dr, the speed bumps have signs but also almost no paint.

Irma Ruport: How many grants has the City applied for? Maybe a report at the next meeting.

Member Doyle: Agenda item to request a Safety Promotion Program, basic and small budget, for fliers to raise awareness that the TAPS Committee exists. Seconded by Member Moriarty; all approved.

9. ADJOURNMENT to the next meeting on February 8, 2023

At 7:03pm Chair Dunham-Sims adjourned the meeting of the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting on January 11, 2023.

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Traffic and Pedestrian Safety (TAPS) Committee

Date : February 8, 2023

TIME : 6:00 PM

Item #1

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Item #2

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Ben Doyle
- Faith Dunham – Sims
- Kent Moriarty
- Oliver Collins

STAFF

- Sanjay Mishra

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Item #3

Approval of January 11, 2023, Minutes

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Item #4

Committee Member Reports

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Item #5

Citizens to be Heard

- For Items not on the Agenda
- Please limit your comments to 3 mins.

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Item #6

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues

Submitted by Citizens

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Item #6

Improvements on Mann Drive Pinole Middle School

To improve vehicle and pedestrian movement during school drop off and pick-up time – See Conceptual Plan

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Item #6

Illegal U-turn issue on San Pablo Ave

Drivers are making illegal U-turns between Valley Ave and John St. during low traffic volumes.

Item #6

Public Outreach effort for Red Curb extension at Pinole Valley Road and Rafaela St.

Discussions on public outreach effort

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Item #6

List of traffic issues discussed and status

Sl.No.	Issue	Discussed	Resolution	Comments
1	Pinole Valley Road Speeding Concern	Yes	Not identified	Engineering study required.
2	Pinole Valley Road and Rafaela St- Red Curb near church	Yes	Yes	City to discuss with Church and finalize action plan to complete red/yellow curb for 2 spots. DONE !!
3	Wright Ave and Carrol Ave -Vehicles do not stop at STOP sign	Yes	Not identified	City to investigate further for appropriate deterrent measures i.e. enforcement/speed bump/high visibility crosswalk etc.
4	Wright Ave and Doidge Ave - Vehicles do not stop at STOP sign	Yes	Not identified	- Same as above-
5	Nob Hill Ave (from Appian Way to Meadow Park) – Speeding	Yes	Not identified	- Same as above-

Item #6

List of traffic issues discussed and status

Sl.No.	Issue	Discussed	Resolution	Comments
6	I 80 South Bound – Double Left Turn Lane on Pinole Valley Road – Visibility of striping and signage	Yes	Not identified	Caltrans right of Way. Need to pursue with Caltrans.
7	Lighting for directional sign under the Bridge at Pinole Valley Road	Yes	In progress	Caltrans right of Way. Need to pursue with Caltrans.
8	Width of Pinole Valley Rd between Helena Ct and Shea Dr. Explore possibility of a Class II bike Lane.	Yes	In preogress	City is currently designing a project along PVR and will explore various options.
9	Faded striping all over the City.	Yes	Yes	City does periodic maintenance and refreshes striping based on inputs from public.

CONTINUOUS!!

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Item #6

List of traffic issues discussed and status

Sl.No.	Issue	Discussed	Resolution	Comments
10	Additional lane for I-80 east on ramp at Pinole Valley Road	Yes	Not Identified	City to engage Caltrans to discuss the possibility of an additional lane.
11	Crosswalk at Tennent and Plum / Pear St.	Yes	In Progress	City completed a traffic study, and a conceptual plan was presented to the council.
12	Trip hazard at Creekside Pedestrian Bridge	Yes	Yes	A temporary asphalt patch have been put in place until a permanent paving can be done.
13	Access ramp to Creekside from Sarah ct.	Yes	Yes	City to complete design, identify funds and hire contractor to implement the improvement.

