

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS) MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 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
Kent Moriarty
Oliver Collins

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

none

B. STAFF PRESENT

Sanjay Mishra, Public Works Director

3. September 14, 2022, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee Member Moriarty: has been asked to be an alternate member of the County Bike Action Committee. He hopes to bring back some useful information to TAPS.

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

PUBLIC COMMENTS OPENED for Item #4

Matt Avery: Red curb at Pinole Valley Road and Rafaela St. Still waiting to hear a response to questions asked on August 10, 2022. On August 11, 2022, he also submitted a Public Records Request to the City Clerk's Office re: information on the process. Received a response 19 days later, past the ten-day deadline per Government Code 6253D. The response stated that time was needed to confer across City departments but gave no estimated time of when the information would be provided. Requested again on Sept. 9th and Oct. 17th. On Oct. 26th he reached out again and received a response on Nov. 8th but when he logged into the system there were no documents to view. It's been 63 business days since the initial request was made. Is that acceptable? Frustrated but happy to see that the Committee Members now have their own email addresses, which might prevent some of this in the future and increase efficiency and compliance. He's happy to resend the questions if needed and would like to know when he'll get a response to his questions and comments regarding procedure.

Public Works Director Mishra: re: the PRA request, he can confirm that Public Works has provided all of the documents we could find to our City Clerk's office but knows there was a delay from the City Clerk's office in posting it to the website.

Matt Avery: still can't review the documents that were posted on the 8th but will let you follow up with staff on that.

Chair Dunham-Sims: Sanjay, can you resend the emails to the Committee members?

Public Works Director Mishra: yes, I can do that.

Matt Avery: I'd like to get a response by January or February at the latest and move forward. That gives time for the public to be notified. I'm sure the PRA will get worked out. Thank you.

Committee Member **Collins?**: Is Mr. Avery asking questions of the TAPS Committee Members about the decision that was made or is he requesting documents from the City?

Public Works Director Mishra: he's requesting a response to an email he sent to me and asked me to forward to the TAPS Committee Members, he's asking for a response to the questions he asked in that email, re: the red curb at Pinole Valley Road at Rafaela St.

Committee Member **Collins?**: It's a Public Records Request and I don't believe that outside of the minutes that we create a record or have any documents but I'll leave it up to you to work out the details.

Public Works Director Mishra: there are two parts: the Public Records Request and the email he sent.

Citizen: the telephone access numbers weren't posted before, at the start of, or now during the public comment portion of the meeting. I thought that the stop lights installed on Pinole Valley Road were supposed to be temporary while the high school was being built. Maybe we could have a traffic study to remove some of them or there could be yellow or red blinker lights there at night. Also, the telephone poles on the corner of Shea and Pinole Valley Road are a hazard, they're duct taped together and coned off and are a hazard to pedestrians. They're blocking ADA access to the crosswalk. I also think some of the build-out or bulb-nosed curbs on Pinole Valley Road should be painted so that they can be seen at night: people are having near-accidents or damaging their cars because the lighting is poor and they can't see them. Regarding the safety study that the City Council approved last night for \$965,000 for repairs around Pear, Tennent, and Plum Streets, I think they should do a traffic study on how it will affect the neighboring cross-streets and parallel streets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED for Item #4

6. TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS

1. Safety Hazard at Marlesta Rd. and Sunnyview Dr.: people are doing donuts.

Public Works Director Mishra: should we recommend whether or not City staff should look into it and figure if there's something can be installed to stop it?

Chair Dunham-Sims: I'm guessing that initially it's a matter for the Police, they do donuts in my neighborhood, too. Short of putting roundabouts or traffic circles everywhere I'm not sure what the answer is.

Committee Member Collins: I've seen the tire marks on the street, it's also happening at Appian and San Pablo and at Henry and Pinole Valley so it's happening a lot. I think to start out we just have to recommend enforcement.

