

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS) MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2023

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Committee Meeting was held via a Zoom videoconference and broadcast from the Pinole Council Chambers, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Committee Member Dunham-Sims chaired the meeting and called the Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Statement of Conflict

Committee Members Present

Ben Doyle
Faith Dunham-Sims
Kent Moriarty

Committee Members Absent

Oliver Collins

Staff Present

Sanjay Mishra, Public Works Director

3. No Minutes to approve at this time.

4. Committee Member Reports

Chair Dunham-Sims: Many spaces in Pinole seem to be in need of manicuring. Is there an orderly fashion in which this is taken care of, such as a spreadsheet?

Staff Mishra: The Public Works operation and maintenance crew has a schedule to do the tree/shrubs trimming. City of Pinole also has a contract with Pacific landscaping to maintain landscapes/irrigation etc. on medians and some city properties. If we receive a report from a resident, we will have public works operations and maintenance staff address it.

Member Doyle: There is a pothole in the park which is not visible due to grass, he called it in but it is not fixed yet. He sprained his ankle due to that pothole, and also saw a lady fall down.

Staff Mishra: Requested that an email be send to publicworks@ci.pinole.ca.us so that a work order can be created and public works staff will attend to it.

5. Citizens to be heard – for items not on the Agenda

Public Comments Opened

Mark: Going down Canyon and turning left on Ridgecrest, behind the former Doctor's Hospital, the sidewalk on the north side that comes to an abrupt end when it reaches EBMUD property, has an area of huge overgrown oak trees. This has created a hiding spot for thieves, as the car break-ins and house break-ins in the area have increased. The street lighting is horrible and better lighting is needed. EBMUD should be contacted to trim back the trees.

Anthony: The city needs to have a protocol, a check and balance system, for work orders and repairs. The aluminum rail crossing Appian Way is still there since 2-3 years and should have been replaced with a concrete rail. Many street lights are still out from Henry to the high school. There are too many stop signs and traffic lights where people have to stop unnecessarily.

6. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues

Staff Mishra: Has received an email regarding the striping on major arterial roads. This summer, Public Works is planning to restripe these roads. It is scheduled for July.

#3 - Wright Ave and Carrol Ave: We have procured the blinking sign and city crew will install them soon. That location has complaints regarding drivers not stopping at the stop sign. Public Works would additionally like to install rumble strips, but a review and signatures from residents is still outstanding.

#4 - Wright Ave and Doidge Ave: We have procured the lights but are waiting on #3.

#11 - Crosswalk at Tennent Ave and Plum / Pear St: The bid was opened and the project is to be awarded at the June 20 council meeting. The project will involve bulb-out and striping.

#13 – Access ramp to Creekside from Sarah Ct: Council approved, but is not in design phase yet due to other influences in the area.

#14 – Protected left turn at Appian Way and San Pablo Ave: The City is still working to complete the assessment; no proposal yet.

#15 – Crosswalk visibility on Pinole Valley Rd at Savage Ave: This is a CIP project for this coming Fiscal Year, same for #16 and #17.

7. Staff Updates

CIP Projects

Staff Mishra:

The Appian Way & Marlesta Rd. Intersection project has issues with procurement for the traffic signal posts, manufacturer has delay issues.

The Pinole Valley Road Improvements project is in the final design phase and will go ahead during this coming Fiscal Year.

Member Moriarty: At what stage could there be feedback for a design be meaningful? What is the approach?

Staff Mishra: The design is about 90% finished right now. It was at 50% already in 2022, bike

lanes have been added for which we received the new plans.

Member Moriarty: Where are we at with the San Pablo Ave and BNSF Bridge?

Staff Mishra: It is under preliminary design; we are waiting for CalTrans to finalize the type selections for the bridge. Please visit <http://www.pinolespabridge.com> for updates on the progress of the project.

Development Projects

Staff Mishra: One project at 2550 Appian Way is currently under review by the Planning Department.

Active Transportation Plan

Staff Mishra: Was awarded to GHD. Kick off meeting done. Staff is providing current condition documents to GHD to work on an analysis.

Future workshops and community meeting will be scheduled and published.

Member Moriarty: Looks at other ATPs and bike path plans from other cities. It would be a good idea to mention on the first page this is the plan that was done by this consultant and then list all stakeholders in the community. Back-up evidence that this is a result of input from community and stakeholders. Would like to see TAPS more engaged with consultants to have some input instead of being in reactive mode. Receive kickoffs and updates on projects and not find out after the fact.

Staff Mishra: TAPS members can be invited to the meetings with consultants, can be given presentations at special meetings. We can post kickoffs and updates on website.

Grants

Staff Mishra: No updates.

Member Moriarty: How does the City decide what grants to apply for, do we have a yearly plan for appropriate grants?

Staff Mishra: Public Works always keeps informed of transportation funding and plans, most of the time we are waiting to be accepted or waiting for funds. Many grants require more time and effort than can be provided by staff. City Council has recently approved to have a grant writing consultant on board. Public Works has just applied for a grant yesterday.

8. Future Agenda Items

None.

9. Adjournment to the next meeting on July 12, 2023

Chair Dunham-Sims adjourned the meeting of the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting at 6:38pm on June 14, 2023.