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Item #6

List of traffic issues discussed and status

Sl.No.	Issue	Discussed	Resolution	Comments
14	Protected left turn at Appian Way and San Pablo Ave.	Yes	Not Identified	City to complete a traffic study and implement recommended improvements.
15	Crosswalk on Pinole Valley Road at Savage Ave	Yes	Not Identified	City to complete a traffic study and implement recommended improvements.

Item #7

Staff Updates

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Item #7

CIP Projects

- Appian Way and Marlesta Rd. Intersection project
- Pinole Valley Road Improvements

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Item #7

Development projects

Please visit https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/planning/current_projects for all development projects currently under review and make your comments to the planning commission.

Currently Under Review by Planning Department:

- 830 - 848 San Pablo Ave – Pinole Shores II

Item #7

Active Transportation Plan

- Received 5 proposals. We are working on consultant selection.

Item #7

Grants

- HSIP grants
- OBAG 3 – Submitted for 2 projects.

Item #8

Future Agenda Items:

COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS.

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Item #9

Adjourn to Next Meeting

DATE:

MARCH 8, 2023

THANK YOU

LOCATION MAP

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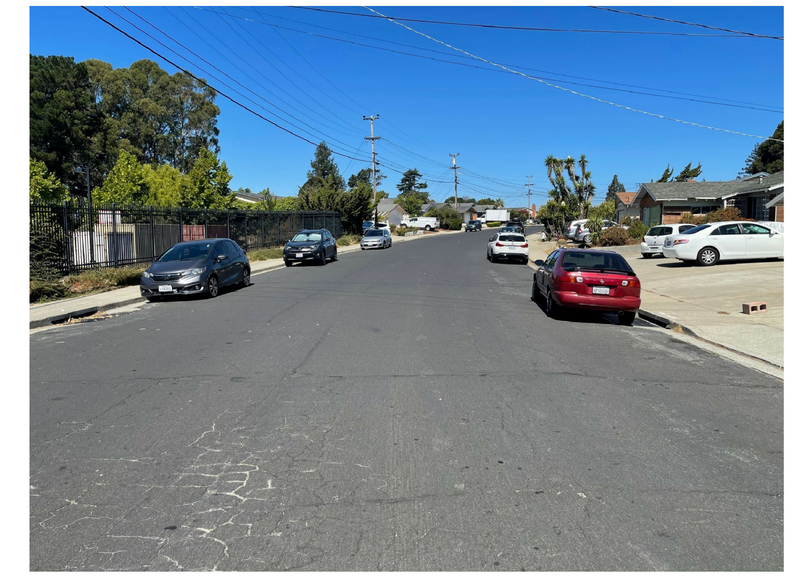

