



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Traffic Committee

Tuesday, March 5, 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.

D.1. [24-164](#) **SUBJECT:** Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Traffic Committee Minutes of January 9, 2024

E. REPORTS

E.1. [23-976](#) **SUBJECT:** Committee Member Reports

F. BUSINESS

F.1. [23-969](#) **SUBJECT:** 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.2. [24-166](#) **SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-09 Requesting A Barrier Along Highway 59 To Stop Drivers From Turning Against Traffic.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states vehicles have been stopping to turn against flowing traffic to go into either gas station located on both corners of the roadway. "With as narrow as the Black Rascal Creek Bridge is, and that it is a major thoroughfare with high volumes of traffic at every hour of the day, a barrier of some sort should be erected to stop traffic along Highway 59 north from turning left or right against normal traffic.

- F.3. [24-188](#) **SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-10 Requesting Destiny Dr. To Be Closed To Traffic As There Are No Houses In That Area As Of Now.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that Destiny Dr. is a frequent spot for trash dumping and suspicious vehicles and should not be open to traffic if there are no houses in the area.

- F.4. [24-189](#) **SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-11 Requesting A Four Way Stop And The Addition Of Crosswalks On K And 21st To Bring Awareness To Drivers Speeding Past.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states drivers are speeding past this intersection at fast and unsafe speeds. This intersection is prone to many pedestrians and children crossing to and from the Montessori school. Even teachers and staff have witnessed or encountered their own accidents. Creating a four way stop and adding crosswalks to the intersection will help bring safety and awareness to this area.

- F.5. [24-190](#) **SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-12 Requesting Signage Or Markings At The Loading Zone Off N And Main Street And Red Paint Or Markings To Distinguish The "No Parking" Spot.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there are no marked time frames or signage to enforce the loading zone and no parking area. Residents and drivers are left confused when ticketed for using these zoned parking spots.

- F.6. [24-191](#) **SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-13 Requesting Lights Under The Highway 99 Underpasses.**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there are multiple underpasses in South Merced in which the lights in the underpass are out. Many community members that walk the area feel unsafe at night.

F.7. [24-192](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-14 Requesting Speed Bumps, Sidewalks, And Lighting On S. Canal St, From Childs Ave. Through 200 S. Canal St.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states speed bumps should be installed near the apartments because there are a lot of vehicles speeding in the area. The street is narrow due to vehicles parked on both sides of the street and not enough apartment parking spaces. There is a lack of street lighting throughout S. Canal and this street can benefit from light posts since its close to the schools and streets are narrow. The corner of W. Childs Ave. and S. Canal can also benefit from sidewalks as they do not extend throughout the whole street on S. Canal.

F.8. [24-194](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-15 Requesting Space On Golden Valley Health Center (GVHC) Property To Prevent Traffic And Accidents From Occurring On A Busy Street.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that there are only two lanes, one that goes in each direction on W Childs Ave. When the bus stops in front of the clinic, it does not leave space for vehicles on the road to keep going and nearly causes accidents. There should be space on GVHC property to prevent traffic and accidents from occurring on a busy street.

F.9. [24-195](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-16 Requesting A Controlled Crosswalk Across Golden Valley Health Center In Between N And R Street On W Childs Ave.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states residents that go to GVHC and students in the nearby schools do not have a crosswalk on W. Childs Ave. and have to either walk all the way to R St. where there is little public lighting at night, or at N St., to get across to the other side of W. Childs Ave.

F.10. [24-196](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-17 Requesting Flashing Light Alerting Drivers That School Children Are Crossing, Stop Signs To Slow Down Traffic, Or A Left Turning Signal To Prevent Speeding Cars That Are Turning To Go Before Or After Children Safely Cross The Street.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that the intersection at Alicia Reyes Elementary School, off of N St. and W. Childs Ave., currently does not have a left turn signal light at any of the 4 lights. During drop off and pick up times, when traffic increases the most, many children walk home and cross the street while vehicles speed through and pose a safety risk to the children. There should be a flashing light alerting drivers that school children are crossing, stop signs to slow down traffic, or a left turning signal to prevent speeding cars that are turning to go before or after children safely cross the street. Citizen also states that a crossing guard would help but would not be enough.

F.11. [24-197](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-18 Requesting Speed Bumps Or Stop Signs At The Intersection Of P And 5th Street.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that all 4 roads that intersect at P St. and 5th St. have no stop signs. It has nearly caused many accidents since there are many people that speed through that street. There should be some traffic calming measures such as speed humps or stop signs.

F.12. [24-198](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-19 Requesting Traffic Calming Measures Near Tenaya Middle School.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states many vehicles speed on 8th street even though there is a stop sign on the corner of N St. and 8th St. Some additional pedestrian safety measures should be considered such as flashing lights indicating a school zone.

F.13. [24-199](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-20 Requesting Stop Sign At Q And 10th Street As Well As Q And 9th Street.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that Q St and 10th St, and Q St and 9th St., are both intersections that do not have stop signs at any 4 points where the streets meet. Driving through Q St, citizen states that they had to stop abruptly to prevent an accident with other speeding vehicles. Other community members have also mentioned that there are multiple streets in South Merced where there are no stop signs at 4-point intersections.

F.14. [24-229](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-21 Requesting A School Bus Zone And "No Parking Zone" Along T Street At Sheehy Elementary.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Merced City School District is requesting the addition of both zones as part of their moderation at Sheehy Elementary School.

F.15. [24-230](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-22 Requesting A Two Hour Parking Zone From N St. To The Shannon Arcade.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states drivers are parking in front of the Civic Center for long periods of time and leaving customers that need to pay their bills having to park at further distances.

F.16. [24-231](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST #24-23 Requesting A Two Way Stop Sign For North And South Bound Traffic On Q Street off of 23rd Street.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states that accidents and near misses still occur with the posted yield sign on Q Street and stop signs are necessary for prevention.

G. ADJOURNMENT