CITY OF MERCED
"Gateway to Yosemite"

WELCOME TO YOUR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Regular Session at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
Civic Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 678 West 18th Street, Merced CA 95340

(www.cityofmerced.org)

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INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Engineering Department at 209-385-6846.

A.   CALL TO ORDER

B.   ROLL CALL

C.   ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

AT THIS TIME, AUDIENCE MEMBERS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND CITY OF RESIDENCE, AND IF YOU INTEND ON USING TECHNOLOGY FOR YOUR PRESENTATION PLEASE LEAVE A COPY FOR THE RECORD. COMMITTEE WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON AN ITEM THAT IS BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION AT THIS MEETING. IF IT REQUIRES ACTION, IT WILL BE REFERRED TO STAFF AND/OR LISTED ON THE NEXT COMMITTEE AGENDA. PLEASE BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT. AVOID REPEATING WHAT PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE SAID. IF TWO OR MORE INDIVIDUALS ARE PRESENT AS A GROUP AND WISH TO SPEAK ON ONE SIDE OF AN ISSUE, PLEASE SELECT A SINGLE SPOKESPERSON TO PRESENT YOUR VIEWS.

D.   CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Traffic Committee and will be adopted by one action of the Traffic Committee unless a member of the audience or Traffic Committee Member has a question, statement or wishes to discuss an item. In that event, the Clerk will remove that item from the Consent Calendar and place it for separate consideration.

1.   Traffic Committee Minutes of January 14, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve and file.

E.   REPORTS

1.   Committee Member Reports
(At this time, it is appropriate for any Committee Member to give an informational report of any work completed, training, or other item to share with other members. Please be brief, and no action may be taken on these items.)

F.   BUSINESS

    1.   <u>Request #20-004 – Request For More Designated Parking Areas or More No Parking Signs in the Area of Vaca Way and Pizarro. (Annabella Grande Agostinho)</u>
(Citizen states the area does not provide or communicate the proper parking protocol, residents receiving parking tickets.)

    2.   <u>Request #20-005 – Request For More Lighting at Las Brisas St. and Carmen Way Intersection. (Paulo Jimenez Sr.)</u>
(Citizen requests more lighting in the area due to shootings, and car and mailbox break-ins.)

G.   ADJOURNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Minutes of January 14, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

ATTACHMENTS:
   1. Minutes of January 14, 2020

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 14, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Cardoso, Joe - City Engineer Designee

                Committee Members: Dabney, Dan - Police Chief Designee
                                       Hren, Michael - Planning Manager Designee
                                       Olmos, Juan - Public Works Designee

Absent: Alcorn, Billy - Fire Chief

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of September 10, 2019 (Corrected)

   RECOMMENDATION:
   Approve and file.

2. Traffic Committee Minutes of September 24, 2019

   RECOMMENDATION:
   Approve and file.

3. Traffic Committee Minutes of November 12, 2019

   RECOMMENDATION:
   Approve and file.

   Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

Absent: Billy Alcorn

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1.   Committee Member Reports

None.

F. BUSINESS

1.   Request #19-013 – Request for Traffic Calming Measures on E. 27th St (Justine Giacalone)
(*Citizen states constant speeding, a need for traffic calming measures for the safety of the pedestrian traffic traveling to the schools in the vicinity. This item was previously heard at the November 12, 2019 Traffic Committee meeting.*)

Citizen Justine Giacalone expressed her concerns with the traffic when children are walking to school. As directed at the last meeting, Committee Member OLMOS investigated the area, located the signage for the school and moved the signs to better locations for drivers to see. Committee Member DABNEY stated that he would add the area to his list to have more police presence during busy traffic times. Citizen Justine Giacalone wondered if putting in traffic speed sign with lights would be possible and stated she would inquire with school on that idea. Chairperson Designee CARDOSO suggested the possibility of future grants that would be able to provide funding for flashing overhead signage for the area.

MOTION: To deny the request for traffic calming measures, with staff looking into the possibility of future grant funding for flashing signage or other improvements.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

Absent: Billy Alcorn

2. Request #20-001 – Request for 4-Way Stop at the Intersection of V and 8th Street (Antonio Castaneda)
(*Citizen requests installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of V and 8th Streets due to their concerns of vehicles speeding.*)

Citizen Guillermina Prado expressed her concerns with children not being able to cross the intersection safely. Committee Member DABNEY detailed the accident history at the intersection and explained that it did not meet the necessary traffic warrants for the installation of a four-way stop. Committee Member OLMOS stated there are currently two crosswalks on V Street and Committee Member DABNEY affirmed that the Police Department actively works that area for speed. Chairperson Designee CARDOSO and Committee Member OLMOS explained to Ms. Prado that stop signs are not used as a traffic calming measure. Chairperson Designee CARDOSO asked Ms. Prado if she inquired with the school about additional crossing guards. Ms. Prado answered that she was told by the school they do not have the money for an extra crossing guard.

