

**AGENDA**  
**RANCHO PALOS VERDES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 25, 2010**  
**CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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**7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**CHAIR'S COMMUNICATION**

**SHERIFF'S STATUS REPORT**

- Hawthorne Blvd Fatality

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This section of the agenda is for audience comments for items **not** on the agenda.

**REGULAR NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Hesse Park Traffic Study**

**Recommendation:**

Conduct an engineering and traffic study of the Hesse Park neighborhood for improved safety when accessing the neighborhoods adjacent to the park.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. School Safety Update
2. Hawthorne Blvd Roadway Resurfacing Update
3. Palos Verdes Drive West guardrail installation
4. PVDE Preliminary Study Report update
5. SBCCOG – General Assembly Invitation
6. 2010 TSC Chair Position

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation:**

Approval of November 30, 2009 meeting minutes.

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# RANCHO PALOS VERDES

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**FROM: RAY HOLLAND, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**BY: NICOLE JULES, P.E. SENIOR ENGINEER**  
**DATE: JANUARY 25, 2010**  
**SUBJECT: HESSE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Conduct an engineering and traffic study of the Hesse Park neighborhood for improved safety when accessing the neighborhoods adjacent to the park from Hawthorne Blvd.

### **BACKGROUND**

In December 2009, City Council approved conceptual park plans for Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park. During the public outreach campaign, staff met with the neighborhoods surrounding each park to reveal the plans and elicit public input. While having discussions with the surrounding neighborhood regarding the Lower Hesse Park Conceptual designs, staff received a host of emails regarding speeding on Locklenna Drive and traffic safety in general. The community has expressed concerns regarding traffic and wanted the City to be aware of the existing conditions. A concern was if the City developed the park to include more active uses, then the existing traffic conditions are expected to be worse.

Subsequent to the traffic request emails, a prominent Hesse Park community member was involved in a traffic collision near the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd at Verde Ridge. Immediately following the City's notification of the collision, I phoned and spoke to several concerned Hesse Park neighborhood members and expressed the City's desire to improve safety in our neighborhoods and on our streets.

Copies of the email conversations are included as an attachment to this staff report.

### **DISCUSSION**

Over the months, staff has repeatedly received correspondence from residents regarding improving the accessibility of Hesse Park and possibly slowing down the traffic on Hawthorne Blvd for improved safety. Requests include a traffic signal, flashing beacons, high visibility crosswalks and even stop signs.

Investigating traffic conditions in this area will not be an easy task. It will require a more extensive traffic investigation than what is normally prepared. Staff will have to examine the neighborhood as a whole. This situation does not just involve one street but several streets. Further, any type of traffic calming tool utilized will possibly spill-over to other surrounding streets.

With the introduction of the new Lower Hesse Park conceptual plans, there is a greater need to investigate traffic conditions and approach the solution from a broad perspective keeping the integrity of the neighborhood at the forefront.

Attached are the conceptual park plans for Lower Hesse Park. The initiation of a comprehensive neighborhood traffic study is the first step towards preserving safe neighborhood streets. It is critical that traffic safety is evaluated independently of the park plan development process however, the park plans and traffic calming techniques need to be coordinated.

### **CONCLUSION**

Staff is recommending that the traffic commission authorize the initiation of a neighborhood traffic study for the Hesse Park neighborhoods.

Attachments: Attachment A - vicinity map

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