

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.