



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes Traffic Committee

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023

2:00 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson WEGLEY called the Regular Meeting to order at 2:03 PM

### B. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Member Juan Olmos, Member Julie Nelson, Member Nathaniel McKinnon, Member Casey Wilson, and Member Mike Wegley

**Absent:** 0

### C. ORAL COMMUNICATION

There were no public comments.

### D. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Nelson, that this Consent Item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

There were no Member Reports.

### F. BUSINESS

F.1 **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 area is dangerous for hearing and/or visually impaired pedestrians and handicapped pedestrians attempting to access the hospital or shopping centers.

Member NELSON stated that sidewalks are typically installed as an area is developed and nothing is currently planned for the south side, east of G Street.

Member OLMOS stated that the safest location to for pedestrians to cross would be at Mercy Avenue and G Street, but that he would support the installation of a crosswalk at Cardella Road and G Street.

Member MCKINNON explained that he was not in favor of the installation of a crosswalk at Cardella Road and G Street until development in the area occurs.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member McKinnon, to deny Request #23-14. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

#### **F.2**

**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.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member McKinnon, that this Business Item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**F.3**

**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.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Olmos, that Request #23-16 be continued to the next Traffic Committee Meeting of November 7, 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**F.4**

**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.

A motion was made by Member McKinnon, seconded by Member Olmos, that Request #23-17 be continued to the next Traffic Committee Meeting of November 7, 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Olmos, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.