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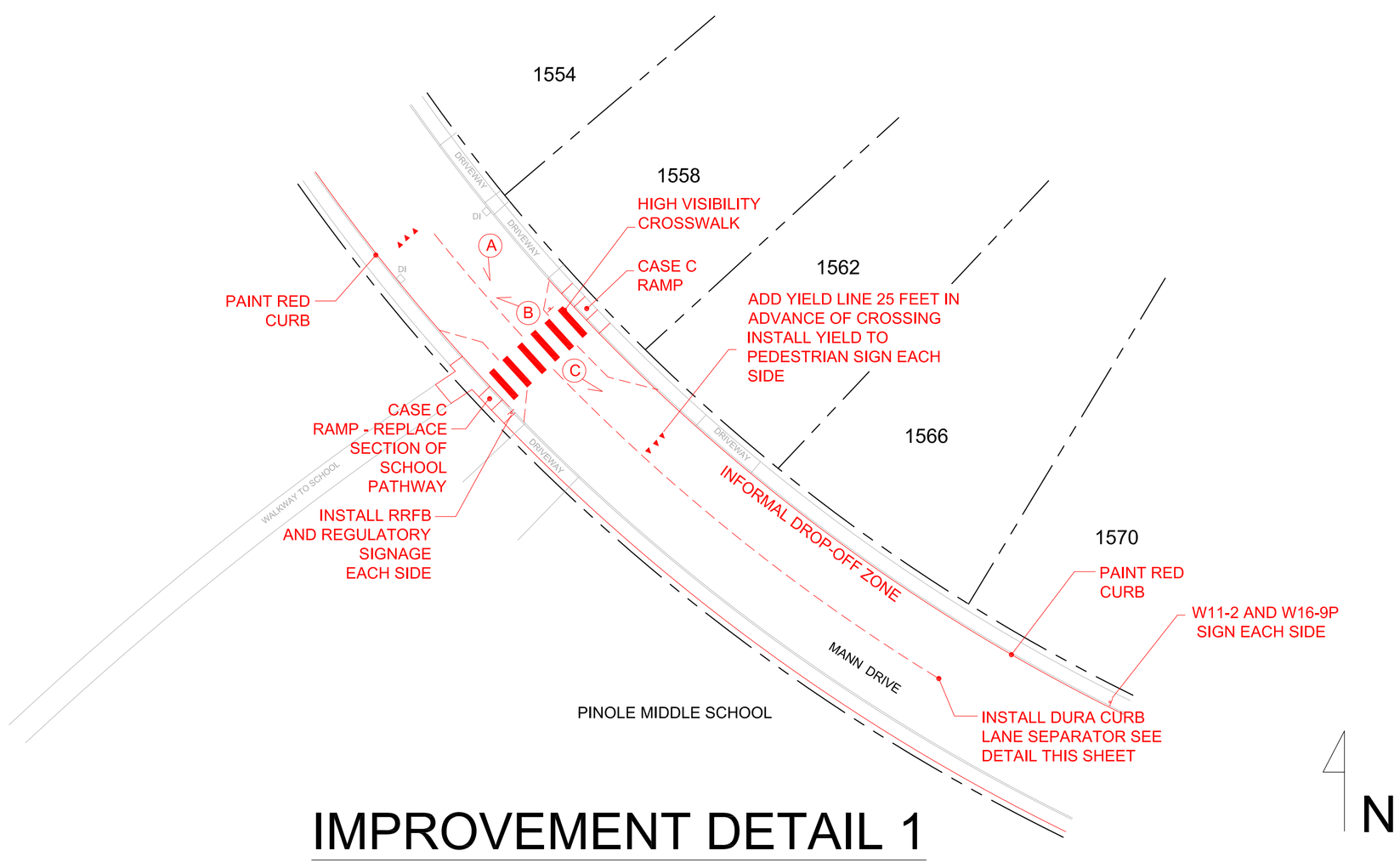

