



CITY OF LAKEPORT TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

**Front Conference Room, City Hall, 225 Park Street, Lakeport, CA
Monday, November 14, 2016
4:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of September 12, 2016 Meeting

3. CITIZEN INPUT

Any citizen may speak for three minutes about any subject of concern to her or him provided that the subject is not already on the agenda. Person's wishing to address the TSAC should complete a Citizen's Input form and submit it to the TSAC Secretary prior to the meeting being called to order.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Eleventh Street Corridor Discussion of traffic safety concerns associated with the Eleventh Street corridor (North Main Street to the western City limits).
- B. Speed Limits along Twentieth Street Review and discuss issues pertaining the 2016 Speed Zone Study recommendation to increase the speed limit along Twentieth Street between Hartley and Will-O-View from 25 mph to 30 mph.
- C. Police Traffic Enforcement Priorities 2017 The Lakeport Police Department will provide a briefing to the committee regarding traffic enforcement priorities for 2017.

5. GENERAL TRAFFIC ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6. ADJOURN

Kelly Buendia, Secretary



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Monday, September 12, 2016
4:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ann Blue called the regular meeting of the Lakeport Traffic Safety Advisory Committee to order at 4:04 p.m. with Committee Members Vicki Cole, Suzanne Russell, and George Spurr present. Committee Member Frank Dollosso was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Committee Member Spurr, seconded by Committee Member Russell, and unanimously carried by voice vote, with Committee Member Dollosso absent, to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2016.

3. CITIZEN INPUT:

There was no Citizen input.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Traffic Safety Complaint Form

Community Development Director Ingram presented the Traffic Safety Complaint Form for Committee members to review and provide input. He explained how the forms and complaints would be logged and tracked in response to the Committee's questions.

The following changes to the form were requested and agreed to by the committee by consensus:

1. Add "if known" to Assesor's Parcel Number
2. Add "or other descriptive information" to Nearest Cross Street

A motion was made by Committee Member Russell, seconded by Committee Member Cole, and unanimously carried by voice vote with Committee Member Dollosso absent, to add a standing biannual review of the log of Traffic Complaints to monitor progress. Community Development Director Ingram gave an update on the following traffic related items:

B. Update the Committee on Several Traffic Related Items

- Downtown Improvement Phase II Project – tree grates installed, finishing last section of sidewalks on Main Street, paving scheduled by end of month, in time for Oktoberfest and Konocti Challenge. Trees scheduled to be planted in the Fall or Spring at latest.
- Bevins Street Rehabilitation – Granite will be paving at night the week before Main Street is paved, we are currently working with affected merchants.
- Lakeshore Storm Damage Emergency Repair Project – located along lakeshore south of Sayre to Jones, redoing the curb, hope to add 4 ft. path and repair storm damage only. Project does not include street paving. The City is unable to secure a grant for paving at this time.
- HSIP Grant Application for restriping collector & arterial streets – submitted grant, expect to receive response sometime in October.

CITIZEN MEMBERS: Ann Blue, Vicki Cole, Frank Dollosso, Suzanne Russell, George Spurr

STAFF MEMBERS: Kevin Ingram, Community Development Director; Brad Rasmussen, Police Chief; Paul Curren, City Engineer; Kelly Buendia, City Clerk/Secretary

- Lakefront Revitalization Plan – Although primarily dealing with waterfront land uses the plan does also include some elements of traffic and circulation. Public input received thus far does indicate the need to provide additional parking in this area. City would like to address parking and general traffic circulation patterns for Downtown area as part of the plan.
- Measure Z – Overview: 1 cent sales tax measure, general tax to help Police with recruitment issues, improve roadways, and enhance parks & recreation opportunities. If approved Measure Z will compliment Measure I revenue and allow the City a greater ability to improve local roadways. Since its inception, Measure I has raised \$7.6 million and the City has leveraged that to do \$12 million worth of work. The Sales Tax is paid by visitors and tourists as well as residents. Chief Rasmussen advised that most of the LPD “customers” were not residents of Lakeport. If Measure Z passes the total increase will be ¾ cent due to a sun setting state ¼ sales tax in December 2016.

C. No Parking Zone Expansion along Westside of Bevins Street

Community Development Director Ingram presented the staff report to consider the additional extension of the no parking zone area along the West side of Bevins Street to include the entire frontage of the Gateway Business Park located at 975 Bevins Street.

A motion was made by Committee Member Cole, seconded by Committee Member Russell, and unanimously carried by voice vote with Committee Member Dollosso absent, to recommend that the City Council amend Resolution No. 2589 (2016) to prohibit on-street parking along the west side of Bevins Street in front of the Gateway Business Park (975 Bevins Street).

5. GENERAL TRAFFIC ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Community Development Director Ingram is in receipt of Traffic Complaint forms from Chair Blue and Committee Member Cole.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Blue adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Hilary Britton, Acting Secretary



CITY OF LAKEPORT TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

RE: Traffic & Safety Issues pertaining to the Eleventh Street Corridor	MEETING DATE: 11/14/2016
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 PLANNING COMMISSION:

Discussion of traffic safety concerns associated with the Eleventh Street corridor (North Main Street to the western City limits).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Over the past few months City staff has received a number complaints and inquiries regarding traffic safety concerns along the entire Eleventh Street corridor. Complaints and inquiries have included pedestrian safety & access, overgrown vegetation obstructing sight distance at intersections with local streets and turning movement issues at the intersection of Eleventh and Forbes Streets.

