



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Traffic Committee

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

2:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jordan called this meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Member Juan Olmos, Member Nathaniel McKinnon, Member Casey Wilson,
Member Jonnie Lan, and Chairperson Daryl Jordan

Absent: 0

C. ORAL COMMUNICATION

The engineering department received an email from Jennifer Andrade for agenda item F.22.

Clerk's Note: The correct item was F.17

The engineering department received public comments from Angelita Archer and Kurt Thomas.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

D.1 **SUBJECT:** Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Traffic Committee Minutes of March 11, 2025

ATTACHMENTS

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of March 11, 2025

E. REPORTS

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Committee Member Reports

Member LAN shared that General Plan update has started.

F. BUSINESS

F.1

SUBJECT: CONTINUED REQUEST #24-44 Requesting Painted Bike Lanes And 4 Way Stop Signs At The Intersection Of 15th Street And D Street And Before The S-99 Ramp Along 16th Street.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen is concerned about the bicyclist and vehicle traffic traveling on both 15th Street and D Street and 16th Street towards the S-99 on ramp.

Citizen explained that he has witnessed several near-misses of pedestrian vs. vehicle accidents. Adding a four way stop at both intersections and painted bike lanes could improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

Citizen came to share consistent concern for this location and is in support of finding ways for more safety.

Members agreed to deny the request as some of this is out of the city's jurisdiction and is in Caltrans right of way. Members can reach out to Caltrans to let them know the concern and relay contact information to the requestor.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be denied. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.2

SUBJECT: CONTINUED REQUEST #24-50 Requesting A Four Way Stop At The Intersection Of 18th Street And O Street.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen shares how there have been several accidents at this intersection in the past and it continues to be dangerous due to near-miss vehicle accidents that happen almost daily. Drivers tend to exceed the 30 mph speed limit. By adding additional stop signs and making this a four way stop, it could promote safety for all citizens in the area.

Members determined this location does not meet warrants for the request.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be denied. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.3 **SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-02 Requesting A 4-Way Stop Or Speed Bump At Vernal Court And E Donna Dr.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen shares speeding concerns at this location, sharing that drivers treat Donna Dr much like a drag strip between Joerg Dr and Paulson Rd during non-school hours.

Members determined that this location does not meet the warrants for a four way stop or speed bumps.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Wilson, that this agenda item be denied. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.4 **SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-03 Requesting A Stop Sign At Park Avenue and Park Place.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen is requesting a stop sign at Park Place and Park Avenue to assist in both the speeding issue at this location and promote safety due to many drivers who simply turn onto Park Ave from Park Place.

Member MCKINNON stated that this intersection does not meet the warrants for stop signs.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be denied. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.5 **SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-05 Requesting Partial Removal of Red Painted Curb at 1402 East 21st Street.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen mentions that the middle section of red paint along the curb at 1402 E 21st Street should be removed due to miscommunication (please see the attached photos for reference). This portion of red paint is not only not needed, but also takes away from parking spaces that residents could use.

Member WILSON stated that this request came from the fire department and explained the background on the request. The fire department is looking to support residential parking by removing the red paint along the curb that was mistakenly painted.

Member OLMOS mentioned how there were no measurements listed for the red painted curb and suggested that the curb painting be measured once this area is updated.

A motion was made by Member Lan, seconded by Member McKinnon, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.6

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-06 Requesting A Handicapped Parking Space in Front of Home at 2980 Masterson Lane.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that she is a handicapped individual who utilizes the parking space in front of her house, as it is the quickest route for her to carry items into her home. She spoke with her neighbor and explained her need for the parking space; however it seems to still be used for other neighbors vehicles. There are 18 marked parking spaces for residents to use aside from the one in front of the citizen's home.

Citizen addressed her concern to the committee, further emphasizing the need for a handicapped parking space in front of her home.

Members discussed that they did not have the power of enforcement, given that this location is within an HOA neighborhood and is on a private roadway.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Wilson, that this agenda item be denied due to not being in the City jurisdiction. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.7

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-07 Requesting Speed Bumps To Be Installed On Masterson Lane, Autry Way, Ritter Lane, Dillon Lane, Bianchi Lane, And Bannon Lane.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen shares concern for children safety due to vehicles traveling at high speeds on all the streets in the Devonwood Development. Adding speed bumps could caution drivers to slow down.

