



CITY OF LAKEPORT TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

RE: Biannual Review of Traffic Safety Related Complaints	MEETING DATE: 09/09/2019
SUBMITTED BY: Kevin M. Ingram, Community Development Director	
PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

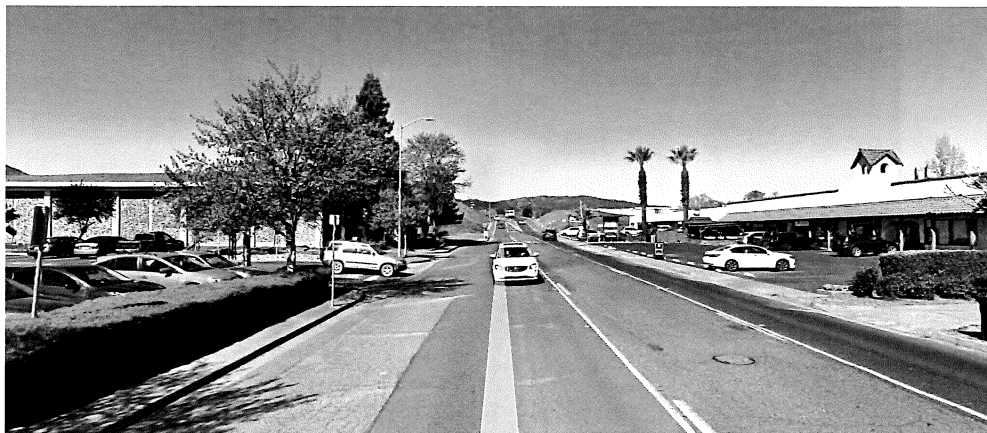
WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Discuss and review observed trends in received traffic safety related complaints to the City of Lakeport.

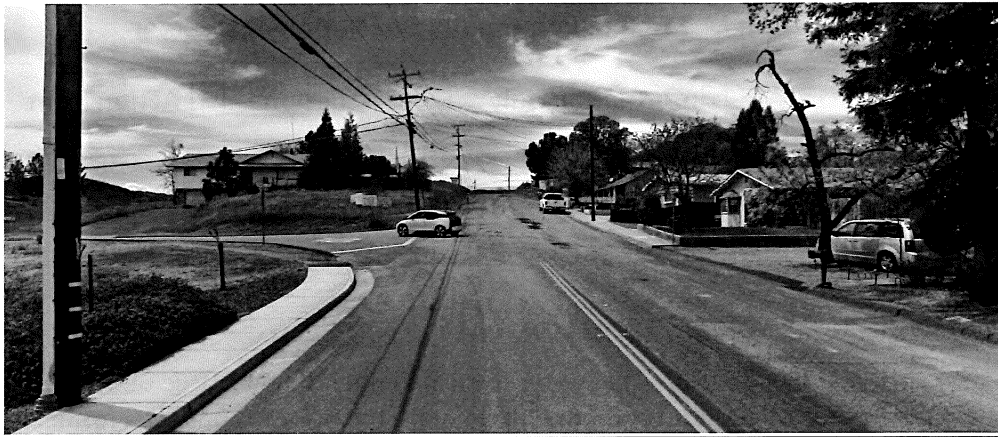
BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Over the past couple of months City staff has received a number of new traffic safety related complaints concerning several areas throughout town that necessitate the need to conduct a formal traffic study. City staff is looking to hire a traffic engineering consultant to review these several problem areas and 1) make a determination if issues warrant a change in the current circulation pattern, and 2) if yes, possible recommendations to consider to assist in resolving the issues. Below is a quick overview of the areas identified by City staff as requiring additional study:

- Pedestrian Crossing on Lakeport Blvd. between Larrecou and Forbes—Over the past couple of years the City has received a number of requests for the consideration of a crossing between the Bruno's Shopping Center and Bell Alamo Plaza. This area does present a number of traffic safety related concerns: mid-block crossing, left-hand turning lane, multiple driveway encroachments. A traffic engineer would assist in identifying the most appropriate location for a crossing and make recommendations on the best means to ensure safe pedestrian crossing.



- Bevins/Martin Street Intersection—At the last regular meeting in June, staff presented TSAC with concerns brought up a recent Planning Commission concerning this intersection. The concern developed as part of the review and approval of new multi-family housing at 1255 Martin Street and the increase in volume of traffic utilizing this intersection. Although the increase in traffic volume will not warrant a change to the existing intersection configuration a recommendation was made requesting the City’s Engineering and Public Works Departments to review this intersection to see if there are any additional signage or other possible mitigations that can be incorporated to aid in reducing potential traffic safety related issues at this intersection. Staff is recommending that a certified traffic engineer review this location to address any potential improvements that should be considered.



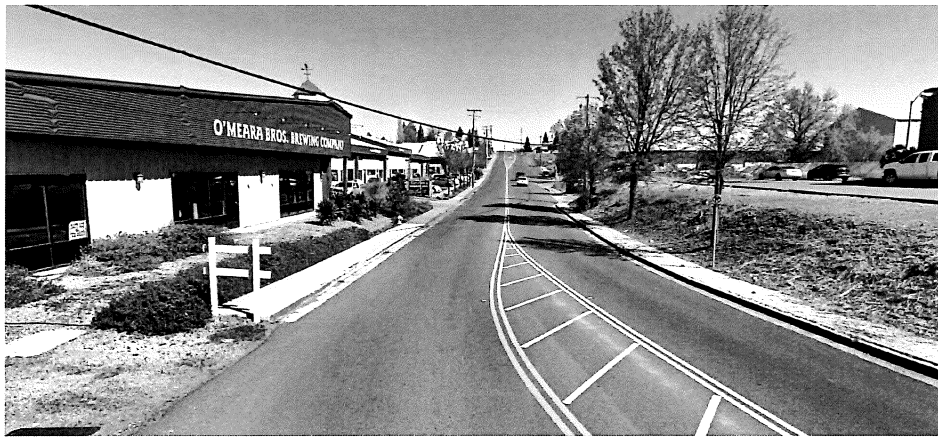
- Lakeshore Blvd. Corridor between Giselman and Lange—At the most recent TSAC meeting in June, a couple residents from this area expressed their concern related to frequent accidents along this corridor. In the past a traffic safety related project near the intersection of Lakeshore and Jones was considered but was not completed. City staff is recommending that a certified traffic engineer review this corridor and its accident related history to see what possible mitigations should be considered to improve the overall safety of this corridor.



- Intersection of Third and Forbes Street—A local business operation at this location has made several complaints to City staff regarding ongoing vehicular and pedestrian related conflicts at this intersection. This is a heavily used pedestrian crossing associated with the Lake County Courthouse. Staff is recommending that a certified traffic engineer review traffic circulation and accident data at this location to see if it warrants the need for a four-way stop.



- Pedestrian Crossing of Bevins near the Gateway Business Park (975 Bevins)—Similar to the issues noted on Lakeport Boulevard, requests are often made to City staff concerning the possibility of creating a crosswalk across Bevins to facilitate pedestrian movement between the Gateway Business Park and Shoreline Shopping Center. In staff's opinion the creation of a mid-block crosswalk at this location will have the effect of creating an even more dangerous situation than what currently exists. Staff recommends the review of this area by a certified traffic engineer to make recommendations as to whether or not a safe pedestrian crossing can be established at this location.



Following the completion of a traffic engineering study at these various locations, City staff will present the findings and recommendations to TSAC for further possible action.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

No action requested.