

Moraga Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

6:00 pm

Hacienda De Las Flores – Mosaic Room
2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:06 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Vice-Chair Richard Sauve, Members Paul Menaker and Luis Salvago-Toledo
Absent: Chair John Valentine, Member William Carman

Liaisons: Police Chief Robert Priebe, Town Engineer Jill Mercurio, and Council Member Harpham

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**ACTION: It was M/S (Menaker/Salvago-Toledo) to approve the July 6, 2011 minutes.
Vote: 3-0.**

V. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

**ACTION: It was M/S (Menaker/Salvago-Toledo) to approve the September 7, 2011 meeting agenda.
Vote: 3-0.**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

VII. CURRENT ISSUES

A. Moraga Way Streetscape Project

Town Engineer Mercurio was notified in August of the award of a grant for streetscape improvements on Moraga Way. Moraga was initially denied this grant in favor of another city, who recently notified the State that they are unable to supply the matching funds required for the project. The grant requires a project be ready for Caltrans review by February 1, 2012, which severely limits what type of project we can take on. The project is also constrained by the limits of the Moraga Specific Plan area, as the Town's only Planned Development Area (PDA), and must be limited to pedestrian improvements. The grant is for \$500,000 with a 20% match of \$100,000 required by the Town.

Town Engineer Mercurio informed the Committee that this agenda item is merely a heads-up to inform them that a project could potentially be coming up. The Town has still not decided if they will accept the grant, however, due to the constraints and limitations.

Member Menaker commented that we should have shelf-ready projects in order to speed up the process. Town Engineer Mercurio informed the Committee that funding sources limit where money can be spent, so keeping a project on the shelf may not be beneficial.

Vice Chair Sauve suggested that, if the Town had several projects ready, the TSAC review and approve them ahead of time in order to speed up the process. He also asked if the Specific Plan includes the Rheem Shopping Center. Town Engineer Mercurio informed the Committee that, no, the

Specific Plan does not include the Rheem Center but that Staff is considering processing a PDA in the Rheem Center area as well.

B. Requested actions from Moraga Town Council at July 13th Council Meeting

Town Engineer Mercurio informed the Committee that the Town Council approved the Campolindo 4-way stop sign. The Town Council also discussed the 70% issue and wanted the TSAC to create an appeal procedure. The Council also brought up the issue of Larch Avenue and their past attempt to implement traffic control measures. The residents on Larch did not meet the required percentage of participation and discontinued the process. The issue is that people are unaware they may still bring a matter before the Town Council either without the requisite approvals, or without recommendation of the TSAC. The Council also wants clarification on the abstention from the petition process and how that should be considered in the analysis.

Town Engineer Mercurio brought that the current Traffic Calming Guide (TCG) is on its second version. The first version had an appeal process; however it was dropped from the current version in order to make the TCG less daunting to the public and easier to understand.

Member Menaker asked if all changes to the TCG must be passed by the Committee, to which Town Engineer Mercurio informed the Committee that TSAC must discuss all changes in a public forum, and the Town Council must also approve all recommendations.

Member Menaker noted that the public misconception exists that every item brought before the Committee is a traffic safety issue, as was the case with the Campolindo 4-way stop sign. Member Sauve commented that this presents an opportunity to clarify the TCG.

Town Engineer Mercurio informed the Committee that, in order to modify the Traffic Control Guide, the public will need to be notified. She suggested that the TSAC widely advertise this in order to give a voice to the people.

Vice Chair Sauve suggested sending the first version of the TCG to Committee members, as well as posting it online. He also recommended adding the discussion of an appeal process to the October meeting and a discussion of percentages of approval to the November meeting. Town Engineer Mercurio also suggested adding a discussion regarding the radius of impacted residents, which Vice Chair Sauve recommended adding to the December agenda.

Vice Chair Sauve asked if the TSAC saved the Town Council time on the Campolindo project. Police Chief Priebe stated yes, and that the Council was glad to see a project successfully pass through the TSAC.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda items have been added for the next three meetings, per agenda item VII.B, as follows:

1. October 5, 2011 – Discuss appeal process
2. November 2, 2011 – Discuss approval percentages
3. December 7, 2011 – Discuss radius of impacted area and how to count abstentions

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND LIAISONS

Police Chief Priebe reported that the newly installed stop signs at Campolindo Drive and Calle la Montana are working and that there have been no problems.

Member Salvago-Toledo informed the Committee that he is moving and this meeting will be his last. He has notified the Town Council, in writing, of this decision. Committee members thanked him for his time serving on the Committee and wished him well.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:03 p.m.

**ACTION: It was M/S (Salvago-Toledo/Menaker) to adjourn the September 7, 2011 meeting.
Vote: 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill A. Mercurio, Town Engineer