



CITY OF MERCED

WELCOME TO YOUR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Regular Session at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Civic Center, 2nd Floor
City Council Chambers
678 West 18th Street
Merced CA 95340

(www.cityofmerced.org)

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY PROVIDE EMAIL OR VOICEMAIL COMMENTS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

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.

- 1. Traffic Committee Minutes of May 11, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

E. REPORTS

- 1. Committee Member Reports

(At this time, it is appropriate for any Committee Member to give an informational report of any work completed, training, or other item to share with other members. Please be brief, and no action may be taken on these items.)

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #21-008 – Requesting Speed Humps Along Gardner Ave. Between Destiny Dr. and Dunn Rd. (Lawrence & Alice Pressley, Clarence & Colleen Eisberg, Navtar & Ranjeet Singh, , Christi Workman, Vince & Sandra Clemons, Dulceney Zaragoza, Eric Perez, Paul & Robin Geyer)

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5. Request #21-015 – Requesting Red Curb around entrance and Exit of Driveways at 2651 Cooper Ave. (Conrad Noriega)

(Citizen states parking on the street overnight near the driveways is too close for incoming and outgoing semi traffic.)

6. Request #21-016 – Requesting Handicap Accessible Curbs on the Corner of Parsons Ave. and Teak Ave. (Lisa Dalrymple)

(Citizen states it is a busy school intersection, needs handicap accessible curbs.)

7. Request #21-017 – Requesting a Drop Off Zone (White Curb) in Front of the Merced Playhouse (Anthony Braxton)

(Citizen states he would like to make it accessible for people with accessibility issues or handicaps.)

8. Request #21-018 – Requesting Speed Bumps and Speed Limit Signs on Bodie St. (Kimberly Vecina Farias)

(Citizen states people are driving through Brodie Street at unsafe speeds are distracted, making it unsafe for the residents to back out of their driveways and children walking to/from school.)

9. Request #21-019 – Requesting Speed Bumps and Stop or Yield Signage on 6th Ave. & 26th St. (Jeff Bromfield, Jasmine Clark)

(Citizen states there have been several traffic accidents at this location because of excessive speed. There are no stop signs or yield signs, and there are many children in the area that need to be protected.)

10. Request #21-020 – Requesting “Keep Clear” Road Markings Around the 3100 Block of M St. (Sarah Boyle)

(Citizen states this area gets backed up with traffic blocking the intersection when people are trying to get into the left-hand turn lane.)

11. Request #21-021 – Requesting Short-Term Parking Curb in front of Mailbox Units (Sarah Boyle)

(Citizen states overflow from the parking lot ends up parking on Buena Vista causing residents to park down the street to collect their mail.)

12. Request #21-022 – Requesting Bike Lanes, Stop Signs, Crosswalks, Street Humps, Concrete Containers with Trees in the Middle of the Street, and Cameras (Dr. Eva Cadez)

(Citizen states she would like bike lanes on both sides of Pinnacle Drive, Twilight Avenue and Solstice Avenue. There is excessive speeding up and down Pinnacle Drive, and the pedestrian path is being used by vehicles at Solstice Avenue. Stops signs at every intersection would help with the speeding along Pinnacle Drive. Citizen states street humps along Pinnacle drive, Solstice Avenue and Twilight Avenue would help deter speeding vehicles. Cameras and any other measures that could help.)

13. Request #21-023 – Requesting a Handicap Parking Space in Front of His Residence (John Vierra)

(Citizen states too many cars park in front of his house, he is disabled and can't park down the road and walk back home. He would like a handicap parking space.)

14. Request #21-024 – Requesting “Motel Drive” Name Change to “Hotel Drive” (Edwin Kainth)

(Citizens would like to change the name of “Motel Drive” to “Hotel Drive” to upgrade the area to promote more tourism.)

G. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Item: D-1
Meeting Date: 7/13/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Minutes of May 11, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of May 11, 2021

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 11, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Michael Beltran, City Engineer
Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Public Works Designee
Craig McKeeman, Police Chief Designee
Derek Parker, Fire Chief

Absent:

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of March 9, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:
Amend, approve, and file.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

F. BUSINESS

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(Citizens state there is excessive speeding in the area all hours of the day, racing, cars doing doughnuts, and several accidents have occurred.)

Citizen Colleen Eisberg, and Alice Pressley discuss their concerns of speeding, accidents and overall safety in the area.

Committee Member Hren recommended additional police enforcement.

Chairperson Beltran said he will check the speed study that was done for that area and check for any warrants at Dunn and Gardner.

Committee Member McKeeman recommends citizens call and report when there are issues regarding speeding happening.

MOTION: To take this item to the next Traffic Committee meeting, review the speed study, increase police enforcement to the area, and check the warrants for the intersections.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

2. Request #21-009 – Requesting Access Ramps Be Put in On the Corner of 20th St. and Glen Ave., and A Speed Limit Sign to Be Placed in Front of Charles Wright Elementary School (Lisa Dalrymple)

(Citizen states crossing is difficult for bikes, strollers, and wagons to access the sidewalks with all the traffic.)

Citizen Lisa Dalrymple discusses her concerns for the safety of people having access to the sidewalk without going into the street, no ramps or crosswalks available, and there are no speed limit signs.