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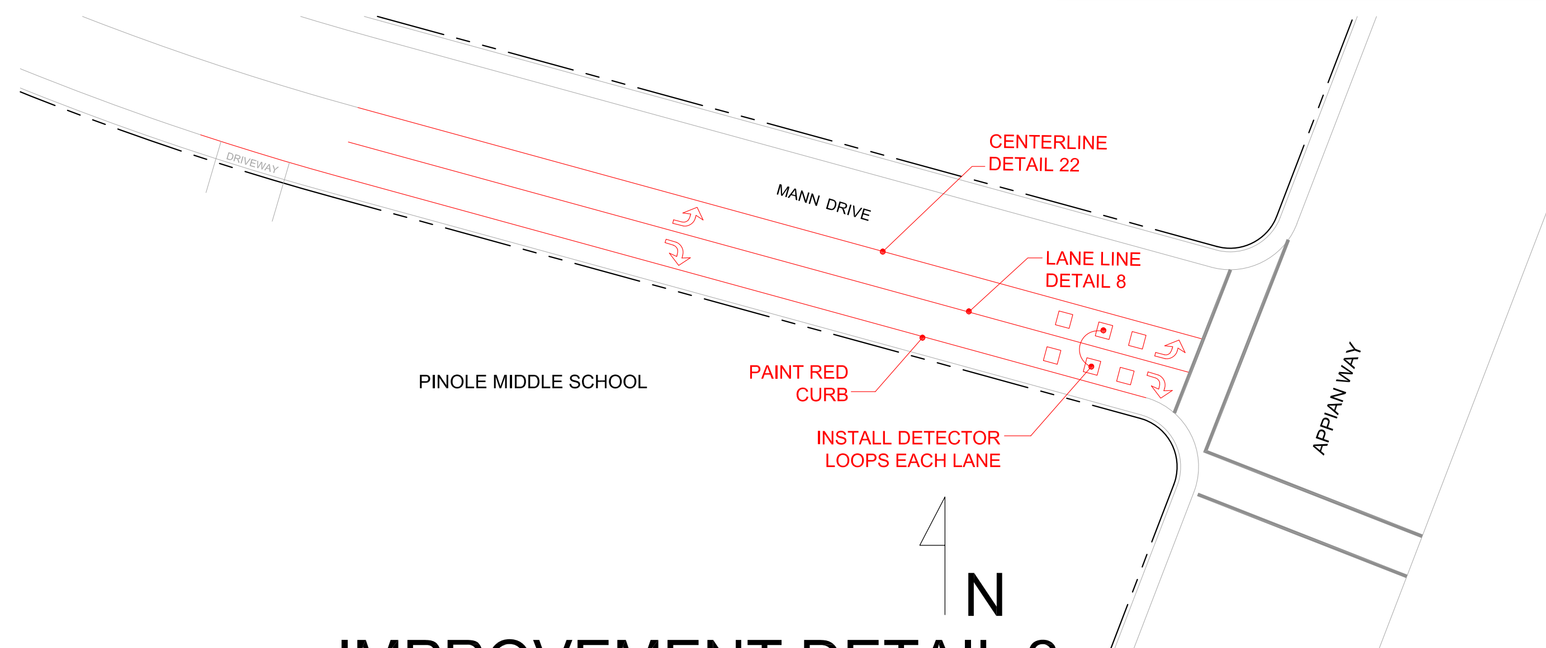

IMPROVEMENT DETAIL 2

PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT PICKUP AND DROP OFF CONCEPT

CSW | ST2

12.13.2022 (ORG: 11.28.2022)

ILLEGAL U-TURN

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 2:30 PM

Thanks Councilmember Tave for sending this email. The u-turn situation is indeed a problem and I see it every week at this location and at the John Street intersection.

Coincidentally, recently while I was backing out of the Square Deal garage, seeing the John Street light was red and no vehicles were coming, I proceeded to back out, only to see in looking over my shoulder a vehicle making a u-turn and almost hitting my car!

Talking with the owner of the garage after, he said it is happening all the time. In fact 2 of his customer's cars driven by his employees, while backing out, were hit by individuals making these U-turns on what is a double line street.

You can confirm this issue with Brian the owner of the Square Deal garage.

At John Street U-turns are also happening at the end of the raised concrete median strip by vehicles traveling in the west bound lanes.

There used to be a no u-turn sign at that location. It was run over twice and after the second incident it was not replaced.

That is a whole other story regarding the traffic situation on San Pablo Avenue between Pinole Valley Road and John Street and beyond, and not just in the west bound lanes.

Looking forward to February 6th.

Cheers,

John BENDER

RED CURB - 5 PAGES

Sat 1/21/2023 4:37 PM

Dear Sir,
I am a resident of the Pinole Senior Housing complex herein Pinole, and it has been called to my attention that someone on the Pinole City Council is objecting to the red line that's been installed on the south East curb of Pinole Valley Road at the Rafaela intersection.
I personally can't imagine why any sane person would object to that red designation, because it is the safest thing that exists at that intersection....it is more than 100% needed for us safe car drivers to be able to exit from Rafaela, either to turn right or left, with any degree of confidence. We here at the complex have waited and personally advocated for several years to get a red line put there and finally we can breath a sigh of relief when exiting Rafaela, going West.
I understand that years ago there was a red line on that same curb, that was, for some reason, taken away.
As a new resident at Pinole Grove, myself and other residents advocated strongly for that curb to be red years ago, and got no results. And we were amazed and overjoyed when one of our new residents took the reins and worked hard to get it passed.
That red curb is the sanest and safest thing we could have at this intersection, save a traffic light....and why it hasn't been there all along is a real question. I will strongly resist and protest to anyone on the council not to take the red line away
Please do your best to assure us that it will stay.....forever!!!.....that the curb will stay red forever!!!!!

