

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

May 26, 2009  
ACTION MINUTES  
7:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**            7:40 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL**                Committee Members: Chair Barbara Simpson, Vice Chair Chris Peterson, Christine Lenahan, and Chuck Treat (Absent: Joe Mahoney)
- Liaisons: Town Engineer Mercurio, Town Council Liaison Howard Harpham, and Police Chief Robert Priebe (Absent: MOFD Battalion Chief Jeff Maxwell)

**III. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

<b>ACTION: It was M/S (Treat/Peterson) to approve the meeting agenda. Vote: 4-0.</b>
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**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

**V. CURRENT ISSUES**

**A. Town CIP Project , Corliss Sidewalk**

Jill Mercurio, Public Works Director/Town Engineer, provided an overview of the capital project to construct sidewalk on the east side of Corliss Drive between Wakefield Drive and Warfield Drive, funded by a Safe Route to School grant and Proposition 1B funds. The project is currently being designed, and is scheduled to be constructed in July/August, and completed before school begins in August.

Dave Miller expressed his families' appreciation for the new sidewalk.

**B. Neighborhood Traffic Calming Requests**

Jill Mercurio, Public Works Director/Town Engineer, provided an overview of the two traffic calming proposals. The first is the installation of a three-way stop at the intersection of Corliss Drive at Wakefield Drive. The second is to install a time specified left-turn restriction at the same intersection. Left turns would be prohibited during the peak drop off and pick up times for the students. The proposals are not mutually exclusive, but were proposed individually, and are progressing individually.

When asked, Chief Priebe said that the Police felt that both proposals would improve safety at the intersection.

Gary Pon, owner of one of the properties adjacent to the intersection, expressed his concerns about either project, and asked if actual sign placement would be available. Ms. Mercurio said that if the projects have enough support to be approved, a traffic engineer would be called in to assist with the placement of the signs.

Other residents expressed their concerns regarding both proposals, as well as the concern about drivers using driveways to make U-turns, which would not be solved by either proposal.

The proposal proponent for the three way stops, Connie Hayes, clarified that the school and PTA have only weighed in on the stop sign proposal, and do not have a position on the left turn restrictions. She supposed that if the stop signs do not do an adequate job, and the turn restrictions were needed in the future, the PTA would likely consider them at that time. Chair

Simpson asked staff if the turn restrictions could be added later, if necessary. Ms. Mercurio confirmed this could be done later.

Chair Simpson polled the audience to determine the direction these residents would want. The results demonstrated a significantly divided populace. In the audience, there were more people against the turn restrictions than for them, or either for or against the stop signs. Similar splits were demonstrated in the ten pieces of correspondence from residents following up from the Town's May 19<sup>th</sup> letter.

Member Lenahan asked that staff also study the location of the crosswalk on Corliss to determine if the current location is still preferred.

Scott Bowhay expressed his concern that this should be a much larger meeting, more broadly advertised, and with more input from the residents. Chair Simpson explained that all impacted residents had received letters explaining both the capital project, and the traffic calming proposals, and everyone had the opportunity to attend the meeting, or to send in correspondence to let TSAC know of their concerns and/or support for the proposals.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **A. Next Meeting**

Ms. Mercurio reminded the Committee that the next meeting is a special meeting, in lieu of the cancelled regular June meeting, and will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The July meeting is scheduled for its regular meeting time and place on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She also confirmed that the Rheem/St. Mary's/Bollinger recommendation from TSAC will be discussed at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND LIAISONS**

None

## **IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were presented under the Corliss agenda items.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>ACTION: It was M/S (Lenahan/Peterson) to adjourn. Vote: 4-0.</b>
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BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jill Mercurio, Town Engineer