Chairperson Beltran recommends working with Public Works to see what they can do to improve the areas safety measures. Merced Police department will check with the schools. They will discuss the speed limit sign on the next item.

MOTION: Engineering Dept. to work with Public Works to implement the installation of ramps in the area.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Olmos Moved, Hren Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

3. Request #21-010 – Requesting A Speed Limit Sign to Be Posted in Both Directions on E. 20th St. Near Charles Wright Elementary School (Jennifer Fosgate)

(Citizen states there aren't any posted speed limit signs on E. 20th St. near the school.)

Committee Member Olmos residential streets are not required to have speed limit signs due to the fact residential areas are 25-mph speed limit areas, he suggests more police enforcement in the area.

MOTION: To take this item to the next Traffic Committee meeting and have the Engineering Dept. and Public works check and see what is beneficial to the area as far as signage and including enforcement.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

4. Request #21-011 – Requesting Speed Bumps Along Bancroft Dr. in Front of Elmer Murchie Park and Add A “Yield to Pedestrians in Crosswalk” Sign Near the Crosswalks (Dana Ghassemi)

(Citizen states high speeds and reckless driving occur along Bancroft Drive and the crosswalks in the area are not protected.)

Committee Member Hren stated speed bumps are not recognized as a speed control device according to the US Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control devices (MUTCD).

Chairperson Beltran recommends looking into the signage in the area.

Committee Member Olmos recommends putting signage in the area to enhance visibility.

MOTION: Install pedestrian crossing signs on Bancroft Dr.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Olmos Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

5. Request #21-012 – Requesting a Barrier Be Put in Place at The End of Cormorant Dr (Katelyn Mayo)

(Citizen states cars park in the area throughout the day, smoking pot, drinking, or engaging in other behavior, speeding and doing doughnuts, not allowing walking access to the path.)

Katlyn Mayo and Ann Rye stated their concerns with the increase of illicit activity, vehicular traffic, and safety issues at the end of the cul-de-sac going into the bike path area.

Committee Member Parker stated a permanent barrier is not acceptable due to the need of access to the bike path and the creek, possibly a moveable gate.

Chairperson Beltran stated Gating may cause more trash to be dumped in the area. Not in favor of blocking a city road. He would like to work with Public Works for different options to prevent the unwarranted vehicular traffic and illicit activity.

MOTION: To take this item to the next Traffic Committee meeting and have the Engineering Dept. and Public Works review additional options for

eliminating the undesirable traffic in the area.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

6. Request #21-013 – Requesting Additional Traffic Enforcement, Narrowing of The Street With Chicanes, Putting Up a Sign To Slow Car Traffic-- “Bike Path Crossing” w/Picture And “Slow” At The Entrance To The Bike Path, Flashing Lights On Sign, 4 Way Stop Signs, Striping of The Street Along El Portal Dr., And Placing A Crosswalk By Chenoweth Elementary School (Jose & Mayra Lopez, Joe Brucia, Robin Donovan, Jolene Schadler, LuAnn Parson, Eduardo Zamora Sr., Ben French, Ronald Ringstrom)

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LuAnn Parson, Mayra Lopez, and Ronald Ringstrom stated their concerns on speeding traffic, over all safety in the area and lack of Police enforcement. They would like to see some of the safety items they have recommended implemented. The newly installed speed limit signs are not enough.

Committee Member Olmos agrees with the recommendation of adding additional speed limit signs midway in both directions to the area. He will check on the work order, to fix the issue of the flooding at the entrance of the bike path.

Chairperson Beltran stated putting Chicanes in becomes difficult monetarily due to limited funding. El Portal from Parson to McKee is considered a local road, and local roads in general do not have striping, but they can look into the cost of putting in striping through Engineering and Public Works or as a City project due to the size of that specific roadway. He will bring this item back to his staff additional ideas.

Committee Member Hren stated the implementation of the speed trailer in the area would help enforce the new speed limit would be a good solution, along with Police enforcement. He recommends researching putting in striping due to the uniqueness of the roadway in that area. Recommends keeping the signage limited, agrees to looking into other options.

MOTION: To take this item to the next Traffic Committee meeting and have the Engineering Dept. and Public Works dept. review the feasibility and

costs of striping and the possibility of putting it into the budget. Public works to put in additional speed limit signs and the Police dept. to place the speed trailer and increase Police enforcement.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

7. Request #21-014 – Requesting to Increase the Bus Stop Space on K St. North of 18th Next to the Alley, by Red Curbing the Parking Space Just Behind the Current Red Curb to Prevent Vehicles from Parking So Close to The Actual Bus Stop (Christine Chavez)

(Citizen states vehicles are parking so close to the bus stop, it makes it difficult for the bus drivers to pull in, and the extra curb/sidewalk is needed for the passengers boarding through the rear doors.)

Committee Member Olmos stated this is not the proper set up for a bus stop that has at least 50 stops or so a day.

Chairperson Beltran stated he will check with MCAG to see if they would desire to re-do the bus stop, there is a desire for them to have proper ADA there.