Clerk's Note: Committee Member OLMOS, as a designated interpreter as part of the City's Bilingual Assistance Program, interpreted Spanish for Ms. Prado.

MOTION: To deny the request for stop signs and request additional Police presence during school drop off and pick up times.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

Absent: Billy Alcorn

3. Request #20-002 – Request for a Painted Red/Blue Curb in Front of Concrete Pad on Citizens Property Located on Villa Dr. (Gloria L. Coronas)
(*Citizen requests painting of curb red/blue adjacent to the concrete pad on their property due to neighbors blocking this area.*)

Citizen George Jercich (speaking on behalf of Gloria L. Coronas), explained why he would like to have a red or blue painted curb in front of the property adjacent to their parking pad. Chairperson Designee CARDOSO asked Mr. Jercich how he gets to the parking pad since it lacks curb access. Mr. Jercich explained that he drives over the curb. Chairperson Designee CARDOSO informed Mr. Jercich that the entrance to the parking pad is non-compliant and that he must not drive over the City curb as this is against code and damages the curb.

Committee Member HREN explained that a blue handicap zone would have to be compliant with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements; including proper slope and curb cuts to allow a path of travel to the City sidewalk and that the Committee could not approve a blue curb without construction of the necessary improvements.

Mr. Jercich detailed ongoing neighbor disputes and explained the reason for needing the curb designation was due to his neighbor purposefully blocking access to the parking pad. Committee **Member DABNEY stated he was** familiar with the situation at this residence **and explained that anyone can park in front of the parking pad since it is not a legal driveway. The Committee suggested Mr. Jercich work with the Building Department to make his driveway compliant, as this would then prevent anyone from blocking his access in the future.**

 MOTION: To deny the request.

 COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

 Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

 Vote: 4-0

 Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

 Absent: Billy Alcorn

4. Request #20-003 – Request a Crosswalk and Signage for Students to Cross G St. Between Campus Dr. & Olive Ave. (Norma C. Cardona)
(Citizen requests a crosswalk for students to go across G St., and signage that asks drivers to reduce their speed due to a school being there.)

Citizen Norma Cardona was not present. Committee Member OLMOS explained that G Street is an arterial street and that mid-block crossings on arterial streets are not recommended.

 MOTION: To deny the request.

 COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

 Dan Dabney Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

 Vote: 4-0

 Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

 Absent: Billy Alcorn

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

By: Approved:

Nicole Tabares   Joe Cardoso
Administrative Assistant/   City Surveyor/ Chairperson Designee
Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Request #20-004 – Request for more designated parking areas or more No Parking signs in the area of Vaca Way and Pizarro. (Annabella Grande Agostinho)

REPORT IN BRIEF

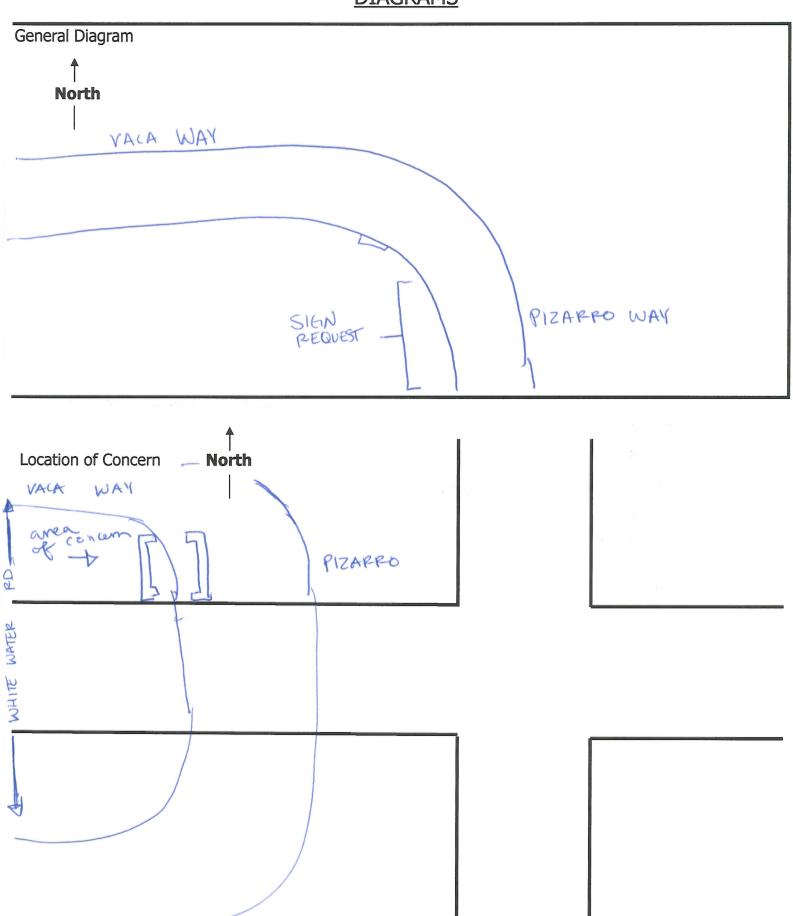Citizen states the area does not provide or communicate the proper parking protocol.

