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Subject: Transportation Report
To: AVCA Board of Directors & Committee Chairs
From: Dave Fadness

This is a follow-up from a meeting Bob Strain and I had with San Jose Department of Transportation (DOT) Deputy Director **Laura Wells** on February 21. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss status of those items on AVCA's list of Streets Survey Responses (see September 2013 Transportation Report) that the city considers "traffic calming" issues.

Ms. Wells' responses have been categorized as concerns relating to traffic violations (speeding and stop signs), signal timing, right-of-way control, and pedestrian safety.

Traffic Violations

San Jose Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) is best equipped to address stop sign violations and speeding (especially on major roads). Residents can submit requests for TEU enforcement online at: https://www.sjpd.org/forms/TEU_Request_Form.asp.

As Graystone Lane is primarily a County roadway, DOT will forward speeding concerns to the County Roads & Airports Department.

DOT will include Camden and Redmond as potential candidate roadways for speed feedback signs. Please note that the Citywide funding that is available for these devices will provide for ten signs citywide (or five roadways, assuming two are installed per direction).

Similarly, we will include Hampton Drive and Firefly Drive as potential candidate roadways if future funding is available for traffic calming.

Signal Timing/Modifications

Several intersections were identified on Almaden Expressway where signal timing or intersection modifications were suggested. DOT will forward these concerns to the County's Roads & Airports Department. "Signal timing improvement" was suggested at the expressway intersection with Camden, Rajkovich, and Trinidad. It would be helpful to forward the contact name/information (if available) of the concerned resident(s) to the County as they will likely need more information to understand what the concern is regarding the existing signal timing.

Trinidad Drive east of the expressway is much narrower than the western section, and it would be challenging to install a dedicated left turn pocket. However, the County has funding to design modifications to the signal. The modified signal would provide an opportunity to separate left turn movements on Trinidad from pedestrian crossing movements. Please note that funding is only available for design; implementation funds have not yet been identified.

Right-of-Way

DOT will review the need for stop control at Landerwood and Hampton to address the concern of left turning traffic on Hampton. If warranted, a stop sign would be installed on Landerwood. Before installing any stop sign, DOT would outreach with the immediately adjacent property owners.

The Puerto Vallarta and Camden intersection currently has 2-way stop signs. It is unclear what is being requested. Please note that a 4-way stop sign would not be installed at this intersection as Camden Avenue is a multi-lane, higher volume arterial roadway.

Pedestrian Safety

The Trinidad and Crown intersection is currently a 4-way stop. Flashing beacon crosswalks are used to enhance crosswalks at uncontrolled locations. Our department does have funding to install/enhance uncontrolled pedestrian crossings on major roadways. If AVCA has suggestions on locations that should be considered, they can forward those to DOT's attention.

Other Concerns

Graystone Lane curve – DOT will review the curve area with regards to missing reflectors and determine whether any other signs/markings are needed.

Echo Valley Drive – the median island on the western segment that separates this road serves as a natural traffic calming measure. Additional physical measures on this street are likely not feasible. If the resident contact name/information is available, DOT can speak with them to better understand the concern to determine if any additional signage or roadway markings are needed.

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DOT would appreciate the assistance of the AVCA Board in distributing information to the community on various programs and services that DOT provides. As examples:

► Walk n' Roll SJ! ◀

DOT is currently working with 35 elementary schools in San Jose to encourage more children to walk and bike to school, which helps to reduce congestion in school zones. DOT has received grant funds to expand this program to another 20 schools. Currently, the following elementary schools in District 10 are participating in the Walk n' Roll program: Sakamoto, Williams, and Del Roble. If AVCA has recommendations for any other schools (elementary or middle) that would like to participate, please have them contact DOT. Information and DOT program contacts are available at: <http://www.getstreetsmarts.org/walknroll/index.htm>

► Traffic Safety Tips Flyer ◀

City of San Jose

www.GetStreetSmarts.org

If you want to make San José streets safer, it's just a matter of being smart! The behavior of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians play a huge role in keeping our streets safe. Follow the tips below to help ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Pedestrians

- Cross at intersections or crosswalks, not in the middle of the road or between parked cars.
- Before stepping off the curb, look left, right, and left again for traffic; and be aware of turning vehicles.
- Make eye contact with drivers to be sure you are seen.
- Watch for traffic the entire time while crossing a street.
- If one car stops, don't assume that other motorists have seen or will stop, especially on multi-lane streets.
- Avoid wearing headphones or using your phone when crossing the street.
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if walking at night. Consider carrying a flashlight.

Bicyclists

- Obey traffic signs and signals – bicycles must follow the rules of the road like other vehicles.
- Never ride against traffic – motorists aren't looking for cyclists on the wrong side of the road.
- Use hand signals for turning or stopping.
- When turning left at an intersections, either: 1) continue across the intersection and use the crosswalk when it's safe and legal to do so (similar to a pedestrian), or (2) signal and move into the left side of the travel lane (or left turn lane) as a vehicle.
- Watch out for road hazards like sewer grates, tracks, potholes, or debris.
- Avoid the door zone – exercise care not to ride too close to parked cars.
- Respect the right-of-way of others, including pedestrians.
- Wear a snug fitting helmet to protect your head, and never ride with headphones.

- Wear bright, light colored clothing if biking at night; and always use a headlight, taillight or rear reflectors.

Motorists

- Don't be a distracted driver. Attention should be on the road at all times.
- Slow down in neighborhoods and near schools. Watch out for children and pets.
- Stop for pedestrians crossing the street.
- When making a right hand turn, check for cyclists or pedestrians that may be crossing the intersection.
- Reduce your speed when passing cyclists, especially if the roadway is narrow.
- Maintain a consistent speed and keep a buffer zone between you and other vehicles.
- Stopping is part of driving. Obey all stop signs and traffic signals.
- Obey the posted speed limit.

Neighborhood Traffic Safety **► Frequently Requested Numbers ◀**

Enforcement

Speeding and other moving violations SJPD Traffic Enforcement Unit 408-277-4341 www.sjpd.org/TEU/

Parking Enforcement DOT Parking Compliance Unit 408-534-2900 parking.compliance@sanjoseca.gov

Abandoned Vehicles DOT Parking Compliance Unit 408-277-5305 www.sanjoseca.gov/AbandonedVehicles

Education

School Traffic Safety Presentations DOT Street Smarts Program 408-975-3269 www.getstreetsmarts.org/

Engineering

Traffic Safety DOT Neighborhood Traffic Program 408-535-3850 traffic.safety@sanjoseca.gov

Signal Timing DOT Signal Operations 408-975-3700 traffic.signals@sanjoseca.gov

Maintenance

Faded Signs & Markings, DOT Infrastructure Maintenance, Street Sweeping, Streetlight Repair, Damaged Sidewalk, Potholes, Malfunctioning Signals 408-277-4373 streets.dispatch@sanjoseca.gov