Citizen mentioned that this item could be cancelled based upon the last motion and discussion that the City has no jurisdiction in the HOA neighborhood.

Members agreed to deny based on this area not being within the city's jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Wilson, that this agenda item be denied. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.8

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-08 Requesting To Restripe Approximately 1,000 Linear Feet Of Roadway On Kibby Road.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen expresses concern for the safety of all members of the public with oversize trucks (big rigs) parking alongside the entrance of the PG&E location here on Childs Avenue. Citizen continues to explain how PG&E has made efforts to mitigate the safety risks of all since 2018, yet the no parking signage and red curbing have not been enforceable by the local police department. Despite additional efforts to keep these areas clear, all fixed objects that PG&E has placed in the roadway have been physically removed or carelessly ran over. Citizen recommends restriping approximately 1,000 linear feet of roadway on Kibby Road to eliminate the shoulder in front of their property from the corner of East Childs Avenue to the barricade on the north end of their property. Lastly, to support of this recommendation, citizen notes that traffic engineers will notice that the lane can naturally and gradually transition back to the existing striping on the north end of the property, and there may be adequate room to allow for a dedicated lane to turn east on Childs Avenue on the south end of the property.

Citizen shared that this has been a hazard for many years and they have tried several different ways to mitigate this issue, all of which have been unsuccessful. She stated she is an advocate for a solution on this concern further adding that PG&E would be willing to discuss the terms of splitting

the cost.

Members shared support and understanding of the request, however safety and funding remained a concern, so they agreed to having a future discussion with PG&E to talk about these matters and determine how to move forward.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Olmos, that this agenda item be approved with the contingency of a meeting with PG&E and McLane to discuss the financial terms of this request. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.9

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-09 Requesting Red Curbing Near Ada Givens Elementary School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon is requesting red curbing in front of 2860 Green St and 2875 Green St, or no parking from 7am until 4pm.

The superintendent of Merced City Schools shared her support for the requests sent in by Member McKinnon that would work to foster a safer environment for all vehicles and pedestrians near these schools.

Member MCKINNON stated that the residents whose homes are in front of this proposed red curbing are in support of the modification due to vehicles frequently blocking their driveways when dropping their children off at school.

Member LAN requested that there be a document with written support from the residents and to confirm that this change will not negatively affect them.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.10

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-10 Requesting Crosswalk Paint Be Refreshed Near 123 S N Street - Alicia Reyes Elementary School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon is requesting to refresh the crosswalk, add hatch marks on S N Street at Cartmell Dr and phase out the south crosswalk to support the safety of students and pedestrians in the area.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.11

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-11 Requesting Green Curbing For Drop Off And Pick Up Times For Students At 609 E Alexander Ave - Burbank Elementary School

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon requests green curbing at Burbank Elementary School for either drop off and pick up locations, or during drop off and pick up hours.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.12

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-12 Requesting Traffic Calming Measures At 900 W 20th St - Charles Wright Elementary School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon suggests a few traffic calming measures for Charles Wright Elementary School which include flashing crosswalk signs on E 20th Street at the Willow Avenue crosswalk and on E 21st Street at the Cherry Ave and Willow Ave crosswalks, the addition of no parking signage from 7:30am-8:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pm on West 20th Street in front of the school, and red curbing 30 feet in front of slatted pump station.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.13

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-13 Requesting The Addition Of Flashing Crossing Signs At Brookdale Dr And Parsons Ave.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon expresses concern for students of Chenoweth Elementary school due to the lack of flashing crossing signs at Brookdale Dr and Parsons Ave. He adds that the road is very wide prior to the intersection and reduces roadway width at the school, therefore flashing crossing signs would be beneficial to alert drivers of students and pedestrians crossing the street.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.14

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-14 Requesting Restriping Of East And West Lanes Of Mercy Ave At Mansionette Dr And Red Curbing On Dominican Dr.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon brings attention to the east and west lanes of Mercy Ave at Mansionette Dr where these lanes do not align for east and west traffic. He adds how red curbing would be beneficial along Dominican Dr due to the constant issue of vehicles parking in the no parking areas, especially during school drop off and pick up hours.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.15

