



CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes Traffic Committee

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

2:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk's Note: Chair JORDAN called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Clerk's Note: Member MENDOZA-GONZALEZ was present in LAN's absence.

Present: 5 - Member Casey Wilson, Member Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Daryl Jordan, Member Calvin Haygood, and Member Juan Olmos

Absent: 2 - Member Jonnie Lan, and Member Corey Plagenza

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comments

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

D.1

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Traffic Committee Minutes of September 9, 2025

A motion was made by Chairperson Jordan, seconded by Member Wilson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Wilson, Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Jordan, Member Haygood, and Member Olmos

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Lan, and Member Plagenza

E. REPORTS

E.1

SUBJECT: Committee Member Reports

REPORT IN BRIEF

Committee members to provide informational reports.

Clerk's Note: There were no reports from the Committee Members.

F. BUSINESS**F.1**

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-28 Requesting Speed Bumps on Buena Vista Drive from R Street to Highway 59.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen shares concerns about speeding cars and trucks on Buena Vista Dr between R St and Highway 59. Citizen states that it has become dangerous for residents and children walking to and from Rivera School. Citizen is requesting the installation of speed bumps on Buena Vista Dr similar to the speed table located on Buena Vista Dr between San Fernando Ct and San Rafael Ct.

Member HAYGOOD shared several accidents occurred in the past 5 years but no deadly accidents.

Member OLMOS did not support the speed bump or any other physical speed deterrent to be installed. He mentioned that speed radars are more appropriate for this street.

Member MENDOZA-GONZALEZ stated that the curve of the road is there to slow drivers down naturally, not to have speed bumps. He supported member OLMOS's comment and stated that it should remain the way it is currently to allow normal traffic flow.

Chair JORDAN stated that if they want to put a speed table, it would have to be financed by the neighborhood and requires 100% participation of the neighborhood. He suggested to reach back to the citizen and collect all the information inquire as to where they would want to install the speed table.

Member WILSON motioned to have Police install the radar tracker and to inform the applicant the process of installing speed table and speed bumps.

A motion was made by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, to have Police Department install the speed tracker and to inform the applicant the process of installing speed table and speed bumps. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Wilson, Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Jordan, Member Haygood, and Member Olmos

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Lan, and Member Plagenza

F.2

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-29 Requesting Handicap Accessible

Parking Spot in Front of Their Property on Story Avenue.**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Citizen shares that due to construction, workers have placed materials and equipment which has limited access to the vehicle in front of their house. Citizen is requesting a designated accessible space for parking to help with the mobility needs during and after the construction period in front of their property.

Member WILSON stated there should be other ways to communicate with the contractors to mitigate the delay and obstruction, instead of putting a designated parking spot for the citizen on the street.

Member MENDOZA-GONZALEZ stated that there should be communication to the contractors and the neighborhood to have the obstructions removed within the timely manner. However, putting an ADA parking spot on the road is not recommended.

Member OLMOS did not recommend this request without the funding to proceed.

Chair JORDAN stated that based on the laws, the ADA parking spot would be for the public and not just for the requester personally. Furthermore, he mentioned that the street does not meet the requirement to install an ADA parking spot typically. He suggested the driveway is the best place for this request as he did not support this request.

Member OLMOS motioned to deny the request due to the ADA standards and public safety on the road for a personally handicap parking spot.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Wilson, denied the request due to ADA requirement not met. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Wilson, Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Jordan, Member Haygood, and Member Olmos

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Lan, and Member Plagenza

F.3**SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-30 Requesting an Advance Stop Sign at the Intersection of Wardrobe Ave. and West Ave.****REPORT IN BRIEF**

Citizen is concerned about the number of collisions at the intersection of Wardrobe Ave. and West Ave. The citizen requests to improve driver awareness and reduce the likelihood of future collisions.

Member HAYGOOD stated that there were several accidents in the past few years but none met the warrant.

Member MENDOZA-GONZALEZ commented that because of the location of this intersection, it would be requires more discussion and planning to come up with the solution.

Member WILSON motioned for Public Works to explore and meet with the citizen to find out the exact location of where to install the Stop Signs before starting any work on this request.

A motion was made by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Haygood, that this agenda item be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Wilson, Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Jordan, Member Haygood, and Member Olmos

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Lan, and Member Plagenza

F.4

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-31 Requesting Stop Signs at the Intersections of Donna Dr and San Jose Ave and Donna Dr and De Anza Ave.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen shares that the side roads come into Donna Dr from Yosemite Ave and Buena Vista Dr do not have Stop Signs despite having moderate to busy traffic. Citizen states that the traffic is too fast and too busy on Donna Dr for these side streets to not have Stop Signs and requests to have Stop Signs installed at these two intersections.

Member HAYGOOD provided the data with zero incidents for the past five years in this area.

Member OLMOS stated that there will be a project coming up from Engineering/Public Works to install speed table in the area soon.

Member MENDOZA-GONZALEZ supported member HAYGOOD and member OLMOS statements. He also suggested to wait to see if the issue still persists after the construction is completed in this area.

Member OLMOS motioned to deny this request at this time due to the upcoming construction for the traffic calming in this area.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Haygood, that this agenda item be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Wilson, Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Jordan, Member Haygood, and Member Olmos

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Lan, and Member Plagenza

F.5

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-32 Requesting Traffic Calming to be on El Portal Dr. between McKee Rd. and Parson Ave.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that the speed limit on this section of the residential road is 25 mph, however, they have observed many cars speed through this area that do not obey the speed limit making the road unsafe for the neighborhood including children. Citizen is requesting any traffic calming measure, like radar monitoring, lane narrowing, or speed bumps, to slow down traffic.

Citizen Deborah BYRNE - spoke on their request for any traffic calming to be installed on El Portal Dr between McKee Rd and Parson Ave. They are concerned due to vehicles speeding in this neighborhood creating an unsafe place for children, elderly, and pets.

Member HAYGOOD stated that there were multiple accidents in this area for the past years.

Member OLMOS mentioned that he supported the traffic calming installation in this neighborhood. However, the cost of this project would need to be paid for by the citizens of the neighborhood.

Chair JORDAN spoke about the solutions and the possibilities of how to set up any traffic calming for the area. Due to the full support from the citizens that live in this neighborhood, and the enforcement required from the Police Department, he suggested the guidelines to install the speed table on this street that are paid for by the citizens.

Chair JORDAN motioned for the Police Department to follow up with the enforcement and Engineering will reach out and provide guidelines on the installation of speed tables that are financed by the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Chairperson Jordan, seconded by Member Olmos, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Wilson, Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Jordan, Member Haygood, and Member Olmos

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Lan, and Member Plagenza

G. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Traffic Committee adjourned at 2:46 PM

A motion was made by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, that this be adjourned.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Wilson, Member Mendoza-Gonzalez, Chairperson Jordan, Member Haygood, and Member Olmos

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Lan, and Member Plagenza