

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

September 2, 2009  
ACTION MINUTES  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**            6:08 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL**                Committee Members: Vice Chair Chris Peterson, Christie Lenahan (late), Joe Mahoney, and Chuck Treat (Absent: Chair Barbara Simpson)
- Liaisons: Town Engineer Mercurio and Police Chief Robert Priebe (Absent: MOFD Battalion Chief Jeff Maxwell and Town Council Liaison Howard Harpham)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A.** Review and approval of the July 1, 2009 TSAC action minutes by Committee Members.

July minutes were not provided, and had not been reviewed. Item was moved to the October meeting.

**IV. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

<b>ACTION: It was M/S (Treat/Mahoney) to approve the meeting agenda. Vote: 3-0.</b>
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**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Allen Espenmiller spoke about a proposal he brought to the Town in July. He expected to see something about it on the agenda tonight and was disappointed that it was not included. He is concerned about the street parking on Draeger Drive at Moraga Road, and indicated that the occupants at 715 Moraga Road frequently have many cars parked on the street blocking visibility, and requested that an area be red-curbed. The Committee asked that this be agendized for the next meeting.

**VI. CURRENT ISSUES**

- A.** St. Mary's Road/Rheem Blvd./Bollinger Canyon Road Intersection Recommendation to Town Council

Town Engineer Mercurio announced that the Town Manager has rescheduled this agenda item to the first meeting in October due to the heavy schedule of time critical issues in September. The Committee discussed logistics of the presentation. Member Joe Mahoney volunteered to present the findings and recommendation from the Committee.

Scott Bowhay asked that the report not focus solely on the financial aspects of the alternatives, and suggested that Moraga residents would be interested in a vigorous debate about the applicability of any of the alternatives before a decision is made. Member Mahoney clarified that the full public process would occur if given the direction from Council to proceed with any project.

The Committee anticipates this item to initiate a lot of discussion among the public at the Council Meeting. Member Mahoney will focus on providing a balanced approach with potential solutions,

which the Council can consider and provide more direction based on the current climate, but does not want to spend a lot of Town resources if there is no intention of continuing.

#### **B. Effectiveness of the Traffic Calming Guide**

Member Mahoney suggested that the Committee evaluate the actual process as set forth in the Traffic Calming Guide. There have been a number of proposed measures pursued by residents, but few have had ease in using the Traffic Calming Guide. Vice Chair Chris Peterson noted that the process seems to be inefficient, especially in the order that activities are recommended. Project proponents can progress quite far, investing a lot of personal effort, before they get feedback from the neighborhood that the proposal may not be favorably received. Member Mahoney suggested that this be discussed with all TSAC members present to ensure full input and discussion. He feels that one of the purposes of the process is to ensure enough support for a project that once the resources have been spent in implementation, it has a good chance of staying in place.

Chief Priebe suggested that a survey of those residents who have utilized the Guide to date to provide feedback on what their thoughts on the process are.

Member Mahoney asked if TSA wanted to include an addendum to the Guide, including common pitfalls, for example. Scott Bowhay suggested helpful hints in the margins, for example, to provide key information to the user.

Member Mahoney asked that "Effectiveness of the Traffic Calming Guide and Assessment Tool" be agendaized for the next meeting. Everyone can think about the topic before the next meeting and present and insights for discussion.

### **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **A. Town E-Mail Addresses for Committee Members**

Town Engineer Mercurio asked that anyone interested in getting a Town email address for their TSAC activities let Celina know so the addresses can be set up. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of such an address.

#### **B. Next Meeting**

Town Engineer Mercurio reminded all that the next meeting is scheduled for October 7, and the St. Mary's Road/Rheem Boulevard/Bollinger Canyon presentation is scheduled for the October 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Scott Bowhay asked that any reports or correspondence be made available to the public prior to the meeting, similar to the Council meetings. Town Engineer Mercurio will follow up and report back at the next meeting.

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

None.

### **X. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. Various e-mail messages regarding Los Perales/Corliss Drive Traffic Congestion**

The mailed information from Dennis Wanken spurred a number of residents to write to the Town about the options he presented. Staff will get back to these residents with an update and educated

them on the traffic calming process. Responses will also ask if anyone is interested in being a project proponent for any of the proposals, staff can assist in getting them started.

**B.** E-Mail message from M. McBride regarding Canyon & Country Club Drive Intersection

Vice Chair Peterson agreed that this is a bad intersection. Chief Priebe has researched the accident history and there is not enough data to warrant significant changes.

**C.** E-Mail message from C. Shafer regarding Speeding Cars on Camino Ricardo

Town Engineer Mercurio will get back to her regarding the possibility of a “Slow Children” sign and the process to get one.

**D.** E-Mail message from E. Davis regarding Campolindo Pedestrian Safety

Town Engineer Mercurio explained the funding restrictions on the zebra striping during the capital project, but will get the striping installed after the project is signed off by Caltrans.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>ACTION: It was M/S (Lenahan/Mahoney) to adjourn. Vote: 4-0.</b>
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BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jill Mercurio, Town Engineer