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-15 Requesting Crosswalks Be Refreshed Near Don Stowell Elementary School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon recommends the crosswalk paint be refreshed at the intersections of E 11th Street and "E" Street, and E 11th Street and "D" Street. This will aid in vehicle and pedestrian traffic near Don Stowell Elementary School.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.16

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-16 Requesting Traffic Calming Measures at 2150 S Street - Fremont Elementary School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon recommends and requests traffic calming measures at Fremont Elementary School such as extending the green curb northerly on S Street for drop off and pick up of students. In addition, he requests painting the crosswalk on W 21st Street at R Street and installing "No Pedestrian Crossing" signage along R Street. Adding these signs and painting the crosswalk would direct students to cross at either the W 20th Street or W 22nd Street traffic lights along R Street.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.17

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-17 Requesting Modification To Curbing Color At 945 West Ave - Gracey Elementary School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon requests changes to the red paint to be green. This is between the entry to the exit and to be a loading/unloading/drop off zone. He also requests that flashing school crossing signs be installed on the north and south side of V St and W 11th Street.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.18

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-18 Requesting Lighted Crosswalk Signage On East 26th Street At 7th Ave And 8th Ave.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon requests lighted crosswalk signs on E 26th Street at 7th Ave and 8th Ave to implement safer conditions in the road for students in the area.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.19

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-19 Requesting Adjustments To Parking Signage, Curbing Color, Parking Lot At 300 W 26th Street - John Muir Elementary School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon recommends changing the 10-minute parking signs to loading/unloading zones for all hours or for the signs to reflect school drop off and pick up times. Additionally, recommending adjustments to curb striping from red to green on a portion of W 25th Street to open a pedestrian gate for the school. Finally, there may be a project within the school district to extend the parking lot on W 26th St to add a new entrance to the parking lot.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this

agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.20

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-20 Requesting Crosswalks Be Refreshed And Add Cross Hatch Strips In The Crosswalk On E Donna Dr At White Wolf Court And At Paulson Rd.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon shares that the crosswalks should be refreshed and that there should be painted cross hatch strips for visibility on E Donna Dr at White Wolf Ct and at Paulson Rd. Please see the attached photos.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.21

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-21 Requesting Modification To Curbing Due To Parking Lot Changes At 945 Buena Vista Dr - Rivera Elementary And Middle Schools.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant McKinnon requests modification to the red paint to green as a loading and unloading zone at Rivera Elementary and Middle School. He states that it was red in the past because of buses, but the parking lot was changed and this red zone is no longer needed.

Member OLMOS supported the effort to provide further safety measures around and near the schools, but he also expressed concern for ADA accessibility, funding, and would like to request time for further research on items F.9 - F.21. All members agreed.

A motion was made by Member Olmos, seconded by Member Lan, that this

agenda item be tabled for further internal discussion within the engineering, public works, and police departments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.22

SUBJECT: REQUEST #25-22 Requesting Quick Build Daylighting/Curb Extensions At The Following Locations: V Street At W 12th Street, W 11th Street, And W 9th Street; Along With W 11th Street At W Drive, And W Streets Adjacent To Dennis Chavez Park.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen shares concerns explaining how despite there being 10 traffic signs and one marked pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of V Street and W 11th Street, motorists fail to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. In addition to that, motorists on W 11th Street continue to launch across V Street building up speed to X Street/West Avenue.

Citizen addressed the members of the committee to display the efforts she takes to keep students safe in the crosswalks and added how drivers disregard her and her signage and put everyone's safety at risk. She also shared letters written by fellow concerned crossing guards for this same area.

Another citizen shared her concern for the high volume of traffic in the area and the speeds in which they travel near the school.

Members agreed to add this item to the other agenda items that were bundled together.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Lan, that this agenda item be bundled with the previous school related items to meet with the school district and discuss funding and how to move forward. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0

G. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Lan, seconded by Member McKinnon, that this meeting be adjourned at 3:13 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Member Olmos, Member McKinnon, Member Wilson, Member Lan, and
Chairperson Jordan

No: 0

Absent: 0