



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Traffic Committee

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

2:00 PM

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

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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..

D1. [23-989](#) **SUBJECT:** Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2023

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Traffic Committee Minutes of November 7, 2023

E. REPORTS

E1. [23-976](#) **SUBJECT:** Committee Member Reports

F. BUSINESS

F.1 [23-1128](#) **SUBJECT:** Continued 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 sprinklers and landscaping.

- F.2 [23-1131](#) **SUBJECT:** Continued 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.

- F.3 [23-1132](#) **SUBJECT:** Continued Request #23-22 Requesting A Stop Sign At The Intersection Of Wildcat Drive And St Tropaz Avenue To Prevent Accidents From Occurring.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states cars speed past the intersection from both directions since there is no stop sign. This intersection creates many near misses on a daily basis.

- F.4 [24-021](#) **SUBJECT:** Request #24-02 Requesting stop signs or speed bumps to aid in the dangerous area of Gerard Ave between Parsons Avenue and Coffee Street (Carroll Ramos)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states cars drive past the area at uncontrollable speeds. The surrounding neighbors have experienced several hit and runs that leaves this area dangerous to all parties.

- F.5 [24-032](#) **SUBJECT:** Request #24-03 Requesting stop signs and speed humps in front of Weaver School on North Coffee Street to prevent accidents and control this school zoned area. (Monica Jackson)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states cars drive past the area at uncontrollable speeds even when children are present. Citizen believes speed humps are necessary to keep pedestrians safe.

F.6 [24-034](#)

SUBJECT: Request #24-04 Requesting a stop sign or other safety measures at Park Place and Park Avenue to protect the residential area and the children walking to school. (Jessica Chadwell)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states cars drive past the area at high speeds disregarding the residential zone or the children walking to school. Citizen is requesting a stop sign on Park Place and Park Avenue.

F.7 [24-035](#)

SUBJECT: Request #24-05 Requesting a four way stop as there are no traffic controls on Canal St between W 13th Street and W 8th Street (Sgt Nathan McKinnon)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sergeant states there are no traffic controls in the area as well as a restricted view created by cars parking too close to the intersection. In 2023, there have been ten reported collisions and five reported collisions in 2022.

F.8 [24-036](#)

SUBJECT: Request #24-06 Requesting clear lines and signage indicating drivers to "keep clear" to aid in the dangerous area of Fairfield Drive and M Street. (Laura Ivancich)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there are no clear lines or warnings against high speeds when there is cross traffic entering the intersection. With multiple altercations, increased warning is necessary.

F.9 [24-037](#)

SUBJECT: Request #24-07 Requesting signage and other measures to discourage drivers from turning left out of the McDonalds/ Tractor Supply parking lot onto Campus Parkway. (Corey Plagenza)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states cars exit the parking lot and cross both the traffic lanes dirt median to make a left turn onto Coffee Street instead of making a right

turn.

F.10 [24-046](#)

SUBJECT: Request #24-08 Requesting a traffic circle at the intersection of West 11th and W Street. (Jerry Perezchica)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that the additional signage and repainting at the intersection has failed to influence a reduction of speed and traffic. Citizen believes adding a traffic circle can aid in the solution.

F.11 [24-053](#)

SUBJECT: Request #24-01 Requesting the addition of a four way stop at the intersection of M Street and Childs Avenue. (Jaylene Melendez)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there are numerous car accidents held at this intersection due to a restricted view. The four-way stop will help with these safety concerns.

G. ADJOURNMENT