Improvements to the Eleventh Street corridor are restricted due to a number a multitude of factors. A large portion of the corridor is prescriptive easement and is not controlled in the same manner as most public right-of-way. The placement of utility poles within existing sidewalk and several areas of the corridor which contain no sidewalk make the area difficult to use by pedestrians. Limited City, State and Federal financial resources further aggravate the ability to construct meaningful larger-scale improvements to this corridor. State and Federal funding opportunities is often tied to addressing safety issues. The primary factor reviewed as part of grant applications for safety improvements is accident data. The City's accident data for this corridor will be provided at the public meeting.

The of Lakeport has recently applied for a nearly \$350,000 grant through the Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to replace worn roadway lining along the City's collector and Arterial roadways which includes this corridor. Additionally, the City has \$4,000 programed within the Lake Area Planning Council, to perform a preliminary study to examine circulation improvement options for this important regional corridor.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

No action requested.



CITY OF LAKEPORT TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

RE: Speed Limits along Twentieth Street	MEETING DATE: 11/14/2016
SUBMITTED BY: Kevin M. Ingram, Community Development Director Brad Rasmussen, Chief of Police	
PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Review and discuss issues pertaining the 2016 Speed Zone Study recommendation to increase the speed limit along Twentieth Street between Hartley and Will-O-View from 25 mph to 30 mph.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On Tuesday evening, November 1, 2016, the Lakeport City Council held a public hearing prior to considering recommended speed zone changes on various streets in the City of Lakeport. One of the roadway segments of concern was the segment of Twentieth Street between Hartley and Will-O-View. During the comment period of the public hearing, it became very clear that area residents had serious concerns about the speeds at which vehicles are traveling. The area in question currently has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH. However the traffic speed zone survey found that 85 percent of vehicles traveling through the area were found to be traveling at an average speed of 36 MPH. With 36 MPH being determined as the 85th percentile the traffic engineer analyzing the data from the survey then evaluates other factors such as number of reported accidents, roadway size and condition and type of area the roadway travels through. In this residential area the roadway condition is good, wider than other residential areas and has a large tract of undeveloped land.

Speed zone determinations are a highly regulated process, governed under the California Vehicle Code, which provides very limited discretion to the traffic engineer in making a recommendation where the speed limit should be set. Due to state restrictions, the engineer only had the discretion to recommend a speed limit within the 6 MPH of the 85th percentile speed of 36 MPH which would be 30 or 40 MPH and because the area is residential his recommendation was 30 MPH. State law further requires that if a jurisdiction wants to enforce speed limits by use of electronic device, such as radar – the only practical and effective way for police to enforce speed in the city—it must conduct speed zone surveys every five years and set the limits based on the results of the survey.

At the November 1st public hearing, it was clear that many residents in the area were very concerned about the speed limit being reset from 25 MPH to 30 MPH as they reported having issues with vehicles traveling too fast in the area. After hearing all testimony, the City Council was faced with a decision of

keeping the existing 25 MPH signage but forfeiting the ability of being to enforce speeding violations or raising the speed limit to 30 MPH. Although the City Council and staff were not comfortable with the 30 MPH speed limit, it was accepted so that enforcement can continue.

City staff at the direction of the City Council is taking immediate action to develop a plan to reduce the 85th percentile speed of 36 MPH down to 30 MPH or below over the next several months and allow for a new speed zone study for this segment of roadway. This plan includes the following basic tenants:

- Neighborhood education program. The roadway segment is not a through corridor widely used by motorists outside of those who live along Twentieth Street and associated local spur streets (Alden & Will-O-View). As such the primary violators of the existing speed limits are those who live in the area. Outreach from City staff and local residents is the most effective method for reducing speed in this area.
- Stating around December 1, 2016, Lakeport Police Officers will be aggressively enforcing all speeding violations.
- Traffic Calming Measures installation. City staff is reviewing economically feasible improvements that can be quickly applied in order to assist in reducing speeds in this area. The most cost effective solution for this roadway includes the repainting of the worn double-yellow centerline, installation of 'Botts Dots (cat's eyes, road studs, road turtles) on the centerline and the painting of white fog lines between on-street parking areas and the travel lanes. Together these measures will assist in visually narrowing the roadway and by effect assist in reducing speed.
- Installation of additional speed zone signage.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

No action requested.



CITY OF LAKEPORT TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

RE: Police Traffic Enforcement Priorities 2017	MEETING DATE: 11/14/2016
SUBMITTED BY: Chief of Police, Brad Rasmussen	
PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information only <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Lakeport Police Department will provide a briefing to the committee regarding traffic enforcement priorities for 2017.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Over the past five (5) years, the Lakeport Police Department has experienced significant staff/officer reductions which limited the department's ability to focus on traffic enforcement issues. However; as of January 2017 staffing is projected to be at a level that will allow for increased concentration on traffic enforcement throughout the incorporated city limits.

To accomplish this mission, the police department intends on reviewing the current speed zone survey, traffic accident data history and current citizens' concerns. Based on those results, the police department plans to conduct targeted enforcement, on a regular basis, in those focus areas throughout the city.

The police department plans to provide public education in the area of traffic safety through various social media sources as well as media releases. In addition, the police department plans to work with other city departments such as, planning, engineering and public works to improve traffic safety throughout the city.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

The police department hopes that this briefing provides the TSAC Committee with useful information on a strategic plan to improve traffic safety in our community.