



Minutes

Safety and Parking Advisory Commission October 1, 2009

Commissioners Present: Dan Fenocchio, Dan Barcellos, Theodore Parks, Tim Spangler, Doug Waterman

Commissioners Absent: Bill Bernheim

Staff: Roxanne Namazi, Senior Civil Engineer
Sgt. Ton Phan, Police Department

Chair: Commissioner Fenocchio called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda
Approved.

B.1 Public Communications
None.

B.2 Commission/Staff Comments

Staff:

- Based on the responses received from the Commission, SPAC meeting will be held on a bi-monthly basis starting December 2009. In the event issues come up that need to be reviewed by the Commission sooner, staff will call special meetings on the alternative months.
- Council at its September 8th meeting endorsed the road diet for Fifth Street between B and L Streets. Staff has applied for a Community Design SACOG grant and has received the initial approval. A community meeting is planned to be held in early November to solicit the community input of the design. Commission expressed displeasure for not having been able to provide input prior to Council endorsement of the project.

- The feasibility study for the Davis-Woodland Alternative Transportation Corridor project is finalized. Staff from the three jurisdictions is recommending Alignment 2, the “bike path only” option. Staff is recommending removal of NEV’s from further studying due to the low number of the registered NEV’s, the additional cost and the unknown future of NEV’s. The final report will be presented to the BAC as information and to the Council for approval in October.
- As part of the Street Smarts Campaign and in cooperation with the bike/pedestrian coordinator, 4 bike rodeos are planned to be held at the Davis elementary schools this fall. Three of the rodeos have already been held and have been very successful. The Street Smarts program is preparing for the elementary schools’ poster contest.

C. Consent Items

Approve and/or Correct Commission Minutes, Meeting of August 6, 2009.

Approved.

D. Discussion Items

D.1. Speed Zone Survey – Update

Staff presented the background and information. Staff conducted an Engineering and Traffic Survey for the following 9 segments. The surveys justified the posted speed limits.

Street	Location	Posted Speed (MPH)
Arlington Boulevard	Humboldt Avenue to Lake Blvd.	30
Calaveras Avenue	Entire Length	25
Denali Drive	Covell Blvd. to Shasta Drive	25
F Street	Covell Blvd. to Amapola Drive	30
F Street	Amapola Drive to North City Limits	35
Fifth Street	B Street to L Street	25
Fourteenth Street	Oak Avenue to F Street	25
Sycamore Lane	Covell Blvd. to Antelope Avenue	25
Third Street	Railroad Tracks to L Street	25

Action: Commission approved staff’s recommendation to make no changes to the posted speed limits for the above 9 segments, unanimously.

D.2. Proposed Speed Limit Increase – One-Year Pilot Program

Staff presented the background and information. As a result of the recent revisions to the MUTCD regarding standards used to establish speed limits on streets requiring E&TS, a number of speed zone segments that are due for an updated study are now out of compliance (a total of 66 segments). When posted speed limits are not justified, Police Department may not use radar for enforcement. Staff recommends that the speed limit for the following 3 segments be increased by 5 mph, as a one-year pilot program. At the end of the one year period, these segments will be re-surveyed to evaluate the effects of the change in speed limits on the critical speeds and collision rates. Staff made a clarification regarding the fiscal impact of the proposed change. The Transportation Division does not have any funds to support any new signing and striping. Upon approval of the Commission, as part of the recommendation to the Council, staff will request for funds to implement the proposed signage improvements.

Street	Location	Critical Speed mph	Posted Speed Limit mph	Proposed Speed Limit mph
Alvarado Avenue	Sycamore Lane to Anderson Road	34	25	30
Anderson Road	Covell Boulevard to Corona Drive	36	25	30
J Street	E. Eighth Street to Covell Boulevard	35	25	30

Commission expressed concerns raising the speed limit on Alvarado Avenue for the following reasons:

- Numerous apartment complexes and driveways.
- Covell Garden senior housing.
- Heavy bus traffic with frequent stops.
- The speed limit on the rest of Alvarado Avenue east of Anderson Road is 25 mph.

Action: Commission approved staff’s recommendation to increase the speed limits on Anderson Road and J Street as shown on the above table, unanimously. Commission directed staff to maintain the 25 mph speed limit on Alvarado Avenue.

Next Meeting: Confirmed for December 3, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Chambers.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Namazi
Senior Civil Engineer