



CITY OF
FOLSOM
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Traffic Safety Committee Meeting

Agenda

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630
July 25, 2024
4:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL:**

S. Bailey, Z. Bosch, J. Brausch, T. Galovich, K. Goddard, M. McGee, M. Washburn

3. **MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes of the June 20, 2024 Meeting.

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Discuss any items not on the agenda that a member of the public wishes to bring to the Committee's attention. The Traffic Safety Committee cannot take formal action on the item but can request that it be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

5. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Review of Temporary Circulation Changes at Folsom High School
- b. Request for Evaluation of Existing Crossing at Alder Creek Parkway and Placerville Road Trail

6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Traffic Safety Committee Action Item Updates
- b. Upcoming Traffic Safety Committee Items

7. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630

June 27, 2024

4:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: S. Bailey, Z. Bosch, J. Brausch, T. Galovich, K. Goddard, C. Wilson, M. Washburn
(arrived at 4:02 p.m.)

ABSENT: T. Galovich

3. **MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes of the May 23, 2024, Meeting.

The committee asked that the meeting minutes be edited to reflect that Chair Wilson called the meeting to order, not Committee Member Goddard, as they stated.

Wilson motioned to accept the minutes.

Goddard seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Bosch, Brausch, Galovich, Goddard

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Galovich, Washburn

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Scott Wilson made a public comment. He updated the committee regarding the increasing number of vehicles driving dangerously on his street, provided pictures for the committee, and asked for increased Police enforcement.

5. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Presentation of Preliminary Collision Data Analysis Findings for City's Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) Update

Three Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. consultants made a presentation. Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. has been contracted to perform the LSRP. There will be social media posts and

a survey that will allow for public input. The Draft of the LRSP will be a future agenda item for the Traffic Safety Committee.

b. Review of Temporary Circulation Changes at Folsom High School

This item was pushed to a future agenda.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Riley Street & Scott Street Intersection

Bosch provided an update regarding the intersection and corridor. The bike lane in that area was discussed. Possible options to encourage pedestrians to use the crosswalk and not cross in the middle of the road were discussed.

b. Traffic Safety Committee Action Item Updates

Bosch explained that some of the rectangular rapid flashing beacons arrived damaged and had to be sent back, and they are working to procure them so they can make the planned improvements.

Brausch reported that the bollard at Golf Links Road and Woodglen Drive needs to be repaired because it was hit. Additionally, the two bollards on Prewett Drive need to be repaired. She also asked for an update on the proposed Creekside Development project. She asked regarding Hummingbird Circle, and Bosch reported that a petition was never received from the neighborhood following the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting. She asked for an update regarding Willow Creek and Flower Drive improvements.

Bailey asked for an update on the sharp turn on Santa Juanita Road, and Bosch provided it.

c. Upcoming Traffic Safety Committee Items

Item 5b, the circulation changes at Folsom High School, will be a future agenda item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: July 25, 2024

TO: Traffic Safety Committee

FROM: Public Works Department

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF TEMPORARY CIRCULATION CHANGES AT
FOLSOM HIGH SCHOOL**

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

During the April 4, 2024, Traffic Safety Committee meeting, a presentation was made by Officer Jarus Perez, City of Folsom School Resource Officer, regarding traffic issues at Folsom High School. Greg Crannell from Folsom High School assisted in the presentation. Folsom High School planned to do a trial period with proposed traffic safety improvements on their property this spring.

Updates will be provided to the committee for the effectiveness of these changes and any upcoming changes planned.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION

Staff recommends discussion of updates.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: July 25, 2024
TO: Traffic Safety Committee
FROM: Public Works Department
**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EVALUATION OF EXISTING CROSSING AT
ALDER CREEK PARKWAY AND PLACERVILLE ROAD TRAIL**

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to evaluate line of sight issues at the crosswalk located at Alder Creek Parkway and Placerville Trail and to recommend the pruning of certain trees, installation of advanced warning signs, and relocation of a developer sign to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety.

