

# CITY OF MERCED

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

# **Meeting Agenda**

## **Traffic Committee**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

2:00 PM

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

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#### **WELCOME**

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# PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Traffic Committee are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the back of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Traffic Committee Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins.

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

## **B. ROLL CALL**

#### C. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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 Traffic Committee agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak will be allotted 3 minutes. 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.

**D.1** 23-773 SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023

#### **ACTION:**

Approving and filing the Traffic Committee Minutes of July 11, 2023

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of July 11, 2023

## E. REPORTS

E.1 23-768 SUBJECT: Committee Member Reports

## F. BUSINESS

F.1 23-775

SUBJECT: Request #23-14 - Requesting streetlights on G Street

(between W. Cardella Road and Mercy Avenue/Community College

Drive), crosswalk at the intersection of W. Cardella Road and G Street,

walking/bike path on G Street, and upgrades to support the visually and hearing impaired near Mercy Hospital and G Street shopping centers (Dacia Renee Lee)

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that the area G Street (between W. Cardella Road and Mercy Avenue/Community College Drive) lacks streetlights to safely illuminate any path for pedestrians and/or vehicles. Citizen also states that there is no crosswalk at the intersection of W. Cardella Road and G Street to serve pedestrians walking to Mercy Medical Center, shopping centers, Merced College, and Cruikshank Elementary School, nor is there a crosswalk north to south across G Street and Community College Drive. Citizen also notes that there is no safe pedestrian/bike paths or safety barriers on G Street. Citizen states that the are is dangerous for hearing and/or visually impaired pedestrians and handicapped pedestrians attempting to access the hospital or shopping centers.

**F.2** 23-778

SUBJECT: Request #23-15 - Requesting the installation of 3-hour parking on the east side of B Street from Childs Avenue to the curve at 15th Street, the addition of one accessible parking stall east of B Street, approximately 460 feet north of Childs Avenue, addition of a no parking restriction on both north and south sides of 15th Street from G Street to approximately 1030 feet east of G Street. (Eric Soito)

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

City staff recommends the installation of 3-hour parking on the east side of B Street from Childs Avenue to the curve at 15th Street, the addition of one accessible parking stall east of B Street, approximately 460 feet north of Childs Avenue, addition of a no parking restriction on both north and south sides of 15th Street from G Street to approximately 1030 feet east of G Street, as part of the improvements associated with the Childs Avenue and B Street Project.

**F.3** 23-779

SUBJECT: Request #23-16 - Requesting upgrades to the roadway/shoulder to stop damage from vehicles using the requestor's property as a shoulder, and to stop damage from flooding at the south edge of 16th Street, east of the car wash at G Street. (Chris Grant)

## **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Citizen states that due to worn markings and a lack of separation between the roadway and their property, there has been significant damage and flooding to their property. Vehicles of all sizes use the property as a shoulder leaving behind significant damage to sprinkles and landscaping.

**F.4** 23-780

SUBJECT: Request #23-17 - Requesting an unloading and loading

zone at Sheehy Elementary School (T Street and 6th Street) to accommodate students and others with disabilities. (Ken Testa)

## **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Citizen states that as a component of Sheehy Elementary School being completely modernized, plans and specifications were developed by Darden Architects and submitted and approved by the State Department of State Architect (DSA). The project was competitively bid and CenCal Construction of Fresno is the sub-contractor performing on site grading, concrete, and path of travel upgrades. In order to upgrade path of travel and accommodate students and others with disabled access conditions, the Merced City School District requests a change in the parking ordinance at the location noted on the attached map. Signage and striping paint will indicate the truncated domes and new sidewalk and curb-and-gutter with asphalt paving upgrades to City of Merced Standards. MCSD respectfully requests the change in parking ordinance to allow for a "Unloading and Loading Zone" area consistent with the plans submitted.

## G. ADJOURNMENT