MOTION: To approve the additional red curb parking space.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Yes

Hren Moved, McKeeman Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Derek Parker

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

By:

Approved:

Nicole Tabares
Administrative Assistant/
Recording Secretary

Michael Beltran
City Engineer/ Chairperson

Agenda Item: E-1
Meeting Date: 7/13/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Committee Member Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

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REPORT IN BRIEF

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-008
2. Location Map

APPENDIX F.2: Traffic Calming Request

City of Merced

RQ #: 21-008

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Calming Installation

Name of Applicant requesting
the Traffic Calming Device(s):

Lawrence Hrusley, & Alai Hrusley

Home Address:

Telephone:

Describe which street or streets are to be stopped and show location(s) on attached map:

Gardner runs from Yosemite Ave to Westing Ave
 Dunn is the only cross street on Gardner
 passing speed from Westing to Yosemite

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| | Cross Street (Specify) _____ ← _____ | Street (Specify) _____ S Gardner |
| | Street (Specify) _____ _____ | |

Applicant's Statement: I have reviewed the attached materials and understand my responsibilities for having a traffic-calming device(s) installed at the requested location.

Signature

Date:

Attached Information for Applicant's Use:

- ☐ Outline of Installation Procedures
☐ Sample Petition Form
☒ Map Showing Required Petition Area
☒ Copy of Adopted City Traffic Calming Policy
☐ Other:

Date received by

Engineering Department: _____

 678 W. 18th Street
 Merced, Ca 95340

Lawrence A. Pressley Jr

Merced, Ca. 953

City of Merced

Engineering Department 678 W 18th Street

Merced Ca. 95340

To Whom this applies:

I am responding to the request to have the City and County, who share responsibility for maintaining traffic flow on N Gardner Ave. to install speed bumps. Neighbors have signed a petition. Our petition (Sample Citizen Action Request Form for Neighborhood Traffic Calming) has been submitted to Our County Supervisor who in turn has met with the appropriate departments of the City.

The speed of traffic traveling the street has exceeded 60 miles/hr on many days of every week and at different hours of the day and night. Walkers use the sidewalk and the extended street for morning and evening walks. At any given time on weekends, weekdays and especially in the evenings, motorists will do donuts at the corner of Destiny and Gardner. This is happening all too frequently. They are racing in a 1/4 mile strip. Teens have been observed video taping drivers doing donuts and clocking the speed of racers.

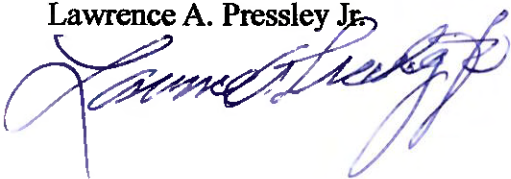
Several accidents have happened on Gardner and near by streets very recently. Last year a fatal accident happened on Dunn just north of Gardner, this past month a young driver hit a telephone pole taking out the pole and several light standards. Homes were left without electricity and internet service.

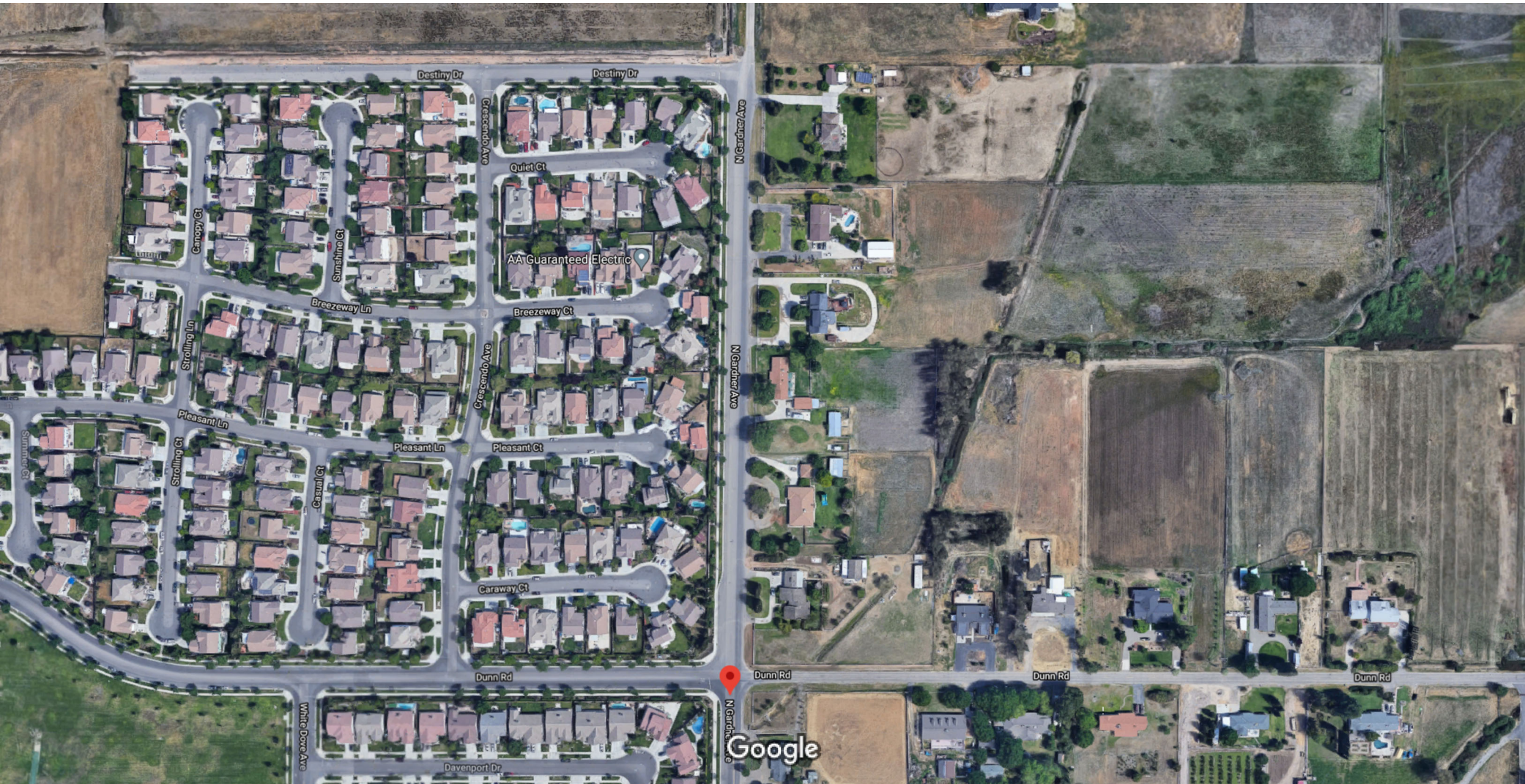
We desire to have safety restored to our street. A speed bump at the correct location would stop the "donuts" and especially the excessive speed.