2. Background:

Concerns have been raised by residents and traffic safety officials regarding the limited visibility at the crosswalk at Alder Creek Parkway and Placerville Trail. The primary obstructions identified include a cluster of mature trees and a developer sign, which collectively impede clear sightlines for both pedestrians and drivers.

3. Site Evaluation:

An onsite evaluation was conducted on Wednesday July 10, 2024, which included a comprehensive assessment of the current line of sight from multiple angles and directions. The following observations were made:

Trees: There are two mature trees located within the landscaped median approximately 135' and 60' from the nose of the median which is directly adjacent to the crosswalk striping. These trees have substantial canopies that obstruct the view of oncoming traffic for pedestrians and vice versa.

Developer Sign: The large sign is positioned 4' from the nose of the median and is sizable enough to block the view of the pedestrian traveling northbound significantly enough that they must pause to crane their neck to look around the sign to see oncoming traffic.

4. Safety Concerns:

The limited visibility at this crosswalk presents several safety concerns:

Pedestrian Risk: Pedestrians, including children and elderly residents, are at higher risk of not being seen by drivers until they are very close to the crosswalk.

Driver Reaction Time: Drivers have reduced reaction time to notice and yield to pedestrians, increasing the likelihood of accidents.

Historical Incidents: There have been zero reported accidents at this location in the past 12 months. Near misses are not reported and therefore are not able to be verified by Public Works staff.

5. Recommendations:

Based on the evaluation, the following actions are recommended to improve safety at the crosswalk:

Pruning of Trees: The pruning of the canopy of the two trees identified as primary obstructions to restore clear sightlines. While this action impacts the local greenery, the safety benefits outweigh the aesthetic value. This recommendation comes from conversations with the City's Urban Forester, who proposed pruning by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture to raise the elevation of the canopies and thin out the dense inner foliage to allow for a less obstructed view.

Relocation/Removal of Developer Sign: Engage with the developer to either relocate or remove the sign to eliminate the visual obstruction. Coordination with the developer will be necessary to identify a suitable new location, if relocation is feasible.

Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs): This location is recommended for installation of RRFBs due to their ability to draw attention to motorists at further distances than standard static signs, especially in low light situations.

Installation of Advanced Pedestrian Warning Signs: Westbound Alder Creek Parkway does not currently have advanced Pedestrian Warning Signs. Placement of these advanced signs would warn motorists of approaching crosswalk approximately 500' sooner than existing signage.

6. Budget and Resources:

Cost Estimates: Pruning of tree(s) will be covered by the city's yearly landscaping maintenance budget, or by Public Works staff if necessary.

Relocation of the developer sign will be covered by the owner of the sign.

Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons: Based on previous installations of RRFBs in the previous fiscal year, city staff's estimate for this location would be approximately \$14,000.

Advanced Pedestrian Warning Signs: This work will be accomplished by Public Works staff immediately after approval and covered under its annual maintenance budget.

7. Implementation Timeline:

Project Timeline: Pruning of the trees would be initiated immediately after recommendations by the Committee, by relayed information to the Parks and Recreation Department for their removal by their landscape maintenance contractor.

RRFBs will be procured by the city's procurement methodology, and current lead times for RRFBs are expected to be 6-8 weeks from the end of bidding process. Updates will be given throughout the process when city staff updates TSC agenda item update spreadsheet.

8. Conclusion:

Enhancing the line of sight at the crosswalk near Alder Creek Parkway and Placerville Trail is essential for improving pedestrian and vehicular safety. The pruning of certain trees, removal of the developer sign, and installation of RRFBs are recommended to achieve this goal.

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Attachment A :

1. Site Photographs

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION

City Staff is recommending the immediate pruning of the two trees within the landscaped median and the relocation of the developer sign to an approved location, installation of advanced pedestrian warning signs and installation of RRFB at crosswalk.



Google Maps View of Developer Sign



South Side Pedestrian View of Westbound Vehicles



North Side Pedestrian View of Westbound Vehicles



Westbound Vehicle View of Crosswalk

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: July 25, 2024
TO: Traffic Safety Committee
FROM: Public Works Department
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM UPDATES

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In an effort to provide transparency and accountability for items from the Traffic Safety Committee, the Public Works Department will provide an update on previously voted on action items.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION

Informational item only. No action required.

