

**TOWN OF MORAGA**  
**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)**

May 6, 2009  
ACTION MINUTES  
6:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:04 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Committee Members: Chair Barbara Simpson, Vice Chair Chris Peterson, Christine Lenahan, Chuck Treat and Joe Mahoney
- Liaisons: Town Engineer Mercurio, Town Council Liaison Howard Harpham, and Police Chief Robert Priebe (Absent: MOFD Battalion Chief Jeff Maxwell)

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Review and approval of the March 4, 2009 TSAC action minutes by Committee Members.

**ACTION: It was M/S (Treat/Mahoney) to approve the March 4, 2009 minutes. Vote: 5-0.**

IV. **ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

**ACTION: It was M/S (Peterson/Treat) to approve the meeting agenda. Vote: 5-0.**

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments

VI. **CURRENT ISSUES**

- A. Follow-up Discussion on Rheem Valley Blvd/St. Mary's Rd. Intersection Options

Chair Simpson noted the email from Frank Comprelli. Fiscal issues are the concern of the Council, more than TSAC. Member Lenahan asked for comments from Town Engineer Mercurio. Town Engineer Mercurio explained that the role of TSAC is an advisory board to the Council, weighing the technical merits of proposals brought before them. Chief Priebe said that this is a bad intersection that would benefit from improvements.

Resident Frank Comprelli was pleased with the discussions that are occurring at this level. He had previously sent a letter that focused on two things: 1) the consultant made value judgments that should be reserved for the Council, and 2) Mr. Comprelli asked that TSAC's recommendation include that realigning the road would be the best solution regarding safety. He understands that there are property/environmental/cost issues that may preclude implementation, but he would like to see that the option was presented, considered and evaluated.

Member Mahoney agreed with Mr. Comprelli that as far as safety is concerned, realigning the road is the best solution.

Resident J.D. O'Connor asked the committee to come up with one recommendation at Rheem – such as a three-way stop.

Vice Chair Peterson concurs with the consultant's recommendation, and believes the project should be recommended to the Town Council, which can prioritize the project as it sees fit. The project can come back to TSAC for future discussion. Member Christie Lenahan offered to assist

in preparing the summary and recommendations to Council. The report to Council will come from staff, but can be presented by either staff or someone from the Committee.

**B. Town CIP Project, Corliss Sidewalk (including TAR Form from Dennis Wanken regarding Wakefield & Corliss Drive)**

Jill A. Mercurio gave a summary of the Corliss SW project. The Town received a grant for \$125,000, and is using Proposition 1B money for the \$20,000 balance. The project is currently at 50% complete, and is still on schedule to bid/award/construct before school begins in the fall. The project itself will add sidewalk to the frontage of three properties between Wakefield and Warfield Drives.

There have been other requests by residents. The first is for a three-way stop at Wakefield and Corliss. This request was first heard by TSAC over a year ago. This is a Level 2 traffic calming measure and would require appropriate notification and input from the residents.

The second request was for time restricted turn movements at the Wakefield/Corliss intersection as well. This is a Level 3 traffic calming device which would also require appropriate notification and input from the residents.

Either, or both, of these measures could be implemented into the project quite easily, following the approvals from the effected residents. Town Engineer Mercurio suggested a special TSAC meeting to hear the comments from the neighborhood, perhaps later this month. Then a survey could be conducted, and the results brought back at the July meeting. Both proposed projects require 75% approval of adjacent properties, and 70% of the impacted neighborhood.

Resident Dennis Wanken spoke. The sidewalk between Camino Ricardo and Wakefield does nothing to help solve the vehicle problem, although it does get children out of the roadway. He sees the primary issue being traffic. Chief Priebe thinks both improvements could be beneficial.

Resident Connie Hayes spoke on behalf of the Los Perales PTA. They are willing to contribute \$2,000 for the installation of the stop signs. She has spoken to three of the four neighbors adjacent to the intersection, and impacted by the stop signs. Each of those three has agreed that the stop signs would be beneficial. When Ms. Hayes coordinated the sidewalk from Camino Ricardo to Wakefield, there were 1,500 cars per day through the area. Feels the new sidewalk is beneficial, and thrilled with it.

**C. Campolindo/Moraga Road Intersection Traffic Safety Concerns from Elaine Davis**

Resident Elaine Davis lives on Campolindo Drive east of Moraga Road. Her primary concern is the safety of pedestrians crossing Moraga Road at Campolindo Drive. She brought a handout for the Committee presenting her concerns and suggesting possible alternatives. She is requesting consideration of a "pedestrian only" phase of the signal operations, either with or without "right on red" prohibitions.

The Committee asked Town Engineer Mercurio if we could implement a phased approach to see if less impactful improvements make a significant difference at the intersection – perhaps starting with reminder signage and zebra striping. Town Engineer Mercurio said that some of this could be incorporated into the Pavement Rehabilitation Project being constructed over the summer.

**ACTION: It was M/S (Peterson/Treat) to install zebra crossing marks and reminder signage at the intersection of Moraga Road and Campolindo Drive. Vote: 5-0.**

## VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### A. Select new Chair and Vice Chair

**ACTION: It was motioned by acclamation to have Barbara Simpson serve a second term as Chair. Vote: 5-0.**

**ACTION: Chris Peterson was nominated to serve as Vice Chair for a second year. Vote: 5-0.**

### B. Traffic Calming Guide – Update TAR Form and Contact Information Page

Town Engineer Mercurio updated the contact information and asked for minor clarifications on the TAR form.

**ACTION: It was M/S (Treat/Mahoney) to make the changes as discussed. Vote: 5-0.**

### C. Miscellaneous/Meetings

Town Engineer Mercurio discussed the meeting schedule. Chair Simpson and Member Mahoney are not available for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Committee decided to cancel the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and have a special meeting on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. at the Hacienda.

The special meeting to hear the comments from the Corliss neighborhood will be on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Simpson asked about tree/canopy growth which blocks visibility and/or access. Town staff sends trim notices, if they are notified of the issue. Chair Simpson wanted to know if anything else is being done. Member Chuck Treat explained that the Fire Marshall also sends out notices for abatement.

## IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND LIAISONS

Council Member Harpham discussed his meeting with Mike Metcalf and Campolindo staff to implement a ride share program and reward with primo onsite parking. The new parking program is scheduled to start next year. Member Chuck Treat commended Campolindo on the cooperation and courtesy of staff and students at Campolindo.

Chair Simpson recapped the Lamorinda Wildfire Forum held on April 27. A follow up meeting is being planned for later this summer.

Vice Chair Peterson had spoken with Mr. Langan regarding the Sanders Drive crosswalk. Vice Chair Peterson explained the process for bringing something to TSAC for consideration. Mr. Langan said that this was the responsibility of the town government, and shouldn't be the responsibility of the residents, and asked that Vice Chair Peterson relay this message to the rest of the Committee.

Town Engineer Mercurio discussed the status of the grant application for the crosswalk improvements on Moraga Road at both Corliss and Woodford. She will keep the Committee apprised of the status as she learns new information.

**X. COMMUNICATIONS**

Sterrett Brandt (and other) emails are supporting a traffic signal at the high school near Woodford. Joe discussed the Committee's reactive approach.

Member Treat notified the Committee of Mike Majchrzak's death and service on Friday morning.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION: It was M/S (Peterson/Treat) to adjourn. Vote: 5-0.**

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jill Mercurio, Town Engineer