ATTACHMENTS:
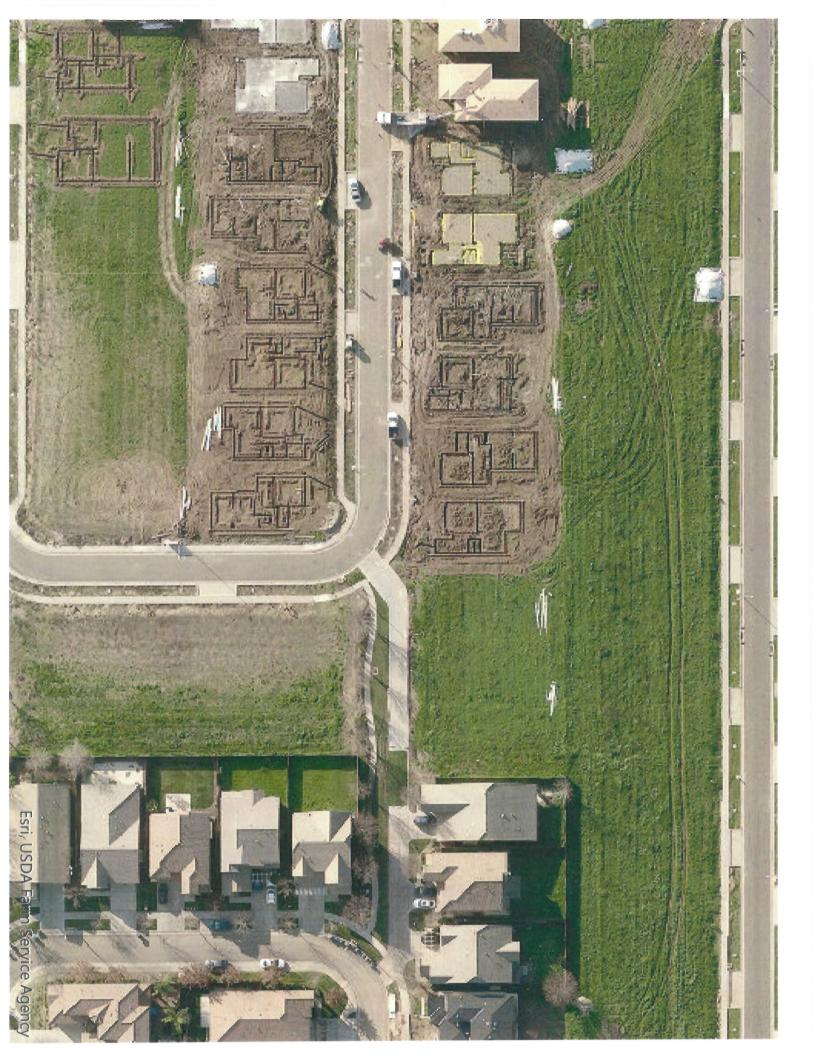 1. Request #20-004
  2. Location Map

City of Merced

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

RQ#: 20-004

Contact Person: ANNABELLA GRANDE AGOSTINHO   Day Phone: ███████

Email Address: ███████████████████

Address: ███████████   Today's Date: 01/24/2020

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):
VACA WAY & PIZARRO near Via Moraga neighborhood

Describe Concerns At This Location: My concern is that the area does not provide or communicate the proper parking protocol. A few housmates received tickets for parking on Pizano Way but there are no signs stating not to park there. I would really like to request a "NO PARKING" sign to to prevent further tickets and issues.
If possible, more designated parking spaces would be helpful.

For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____   Date Received: 1-24-20   Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____
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Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____
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Date Completed: _____

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Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee   Date

DIAGRAMS

General Diagram

North

VACA WAY

PIZARRO WAY

SIGN
REQUEST

Location of Concern

North

VACA WAY

area
of concern

RD

WHITE WATER

PIZARRO

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Request #20-005 – Request for more lighting at Las Brisas St. and
             Carmen Way Intersection. (Paulo Jimenez Sr.)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen requests more lighting in the area due to shootings, and car and mailbox break-ins.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Request #20-001
2. Location Map

City of Merced

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

RQ#: 20-005

Contact Person: _Paulo Jimenez SR._ Day Phone: ███████

Email Address: _____

Address: ███████████████████ Today's Date: _01.30.2020_

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Las Brisas St and Carmen Way.

Describe Concerns At This Location: _____

High Traffic, brake ins into cars and mailbox, shootings not enough lighting

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For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____ Date Received: _____ Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

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Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

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Date Completed: _____

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Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee   Date

DIAGRAMS

General Diagram

North

Location of Concern   North

Mail Box
X

Las Brisas st

Carmen Way