I am attaching Appendix F.2 Traffic Calming Request form. Thank you for a speedy resolution of the problem.

Sincerely,

Lawrence A. Pressley Jr.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence A. Pressley Jr.", written over the printed name.
















PETITION REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

We the undersigned, residents living near 3856 N. Gardner Ave near Destiny between
(street on which speed humps are proposed)

Destiny and Dunn
(cross street) (cross street)

do hereby request that the Merced County Department of Public Works **INSTALL SPEED HUMPS** on the above mentioned street. We have reviewed the **SPEED HUMP PROGRAM** information and we understand that, if approved, the Department of Public Works will place *speed humps*, *warning signs* and *pavement markings* at appropriate locations within the block. *We understand that these traffic control devices may be installed in front of our property.*

| Print Name | Signature | Street Address | Date |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Colleen Eisberg | <i>Colleen Eisberg</i> |  Gardner Ave | 11-2-20 |
| Clarence Eisberg | <i>Clarence Eisberg</i> |  Gardner Ave | 2-13-2021 |
| Nawtar Singh | <i>Nawtar Singh</i> |  Gardner Ave | 2/12/21 |
| RANJEET Singh | <i>RANJEET Singh</i> |  Gardner Ave | 2-12-21 |
| Alice Pressley | <i>Alice Pressley</i> |  Gardner | 2/12/21 |
| LAWRENCE A. PRESSLEY | <i>LAWRENCE A. PRESSLEY</i> |  Gardner | 2/12/21 |
| Christi Workman | <i>Christi Workman</i> |  Gardner | 2/12/21 |
| Sandra Clemons | <i>Sandra Clemons</i> |  1st Ct | 2/12/21 |
| Vince Clemons | <i>Vince Clemons</i> |  1st Ct | |
| Dulcerney Ramirez | <i>Dulcerney Ramirez</i> |  U. Gardner Ave | 2/11/21 |
| Eric Perez | <i>Eric Perez</i> |  Gardner Ave | 2/21/21 |
| Robin Geyer | <i>Robin Geyer</i> |  Gardner Ave | 2/22/21 |
| Paul Geyer | <i>Paul Geyer</i> |  Gardner | 2/22/21 |

MEMORANDUM

TO:

J. Pedrozo

FROM:

Colleen Eisberg

PHONE NO:

[REDACTED]

DATE:

2-23-2021

SUBJECT:

Need a Speed Bump on Gardner R

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Clerk of the Board

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Gardner

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Agenda Item: F-2
Meeting Date: 7/13/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-010
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-010

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Ken Cooper Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/1/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

900 E. 20th Street

Describe Concerns At This Location:

People have been driving past the school going about 25 MPH while students are present. They are stating that there is not any posted speed limit. I looked and quickly agreed. I am concerned one of the students will get hit by a car.

I am requesting a speed limit sign be posted in both directions on E. 20th Street near the school.

Thank you for your consideration
Ken Cooper

For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____ Date Received: 4-1-21 Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date



Agenda Item: F-3
Meeting Date: 7/13/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

