

The Mission Statement
“To Provide Responsive Service to Our Growing Community
That Exceeds Expectations at a Fair Value”

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25, 2023
6:00-7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Director Manuel Moreno, Director Harry Dhillon, Sanjay Sharma

Staff present: Steve Pinkerton, General Manager; Nader Shareghi, Public Works Director; Hamid Parsa, Engineer V; Roger Alvarez, Community Preservation Officer; Sarah Ragsdale, Administrative Services Director; Sgt Justin Ward, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Moreno

3. Public Comments:

Jessica Baechler described accidents and racing on E. Ramsey, near Cordes School. She said parked cars in the neighborhood, a residence and a porch had been hit by dangerous drivers. She submitted a petition from residents in her neighborhood asking for assistance.

A member of the audience talked about a problem with a roundabout that is difficult to identify without safety markings. He also reported dangerous driving around Cordes and Hansen schools. He said that some roads, especially Great Valley Parkway are treated like racetracks. Finally, he asked if bus service was available in the District, which could reduce traffic.

Director Dhillon said the RTD VanGo service was available by appointment.

President Moreno thanked everyone for their comments and said that staff would follow up on their concerns. He noted that CHP is very understaffed, but our motorcycle deputy is busy writing citations. He said we will be asking for additional or changed enforcement hours.

A member of the audience spoke about the possibility using crossing guards at school sites. President Moreno said that neither the District nor LUSD is in favor of taking on the additional liability of providing this service.

A member of the audience talked about his experience of serving as a crossing guard and recommended that we encourage LUSD to adopt such a program.

A member of the audience talked about traffic around Ramsey between Central Parkway and Tradition Street, near the high school – a road without speed cushions. He said that commuters use Ramsey when Grant Line gets backed up.

4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 09/21/2022: Motion/second to approve minutes.
5. Grants awarded: Information provided in a presentation under item 8 below.
 - a. Bike Lanes in Great Valley Parkway, Arturo Blvd., and Main Street
 - b. Traffic Safety Improvements on Central Parkway at Legacy and Heritage Drive
6. Project updates – Hamid Parsa
 - Traffic Signal Synchronization project is at 65% design. MHCS D reviewed the plans and returned them to AMG.
 - Sign and striping at Railroad Crossing is complete.
 - Crosswalks on Marquis at Aventino is complete.
 - Traffic signs and striping in Heritage Drive, south of Wicklund School, is complete.
 - Traffic signs and striping on Tramonto Drive is complete.
 - AMG completed traffic study at Aldrich and Walcott. The site condition does not warrant all-way stop.
7. Projects under construction
 - Traffic Safety Improvement at the roundabout at Prosperity Street and Leonardo Way (site of a fatal accident)
 - Fiber optic lines
 - School District Traffic Safety Requests
 - Byron Road and Bethany Road Pavement Repair Project
 - New Crosswalk at Fremont Ave. on Shield Avenue (Hansen Village)
 - New signs and striping the centerline at Comunidad and Verano (Bethany Village)
 - New traffic signs and striping on Piedmont Drive (Altamont Village)
 - Installing Speed Limit Signs on Arturo Boulevard at Montebello Street
 - New Crosswalks, signs and striping on Prosperity Street at Parco Avenue
 - Mountain House Parkway and Byron Road (trucks rolling over)
 - AMG Evaluating traffic conditions at Riatta Ranch and Esplanade

President Moreno asked about restriping crosswalks at Central Parkway and Ramsey. Director Dhillon asked for better signage and instructions for residents on how to use roundabouts.

Hamid spoke about High Visibility Crosswalks that provide better warnings.

A member of the audience suggested installing yield signs at entrances to the circles. Nader said that yield signs are posted at all roundabouts entrances. Traffic in the circle has priority.

8. Project updates – Hamid gave updates on projects underway and planned projects. The PowerPoint will be available on our website.

A member of the audience asked when the traffic engineer will make a recommendation for improvements at the roundabout at Prosperity Street and Leonardo Way. Hamid said we are waiting for police reports.

Hamid said that residents could contact him about traffic concerns and he could direct them to our GovOutreach service. Hamid explained that reported submitted on GovOutreach would provide the filers with an update about their request.

Sgt Ward reported on the activities of our motorcycle officer. Ward said the officer was issuing about 40 citations a month.

Director Moreno asked about the status of the Alameda County traffic circles. Steve said we were negotiating with the County but the best case estimate of completion was at least a year.

Steve reported that at the April Valley Link meeting, the governing body recommended a station in Mountain House at 205 and Mountain House Parkway. The District would be required to build a parking building and encourage high density housing near the station.

9. Committee membership - Director Moreno invited all interested residents to join the Transportation Committee. Applications are available online.
10. Open Committee comments – Director Moreno asked if staff could contact Caltrans about signage on and closures at the 580 westbound on-ramps. The information should be accurate and closures better timed.

Director Dhillon said we should make school safety a priority. He asked about an update on the completion of the roundabout on Grant Line Road.

A member of the audience asked for consideration of crossing guards at schools. He said the guards would improve safety over issuing citations. He also asked about the bus stop at the Safeway shopping center. Director Moreno reported that the District has subsidized bus service, but ridership was low.

Director Moreno said that he would like to schedule the next meeting in 2 months.

Director Moreno gave information on where to find applications to join the Committee.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.