Agenda Item Number	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action Item	Project Update/Next Steps	Needs to be on an upcoming TSC agenda? Y/N
TSC 22-031	10/27/2022	Randall Drive and Santana Way Stop Sign	The Traffic Safety Committee recommends that the Public Works Department install radar feedback signs and traffic striping. They recommend that the Public Works Department determine the most appropriate traffic striping at their discretion.	Striping Completed 5/2024. Radar Feedback signs delivery date Delivery 6/18/2024. Installing within next 2 weeks.	N
TSC 22-034	12/8/2022	Natoma Station Drive/Ashchat - School Safety & Neighborhood Issues	The Traffic Safety Committee recommends looking at the location of existing speed limit signs and school zone signs on Turnpike. They recommend tree trimming to improve the visibility of signs. The Public Works Department will consider road striping "25 mph" on approaches and improve the striping in the crosswalks. The Committee recommends that this be a future agenda item for continued discussion.	Discuss temporary installation of NO PARKING barricades with School District	Y
TSC 23-05	1/26/2023	Speed Limit on White Rock Road between East Bidwell Street and Prairie City Road	Recommend 60 MPH speed limit to City Council for Adoption	Scheduled for July 23rd CC meeting (First Reading) and Aug 13 (Second Reading & Adoption)	N
TSC-23-017	5/25/2023	South Lexington Speeding Issue	The Traffic Safety Committee recommends that the City enact the modifications proposed in the staff report for this item to South Lexington Drive between Duxbury Way and Silberhorn Drive. These modifications include a "Residential Neighborhood Sign", multiple 25 MPH legends on the pavement, and 2 radar feedback signs.	Radar Feedback signs delivery date Delivery 6/18/2024. Installing within next 2 weeks.	Y - 6 month Follow-up after installation
TSC 23-027	9/28/2023	Iron Point Road and Carpenter Hill Road	The Traffic Safety Committee recommends that the Public Works Department take the feedback from the discussion and come back to the committee with recommendations	Striping completed. Flashing Stop Sign signs in process. Delivery 6/18/2024. Installing within next 2 weeks.	N
TSC 23-029	9/28/2023	Pedestrian improvements at Willow Creek Trail and Prewett Drive	The Traffic Safety Committee approves the installation of the RRFBs at the Prewett Drive midblock crosswalk at Folsom Kids Play Park.	Procurement of RRFBs signs in process. Delivery 6/18/2024. Installing within next 2 weeks.	N

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TSC 23-031	10/26/2023	Flower Drive Speeding Issues and Pedestrian Safety	The Traffic Safety Committee approves the installation of the radar feedback signs, 25 MPH legends, trimming trees that may block signage, install in crosswalk pedestrian signs at the Flower Drive and Willow Creek Drive	Procurement of Radar Feedback signs in process. Delivery 6/18/2024. Installing within next 2 weeks.	N
TSC24-001	2/22/2024	Willow Creek Drive and Thomas Court	The Traffic Safety Committee approves the installation of the pedestrian bollards, enhance crosswalk striping and outreach to school via School's newsletter and message boards in park.	Public Works to construct information for school to distribute, add striping to project list	N
TSC 24-007	4/4/2024	Median Fence on Iron Point Road	The Traffic Safety Committee recommends that the Public Works Department work to find funding to support the project to protect pedestrians.	Design phase started 7/1/2024. Scheduled to bid Aug 2024 for Fall construction.	N
TSC 24-008	4/4/2024	SPEED LIMIT ADOPTION: FOLSOM LAKE CROSSING & SAVANNAH PARKWAY	The Traffic Safety Committee recommends that the Public Works Department seek approval from City Council for 45 MPH on Folsom Lake Crossing and 35 MPH on Savannah Parkway	Scheduled for July 23rd CC meeting (First Reading) and Aug 13 (Second Reading & Adoption)	N