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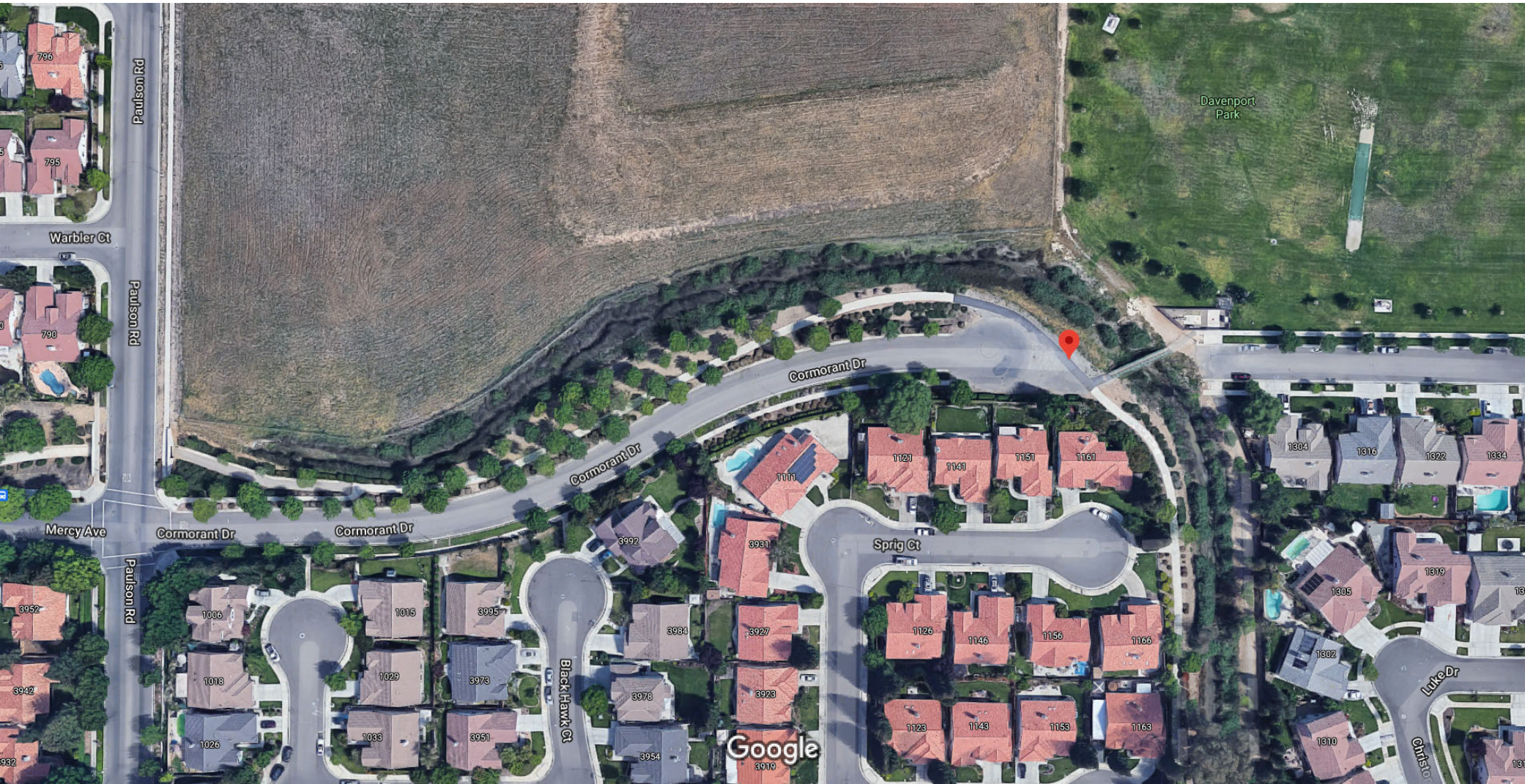
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-012
2. Location Map

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

21-012

Date _____





ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

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2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: XXXXXXXX
21-013

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

21-013

Contact Person: Joe Brucia Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4-25-2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Attached

RECEIVED

APR 25 2021

ENGINEERING DEPT

For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____ Date Received: _____ Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date

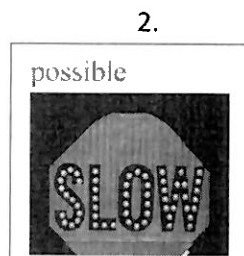
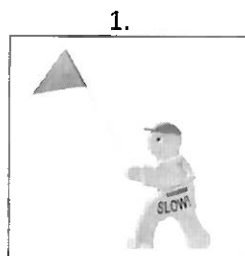
THE SPEEDING PROBLEM AS SEEN FROM MY YARD AT 1959 EL PORTAL DRIVE:

- Speeding on this street has always been a major problem. It got worse when the Moraga/Bright subdivisions were built. The college students living in these subdivisions and others consider, for some unknown reason, our street as a short cut to and from their McKee entrance (*they only have two*). It will get worst when the new nearby college apartments and those planned at McKee are completed. Others just drive fast *with their cell phones to their ear!*
- Some cars and motorcycles drive at approximately 50-55 mph through our curves. Most around 40 mph. Some enjoy dropping beer cans and fast food bags on our street. Worst traffic is morning & late afternoon into evening.
- Many times a car will pass another car or school bus. The worst passes are those that pass on the *inside* of a car (*giving proper signals*) turning into their own driveway!
- With the 18 new houses, the street now has many more young children on the street. This includes my two grandchildren. Also, many teenagers exit onto and ride across the street without stopping from the bike path!
- Walking across the street, *one takes their life in their hands*. You start to walk to the bike path entrance or to the mailbox and all of a sudden a car appears around a curve! 95% will not stop for you. They just drive around you!
- Backing out of a driveway, one often finds a car *all-of-a-sudden* coming around a broad curve (*it wasn't there when you started backing out*).