Thank you for your support on this extremely important basic public safety matter!
Sincerely,
Karen Stella

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Sun 1/22/2023 6:09 PM

City Official:
My name is Claire J. Baker.
I am an eighteen year resident of Pinole Grove Senior Housing.
About 40-50 of our cars daily face the frightful hazard at PVR and Rafaela intersection.
Pinole Valley Road (PVR) is much traveled, PLUS we face the uncertainty of the San Pablo Avenue light suddenly changing and cars whizzing on into PVR where we attempt to (mostly) turn left.
This intersection feels like an entrapment leading to an accident, especially in high volume traffic.

If the red line which helps in viewing PVR is removed, I suggest it be replaced by a stoplight, stop sign, or other signage that slows down the traffic at Rafaela, our entry street into busier and faster traffic on PVR.
Without the red line, I consider the above intersection highly dangerous! Thank you for your attention to remedying this problem area .

In. hope,
Claire J. Baker
Pinole Grove Senior Housing

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Sun 1/22/2023 10:34 AM

Dear Sanjay,

I am a resident of Pinole Grove Senior Community, located at the top of John Street in Pinole. I am writing to you voicing my concerns in regards to removing the Red Curb at the intersection of Rafaela St, and Pinole Valley Road. Before the red line was added to the curb the driving situation around that particular corner was extremely difficult to navigate for several reasons. The traffic flow during certain times of the day are very heavy, and vehicles have a tendency to speed around the very narrow winding stretch of road that leads up to that intersection. I have noticed motorists use Pinole Valley Road as a short cut to proceed to San Pablo Avenue. Not only is there traffic, but a fair amount of pedestrian traffic as well, since this area is not only a residential area, but there are several businesses located along this congested area as well.

As a senior member of this community, I strongly am opposed to any adjustment of the red line that was painted on the curb in that vicinity.

Thank you ~ Elise W. Peck

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I am hoping you will forward these to the TAPS committee members and I look forward to answers to my questions as well as hearing if the expanded red zone will be reconsidered and an alternative identified.

From: Sanjay Mishra Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Matt Avery
Subject: RE: Expanded no stopping/no parking area (red curb) in front of 755 Pinole Valley Road

Hi Mr. Avery,
I consulted with the City Attorney to confirm if the agenda as listed for the TAPS meeting violated the Browns Act and he confirmed that it did NOT and there was adequate notification. During the 4/20 meeting it was suggested by one of the committee members that it would be helpful if I spelled out the Safety issues submitted by the Citizens in the agenda. I agreed to that suggestion and added those details under the Agenda Item No5 for the meetings in May and June.

As this issue of red curb was discussed in previous meetings (before my tenure), some of the TAPS committee members were very familiar with it and mentioned to me that the Church may have had a concern with the removal of the parking spots. I reached out to the Church via email as well as handing over a printed copy of my email to the representatives and they did not have any comments on the issue.

The decision to make this intersection safer for the current conditions was an engineering decision.
Thanks
Sanjay

From: Matt Avery Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 9:16 AM
To: Sanjay Mishra
Subject: Re: Expanded no stopping/no parking area (red curb) in front of 755 Pinole Valley Road

Mr. Mishra-

Thank you for the quick response and details. I will review the two TAPS meeting videos in detail when time allows. I have one immediate observation and request for your perspective. For both the April and May 2022 meetings, this item was discussed under Agenda Item 5-Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues Submitted by Citizens. During both meetings, you and for at least the May meeting the commission knew the specific issue was going to be discussed. The citizen(s) who submitted the issue also knew as at least one (Joel) spoke during the May meeting.

