# Moraga Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

## MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 29, 2010
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Hacienda De Las Flores – Mosaic Room
2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

Committee Members: Vice Chair Joe Mahoney, Luis Salvago-Toledo, Richard Sauve, and John Valentine. (Absent: Chair Barbara Simpson)

Liaisons: Police Chief Robert Priebe , Council Member Harpham, and Town Engineer Mercurio, MOFD Battalion Chief Randy Trumpf

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A.** Review and approval of the September 1, 2010 action minutes by Committee Members

**ACTION: It was M/S (Valentine/Salvago-Toledo) to approve the September 1, 2010 minutes. Vote: 3-0.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

**ACTION: It was M/S (Salvago-Toledo/Valentine) to approve the September 29, 2010 meeting agenda. Vote: 3-0.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**VI. CURRENT ISSUES**

**A. Campolindo HOA's Transportation Action Request from 11/20/09**

**VII.** Town Engineer Mercurio briefed the Committee on the change in the leadership for the CHOA. Email from Pat Moran indicated that they have taken no efforts to date with the speed display equipment. Vice Chair Mahoney agreed that the first presentation indicated that they would be willing to pursue and get their own traffic survey. But there has been no action from CHOA, and they are now back to their original request. Member Sauve asked about the police speed display, Bob confirmed that the unit does not record data. Member Sauve thought there might be a disconnect between the TSAC and the CHOA that they were supposed to pay for the data collection. Vice Chair Mahoney believes that the process was understood in the previous meeting, but with the changes, their commitment to continue/fund may have changed. Vice Chair Mahoney asks if this is something that TSAC would like to continue. Member Valentine noted that a future communication has a Transportation Action Request form (TAR) for a 4-way stop request – may have different solutions to the same problem, and motioned for tabling this until we can hear the TAR for the 4-way stop. Vice Chair Mahoney seconded. Member Sauve opened discussions clarifying the sites for the speed signs and the 4-way stop request. Vice Chair Mahoney suggests that since the original proposal does not appear to have continued support, the second one may. Staff will notify that Mr. Moran about the new proposal and invite him to attend the meeting. Member Sauve is concerned that we have two requests – one from a small group and one from the HOA. Vice Chair Mahoney noted that this is not unusual.

**ACTION: It was M/S (Valentine/Mahoney) that we defer this discussion until the new TAR regarding the same area. Vote: 4-0.**

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## A. Corliss Accident Update (heard third)

Anne Chang was present to discuss the Corliss/Warfield issue. She said that they got the traffic safety evaluation. Traffic Engineers recommended a three way stop, crosswalks, and a curb extensions. She will provide this to the adjacent neighbors to see their opinion on stop signs. She has already talked to the neighbors. The one property across the street from Warfield was previously not in favor of stop signs.

Town Engineer Mercurio was asked about modifications – she said that only one crosswalk may be required, but be aware that there is no refuge area for pedestrians on the other side since there is no sidewalk on that side. Chang asked if the sidewalk can be extended to Arroyo. Town Engineer Mercurio explained that sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner, not the Town, and there are not enough resources to install additional sidewalk.

Member Valentine asked what defines a school crosswalk. Town Engineer Mercurio didn't know, but would look into the question.

Member Salvago-Toledo suggested that if a crosswalk were installed, it be located at the stop sign when heading toward the school. Chief Priebe said that he would like to have sidewalks continued.

Member Valentine wants to see other alternatives, or good justification why others were not presented. Member Sauve said the traffic engineers also owe us a photo log. Member Sauve said that the proposal and the report are very different. Member Sauve would like to see notes and pedestrian movements in the field. Vice Chair Mahoney asked that we agendize this for next meeting.

Vice Chair Mahoney talked about process – getting some people involved and the issues have been discussed. Town Engineer Mercurio went through the process, and asked for TSAC member to volunteer to be the point person. Discussion ensued on the impacted area. Town Engineer Mercurio thought that the 300 feet plus Warfield might be adequate. Member Valentine asked that all people who would regularly walk this area be included in the notification as well.

Member Sauve wants to know who needs to attend the neighborhood meeting, who makes the presentations, etc. Vice Chair Mahoney clarified that the purpose of the Committee is as facilitator.

Member Salvago-Toledo suggested that more than one TSAC member go to this meeting, since some of the members have not gone to one before. Member Sauve volunteered to go and be the point of contact, although he asked that staff attend also since he does not have the experience in this role.

## B. Respond to Councilmember Metcalf's concerns (heard second)

Town Engineer Mercurio summarized the situation and discussed the memo. Vice Chair Mahoney suggested that the Larch proposal did not come to fruition was somewhat disappointing, but does not indicate that the process failed. TSAC recognized that a lot of work was done by the Larch. The dissention from the adjacent properties was ultimately what caused the project to not be implemented, but that is the way the process works. TSAC discussions last year regarding this topic indicated that a better approach may be to address the adjacent property owners earlier in the process. The memo to Councilmember Metcalf should mention that better guidance is being provided to requestors that they tackle the adjacent neighbors early to determine if they have consensus. Member Sauve asked about the approval limits, and whether 75% of the adjacent properties agreeing with the proposal is the appropriate requirement. Although much less restrictive than the 100% required previously, 75% agreement may also be difficult to reach. Member Sauve asked if the 75% approval of adjacent neighbors is also required for Town projects. Vice Chair Mahoney confirmed that it is. The obvious exclusion is that if something is warranted by traffic engineering standards, such as warranted stop signs, the Town does not need the requisite approvals.

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Member Sauve would be interested in determining the source of the 75%. Also, the study areas need to be expanded to include those affected, especially traffic would be redirected. Vice Chair Mahoney asked if the Committee would like to readdress the 75% approval, and the majority of the Committee agreed this would be worthwhile.

Sophie Braccini asked for public comment, and asked if the project proponent can appeal to the Town Council. Vice Chair Mahoney confirmed that a group could appeal. Member Valentine asked if folks know that they can appeal the process.

Member Sauve asked if it possible to revisit the process they need to follow. He expressed concerns that barriers are being put up that might be avoided. Vice Chair Mahoney said that can be discussed as an agenda item in the future. The Traffic Calming Guide is a living document, and the Town Council could ask TSAC to change or clarify anything in the Guide.

Member Valentine asked whether or not the Committee distinguishes between residential traffic vs. through traffic. Vice Chair Mahoney thinks that most of the issues fall into neighborhood traffic compounded by non-neighborhood traffic, but that the current process does not ask that information.

The Committee asked that the memo to Councilmember Metcalf also present that based on the Committee discussions, the required approvals of adjacent properties will be agendized for discussion in the future. Town Engineer Mercurio should also change last paragraph that it will be changed as necessary. TSAC approved Town Engineer Mercurio to make the discussed changes and give to Councilmember Metcalf. Member Salvago-Toledo asked that we ask future groups to come back to provide feedback on the process.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

None.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND LIAISONS

None.

## XI. COMMUNICATIONS

There have been three communications for TSAC. The first was from Mr. Martin regarding the Corliss/Warfield issues. Town Engineer Mercurio will let him know about the planned neighborhood meeting, which we is welcome to attend. The second correspondence requests crosswalks and maybe a stop sign at de la Cruz. Town staff has provided the TAR and TCG for his use. The third request is regarding converting the two-way stop at Campolindo Drive and Calle la Montana to a four-way stop. This will be agendized for discussion at a future meeting

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jill A. Mercurio, Town Engineer

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