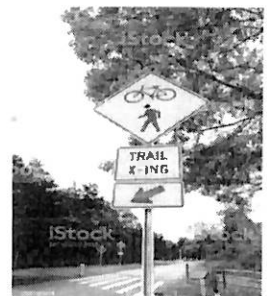
My past personal attempted solutions and future planned solution:

I have tried two solutions that did work! However, they did not last long! A third is being planned.

- 1 When my grandchildren visited I placed one of those 3ft tall flagged plastic kids holding a flag 4 feet into the street. The little kid has the word "SLOW" on it. *It worked!* However, I have had two stolen!
- 2 I once bought a portable flashing "SLOW" sign. I placed it on a saw horse on the unmaintained parkway strip across from my house..... at the Black Rascal Bike Path entrance. It is the best viewed street location. *It worked!* But I had to recharge those flashing lights nightly! Five days later it was stolen.
- 3 I am now going to try a third solution—a "SLOW" replacement sign on a tall permanent pole that says "SLOW & GEEZER CROSSING" with a picture of an adult with cane. (*I walk with a cane 4x a day across the street to the bike path ...and 4x back*). If I can get a good price for a solar outfit with flashing LED lights... *all the better*. This location can be seen from far away by cars traveling in both directions as the curves are broad.



Better City Solutions

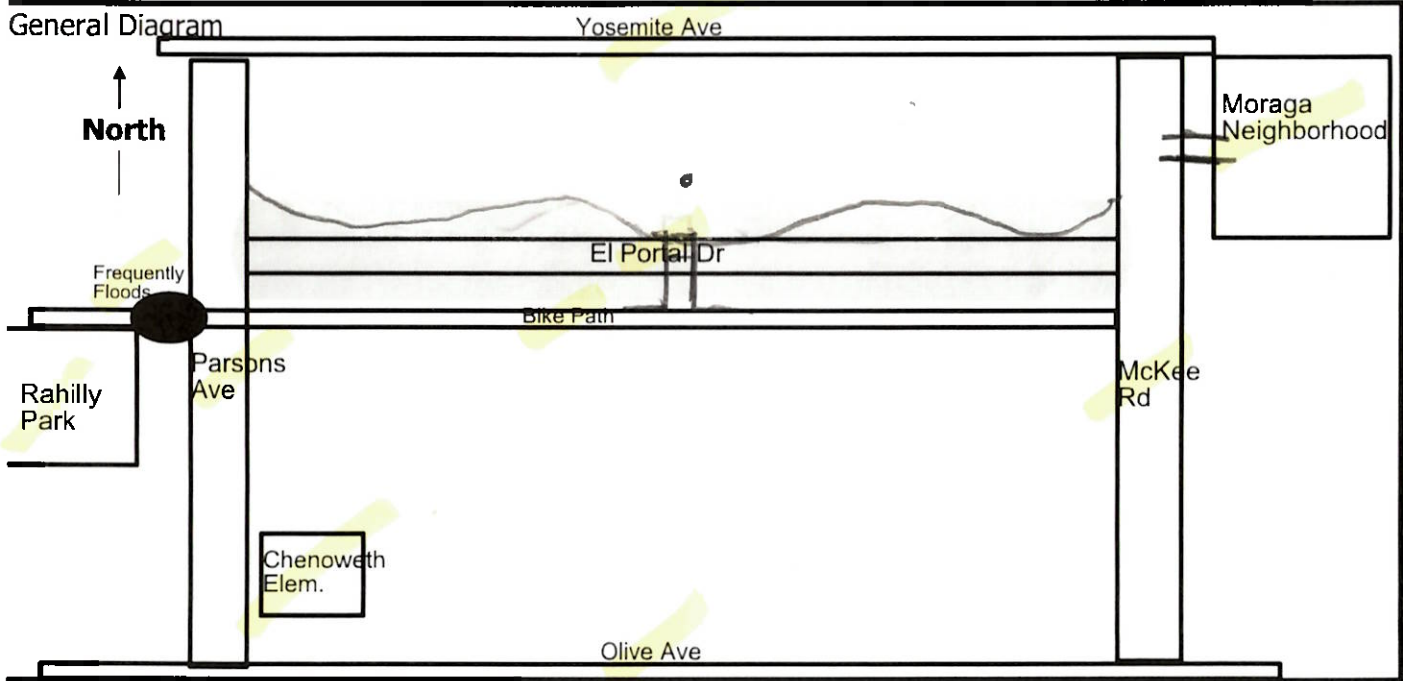


Possible Good City solutions:

- A. I believe there are two possible solutions that could be effective (B & C). More effective if combined.
- B. Narrow the street in spots with two or more chicanes (*similar to Donna Ave between G & Wathen*). (*Putting that little plastic kid temporarily out onto the street seemed to work.*)
- C. At the entrance/exit to the Black Rascal Bike Path, (*which can be seen clearly in both directions*) put up a sign to slow car traffic--"BIKE PATH X-ING" sign, with and added picture and "SLOW," perhaps use solar flashing lights. (*That one at McKee and Silverstone sure works well, even without the lights flashing*)
- D. There are many ideas outlined in the City's 2008 Traffic Calming Booklet that obviously *will not work*. I believe that one idea now used on another part of El Portal Drive (*a double center line*) will only give *our* curved street a better line for drivers to follow around the four curves.....*kinda like Laquna Seca!*

My name is Joe Brucia. Since 2007 I have lived at the exact middle of the four curved (two "S" curves) El Portal Drive between Parsons and McKee....1959 El Portal Dr. I am the former State President of CASCWA (California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare & Attendance) and a district administrator for the Merced High School District. I have been involved in many, many safe-school inspections including facilities, walkways, parking lots and streets.