How would anyone else know the issue/item of Rafaela and PVR was going to be discussed and action taken due to the lack of information on both agendas? It is clear some community members were aware of it (those who submitted it) and afforded the opportunity to speak but others who have a vested interest in the issue were excluded by the mere lack of notification through the posted agendas. It seems to me the City/Commission failed at minimum to adequately notified the public of the item to be discussed and thus denied the general public the opportunity to participate. While I am not an expert, I wonder (and will research) if the City violated the Brown Act. Even you mentioned the need to engage the other "community members/adjacent property owners to assess adequate parking and to understand concerns from other community members" (paraphrasing from your comments during the 4/20 meeting).

Of interest to me is the apparent change in the City's approach to public notification of agenda items on the 6/8 meeting. Item 5-Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues submitted by Citizens includes enough information for the general public to know what will be discussed. Why did the City change course and include the additional (I would say basic) information to the agenda in June? Would you agree the previous agendas lacked sufficient notification?

Thank you again.

From: Sanjay Mishra Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 8:13 PM
To: Matt Avery
Subject: RE: Expanded no stopping/no parking area (red curb) in front of 755 Pinole Valley Road

Hi Mr. Avery,
Thanks for reaching out to me with respect to the recent red curb extension in front of the Church near Rafaela St. on Pinole Valley Road.
This issue was brought to my attention by several community members and this item was presented and discussed by the TAPS committee members on 04/20/22 and on 05/11/2022.
Here is the link to the video recording (http://pinole.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1951) of the meeting. This item was discussed starting right around 42:00 min mark.
I had the opportunity to conduct my research into the issue and did review the council agenda item in 2017 you are referring to.

I have reviewed available parking spots around old downtown. I analyzed the situation, considered the current traffic data, field condition and sight distance needs for the traffic speed at this location.

To improve the visibility at this intersection, I concluded that a red curbing of approximately 38ft from the intersection will be adequate to achieve this safety measure.

See answers to your questions below in red.

- Who made the decision to expand the no stopping/parking area? _ I made the decision to expand the red curb as the City Engineer.
- Was it Council decision or the City Engineer's determination?_ City Engineer
  - I did not see it on a recent Council Agenda._ This did not go to council during my tenure but was discussed earlier and discussed publicly in TAPS meeting as explained above.
- Did it go through TAPS? - Yes
  - I did not see it on a TAPS agenda._ Refer to the info provided above.
- If this was the City Engineer's determination, why was it considered at the Council level having gone through TAPS in 2017 but not now?_ I am not sure why it was brought to Council level earlier.
- What factors and what data were considered to justify the additional red curb? - Current inadequate sight distance and visibility of the oncoming traffic for left turning traffic from Rafaela when cars are parked at this location and the past collision/accident history/vulnerability of the elderly residents who frequent this location/ available parking within a reasonable distance.
- Was it the result of an internal recommendation or external complaint? – Community concerns and discussions at TAPS meeting.
- Did the process follow established procedures?- Yes, to the best of my knowledge.
- Was community input considered? – It was discussed in a public meeting i.e., during the TAPS meetings. As I did not hear any opposition to the extension of the red curb during TAPS meetings, no separate public outreach efforts were made.
- If not, why?

I hope this provides you some insight into making this determination.

Thanks
Sanjay

From: Matt Avery Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 4:08 PM
To: Sanjay Mishra
Subject: Expanded no stopping/no parking area (red curb) in front of 755 Pinole Valley Road

I am a resident in the 700 block of Pinole Valley Road (PVR) and recently noticed the red curb in front of the Church of Christ (755 PVR) had been repainted and prolonged. Originally it was approximately 12' (added in 2017) and now is approximately 38'. I would like to get some insight on what led the City to expanding the length of the no stopping zone (red curb), what the process/criteria was in determining the need and justification, and who authorized the expansion.