2. Condition of Pedestrian Trail/Bike Path: the path connects Sarah Ct. to Pinole Valley Shopping Center.

Public Works Director Mishra: the path is in poor condition. Portions of the trail are not in the public right-of-way. It's not City of Pinole property, it's private property, even though people are using it. I believe the owner of the Red Onion owns most of the trail. The City owns the bridge and I had some repair work done on that but we can't do anything on the trail until it's dedicated to the City.

Committee Member Moriarty: I want to get clarification on what the City owns and what it doesn't because part of the path is owned by the City.

Public Works Director Mishra: yes, the City owns the path from the bridge to Sarah Ct. From the bridge where the path heads toward the high school is private property. We can double-check but I looked when we were verifying land for the light assessment district and that portion was part of the shopping center plaza.

Committee Member ????: would it be appropriate for the Committee to offer the contact information of the property owners so that concerned citizens can petition them to improve the path?

Public Works Director Mishra: we have the contact information but I'm not sure whether any privacy policies will be affected. I'll check with our attorney. If there's not an issue I think we can provide the information.

Committee Member Moriarty: we know the City owns part of it, it's clear the whole path is degraded. I think there's a lot of community use of the path. I think that when the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is updated, TAPS could ask Council to consider putting this in it for our portion of the path. If it's there, even unfunded, it shows to granting agencies that we're serious about doing it. Maybe a Safe Routes to School grant?

Public Works Director Mishra: the portion that is owned by the City maybe be able to be funded by a TD grant.

Committee Member Moriarty: I'd like to make a motion that TAPS recommend to the City Council that they include the repairs in the next update of the CIP.

Committee Member Doyle: would you be open to recommending a public/private partnership for the other part of the trail?

Committee Member Moriarty: that's complicated and I'd hate to make it so complicated that it would never get done. Maybe initially look into the part the City owns and then look into options for the public/private partnership.

Committee Member Doyle: I'll second that.

Public Works Director Mishra: roll call: Doyle: yes, Moriarty: yes, Dunham-Sims: yes, Collins: yes.

Committee Member Moriarty: to Director Mishra: would you as a staff member make the recommendation?

Public Works Director Mishra: yes, I would prepare a staff report and send it to the TAPS Committee for review an approval, then I can send it to the Council.

7. STAFF UPDATES:

- **Capital Improvement Projects:**
 - **Appian Way and Marlesta Road Intersection Project:** has been awarded, the Notice to Proceed has been issued to the Contractor. The Contractor is expecting the procurement time for the traffic signals to be roughly around three months.
 - **Pinole Valley Road Improvement:** project is ongoing. Design work hasn't moved further since last month. The design consultant is focusing on the Tennent Ave. corridor improvements.
- **Development Projects**
- **Active Transportation Plan:** part of the CIP, looking to put out a Request for Proposals by Nov. 15th. Should go to Council for approval in the first or second week of January. TAPS will be participating in the development of the Plan.
- **Grants**
 - **HSIP:** three locations for rapid flashing beacons, results haven't been published
 - **OBAG 3:** we have submitted two projects, don't know the results yet

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Requests

Committee Member Doyle: on Mann Dr. by Pinole Middle School the school has put up traffic cones in the street to prevent left turns in and out of the drop-off/pick-up area of the school because of the traffic congestion. I think we should look into whether or not they need help or if the City should do something to make it more permanent, or whatever needs to be done.

Public Works Director Mishra: the City is working with the school. We are the ones that provided them with the cones but their staff is putting them out and putting them away every day. We worked with them to come up with this temporary plan. We also recently provided a red- and white- curb drop-off and pick-up zone in front of the school. We're working with them to install permanent no left turn signs. We're also working on raised crosswalks with the consultant, which will be part of a future CIP project once we have a plan.

Committee Member Collins: at San Pablo Ave. and Sunnyview Dr. there was a paving project done several years ago. The lane markings are not lined up properly. If someone could take a look at it, I think it requires moving the dots over four or five feet.

Public Works Director Mishra: these are work requests for Public Works staff but I don't think it's an agenda item. It's a request to verify the location and see if there's anything we're able to do.

9. ADJOURNMENT to the next meeting on January 11, 2023.

At 6:43 PM Chair Dunham-Sims adjourned the meeting of the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting on November 9, 2022.