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Location of Concern

North

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21-013

Date _____

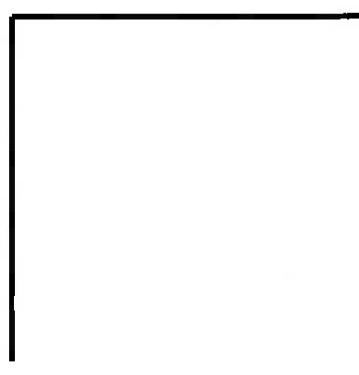
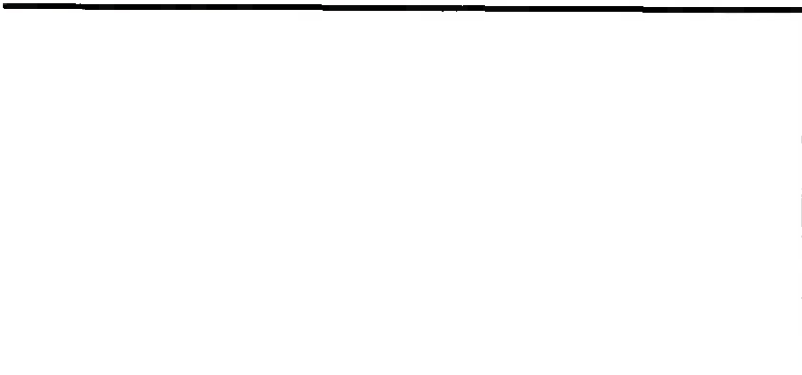
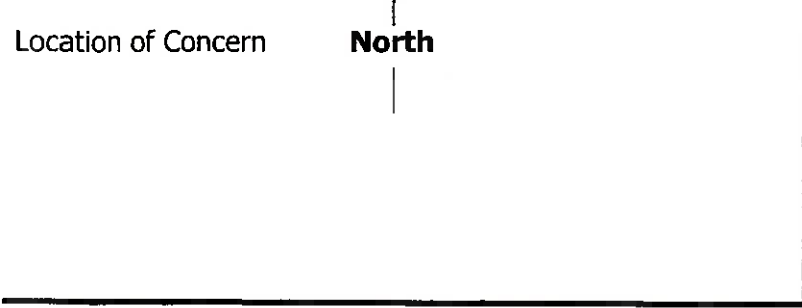
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General Diagram



Location of Concern

North



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21-013

Contact Person: ROBIN DONOVAN Day Phone: [REDACTED]Email Address: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/25/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

PEOPLE SPEEDING. NO LAW ENFORCEMENT MONITORING SPEED OF CARS. LOTS OF PEOPLE WALKING AND BIKING IN THIS AREA. SOME ONE IS GOING TO GET HIT IF THE SPEED LIMIT IS NOT ENFORCED