I am sure you are aware, Pinole Municipal Code 10.40.040 is a component in governing the criteria for designated no parking areas. Among the criteria, the City Engineer (PMC 10.40.040(C)) can determine or by City Council resolution (PMC 10.40.040(D) designate an area as no parking. In 2017, the matter came before City Council (3-7-2017) through then City Engineer Tamara Miller as recommended by the Traffic

and Pedestrian Safety (TAPS) Committee to add approximately 38' feet of red curb on Old Pinole Valley Road (Rafaela Street to the stairs in front of the Church of Christ) based on a complaint from a small number of residents but none in the immediate, impacted area. After discussion, and largely based on my input, the Council amended the resolution and decreased the length to approximately 12' based on:

- Limited on street parking in a medium density residential/commercial mixed-use zone
- Low collision rate (4 at the time) and none attributed to low/reduced visibility (only one collision involved injuries and they were minor)
- Business having been approved and permitted to operate based on the then existing availability parking and the red zone as proposed would have reduced the already limited parking

I know you were not with the City in 2017 so here is some perspective: At the time, the four residents on the west side of PVR (San Pablo Avenue to Samuel Street) had a combined 16 vehicles for the residents (one of the properties has three units and at the time at least five adults with separate vehicles and one resident had multiple vehicles). Add in visitors to the residents and patrons to the nearby business, and you can begin to appreciate the issue. East Bay Coffee was permitted to operate given the limited parking and was/is a popular coffee shop attracting patrons from throughout the area (which we want for economic development). The northeast corner building (SPA/PVR) is home to a popular Mexican restaurant (with business vehicles), a hair salon, and has two second level apartments all of which add to the parking challenges. Add garbage day, with the addition of 6 brown containers, 6 blue containers, and 4 green containers (and the required spacing between the containers and parked vehicles) just for the four properties along the west side of PVR and you left with acknowledging how parking is a premium in the area and eliminating two spots will have a cascading effect.

I fully understand the need for safety but also know decisions are sometimes made in a vacuum, at times to placate a single or minority complainant, without fully vetting the issue and without input from all involved/impacted leading which can lead to unintended consequences, or worse implementing a solution to a non-existent/perceived problem.

I am hoping you or someone in your office can answer the following questions:

- Who made the decision to expand the no stopping/parking area?
- Was it Council decision or the City Engineer's determination?
  - I did not see it on a recent Council Agenda.
- Did it go through TAPS?
  - I did not see it on a TAPS agenda.
- If this was the City Engineer's determination, why was it considered at the Council level having gone through TAPS in 2017 but not now?
- What factors and what data were considered to justify the additional red curb?
- Was it the result of an internal recommendation or external complaint?
- Did the process follow established procedures?
- Was community input considered?
  - If not, why?

From an outside perspective, it is only two parking spaces but to those that live, visit, work in the area it exacerbates and already and well-known parking problem in Old Town Pinole.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Matt Avery

QUESTIONS POSED BY MR. BENDER; ANSWERED BY SANJAY MISHRA

Tue 1/24/2023 12:27 PM

Hi Mr. Bender,

When is the traffic and pedestrian safety report being released?
I think you are referring to the Local Road Safety Plan. Please see the details on this website www.pinolelrsp.com .
We will be having a public meeting on Feb 6th, 2023 to get comments and finalize the plan. The draft plan is currently posted on the above website.

When is the draft EIR for the BNSF / San Pablo Avenue bridge being issued?
We are working on the preliminary engineering for the above Bridge. Our current assessment shows that this project will not require a EIR (environmental impact report). The environmental assessment will most likely be Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). These IS/MND documents are currently being worked on and will be available once they are finalized/adopted by council in a public meeting. Please visit https://www.pinolespabridge.com/ to get updates on the bridge project.

Thanks
Sanjay

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:45 AM

Hello Sanjay,

I am awaiting a response to my questions from the recent TAPS meeting.
The questions are as follows:

When is the traffic and pedestrian safety report being released?

When is the draft EIR for the BNSF / San Pablo Avenue bridge being issued?

Your response would be appreciated.

Cheers,
John BENDER