

AGENDA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR'S COMMUNICATION

SHERIFF'S STATUS REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft General Plan Circulation Element

Recommendation:

Review and comment on the Draft General Plan Circulation Element Update that will be forwarded to the Planning Commission as requested.

2. Ambergate Drive at Brookford Drive All-Way Stop Request

Recommendation:

Review the Draft Stop Sign Analysis report and continue this item to a future date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

Approval of the August 16, 2010 meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to a time and place certain **only** if you wish to meet prior to the next regular meeting.

American with Disabilities Act: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the Department of Public Works at 310-544-5252 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Note: Staff reports are available for inspection at City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard during regular business hours 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Monday – Thursday and 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Friday.

Traffic Safety Commission Agenda

September 13, 2010

Page 2

Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Traffic Safety Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the front counter of the lobby on the City Hall Administration Building/Public Works at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes during normal business hours.

You can also view the agenda and staff reports at the City's website <http://www.palosverdes.com/RPV>



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

MEMORANDUM

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
FROM: RAY HOLLAND, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
BY: NICOLE JULES, P.E. SENIOR ENGINEER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN CIRCULATION ELEMENT UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

Review and comment on the Draft General Plan Circulation Element Update that will be forwarded to the Planning Commission as requested.

BACKGROUND

The current General Plan, created and adopted in 1975, has served the City well over the past 31 years. However, it is recognized that certain portions of the General Plan are either outdated or factually incorrect and need a fresh look. Some portions of the Plan that need to be reviewed and updated include traffic, geology and open space from the aspect of existing conditions as well as a vision for the future.

Included in the 1975 General Plan is a list of 28 Goals and 190 policies. These goals and policies were generated by a "grass-roots" organization of over 200 City residents who formed themselves into thirteen committees to look at different elements of the General Plan including land use, recreation and parks, safety and fiscal policy and offer their ideas to guide the future of the City.

As a first step toward updating the General Plan the City Council created a 15-member General Plan Update Steering Committee. The purpose of the committee was to review the existing Goals and Policies of the General Plan and determine which Goals and Policies need to be eliminated, revised or maintained, and if any new Goals and Policies should be proposed, and what technical areas of the General Plan need updating. After over two years of work, on November 4, 2004, the General Plan Update Steering Committee completed their task of reviewing all of the existing goals and policies of the 1975 General Plan. The Steering Committee's recommendations, along with a General Plan Update Program, were presented to the City Council on December 21, 2004.

At the December 21, 2004 City Council meeting, the Council (1) Directed Staff to proceed with drafting proposed amendments to the General Plan Goals and Policies as recommended by the General Plan Update Steering Committee for future review by the Planning Commission and City Council; (2) Directed Staff to proceed with an update of the factual information within the General Plan for future review by the Planning Commission and City Council; (3) Directed Staff to proceed with the proposed improvements to the general format of the General Plan and the mandatory elements

for future review by the Planning Commission and City Council in order to make the Plan more user friendly; (4) Directed Staff to release an RFQ to obtain consultant assistance with updating portions of the General Plan; and (5) Disbanded the General Plan Update Steering Committee.

Progress on the General Plan Update was delayed since the December 21, 2004 Council meeting while Staff focused its attention on a variety of high profile development projects and other issues. In April 2006, Staff sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to obtain consultant assistance with updating the General Plan, and on February 20, 2007, the City Council entered into an agreement with three consulting firms to assist Staff with the update. Since 2007, Staff has been working with the consultants on revising the document.

On September 29, 2009, the City Council and Planning Commission held a Workshop with the main purpose of providing a “Kick-off” to the General Plan Update process. At the Workshop, the Council provided direction to Staff on various items regarding the update process including providing direction on the schedule of the process by posing a date to complete the General Plan Update prior to December 2010.

The role of the Traffic Safety Commission this evening will be to provide comments on the Draft Circulation Element, focusing your attention to section C.3 Transportation Systems.

ATTACHMENT:

Draft Circulation Element



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

MEMORANDUM

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
FROM: RAY HOLLAND, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
BY: NICOLE JULES, P.E. SENIOR ENGINEER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
SUBJECT: BROOKFORD DRIVE AND AMBERGATE DRIVE STOP SIGN REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION

Review the Draft Stop Sign Analysis report and continue this item to a future date.

BACKGROUND

In November 2009, the City received a request from Mr. Scott Burack requesting a posted "STOP" sign to be installed for both directions of Ambergate Drive at Brookford Drive. Mr. Burack sent an email correspondence to staff indicating the reasons for the request. Subsequent to receiving Mr. Burack's request, at the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Commission, staff investigated the traffic history for this location and found that previous studies had been conducted in the past:

Date	Request	Action
December 2003	Reduce speeding on Ambergate near Monero Drive	Installed 25-mph signs
September 2005	Reduce speeding on Ambergate near Monero Drive	Placed speed radar trailer Increase enforcement
October 2006	Reduce speeding on Ambergate Drive	Modified striping and Installed signs

Willdan, the City's consulting Traffic Engineer, conducted an all-way stop study for the location and the results are included in the discussion below. A copy of Willdans' study is included in the appendix.

DISCUSSION

Ambergate Drive and Brookford Drive are two-lane, 36-foot wide local roadways that qualify for the prima facie 25 mph residential speed limit. Fronting development is single family residential. There is curb and gutter on both sides of the roadways, with sidewalk on both sides for most of their length.

The City has a stop sign policy that when requests are received, the policy must be adhered to. A traffic engineering study has been completed that evaluates the Federal mandated warrants to justify installation of a stop sign.

Ambergate Drive/Brookford Drive All-way stop request

September 13, 2010

Page 2

Based on the analysis a stop sign on Ambergate Drive is not currently warranted. However, based on field observations, its staff's opinion that construction activities that may have occurred on the data collection day may have resulted in inaccurate count information.

Based on this questionable activity, staff is recommending the TSC not take any action on this item and allow the consultant to conduct new counts on a day that is free of construction activities.

Attachments: Willdan's All-way stop analysis
Correspondence related to the All-way stop request