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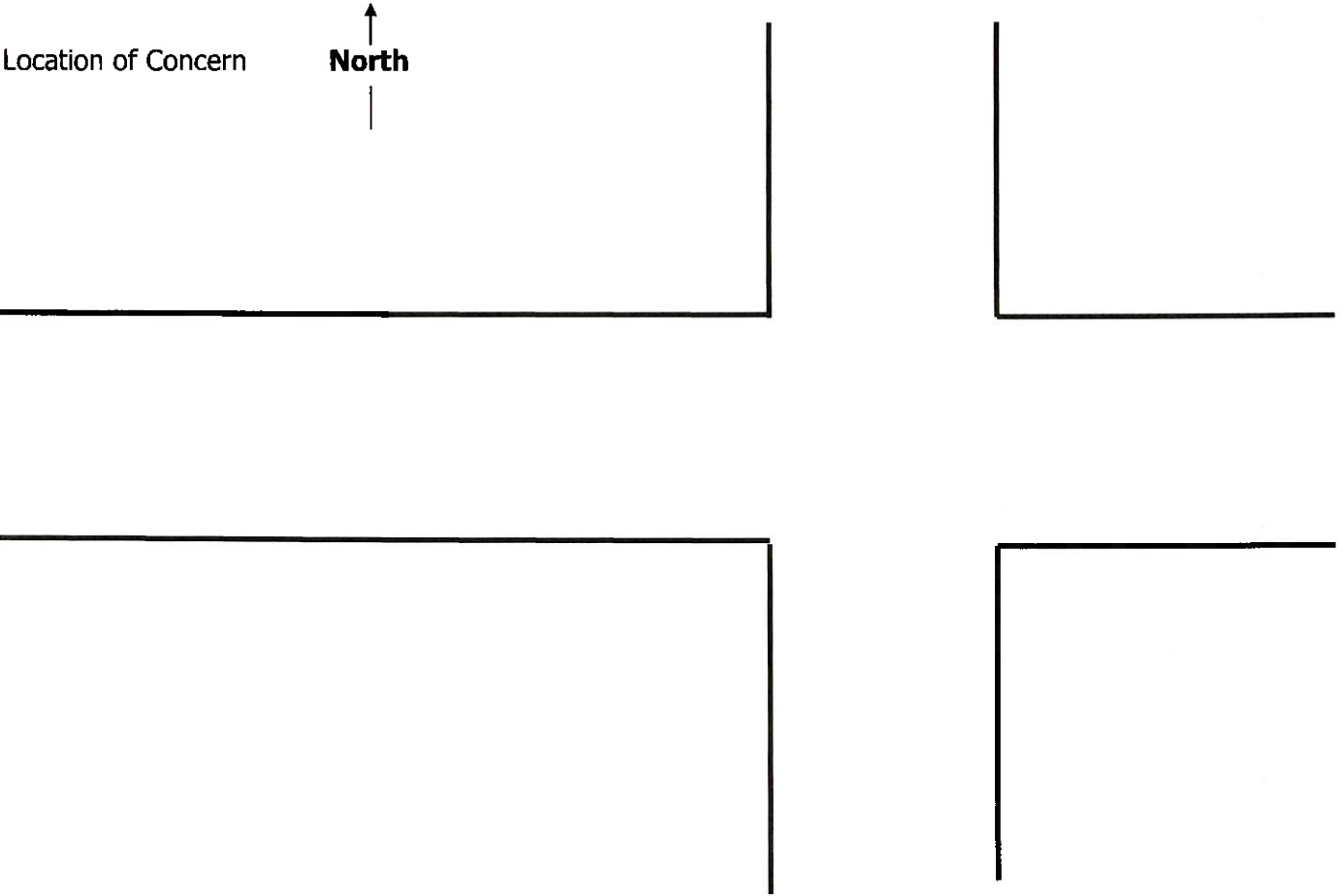
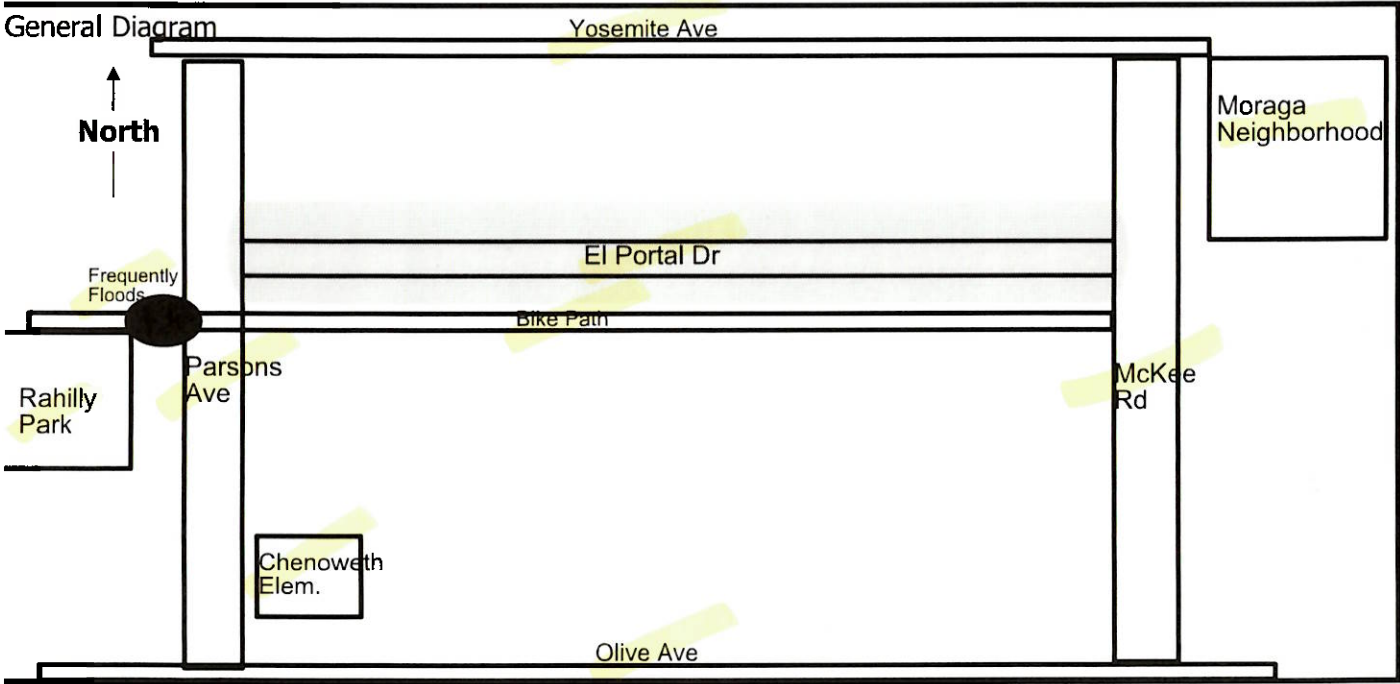
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21-013

Contact Person: Jolene Schadler Day Phone: [REDACTED]Email Address: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/23/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Speeding cars endanger children and pets. There is no crosswalk at El Portal and Parson for children walking to Chenoweth. Lowering the speed limit from 30 to 25 has had no affect because there is no enforcement.

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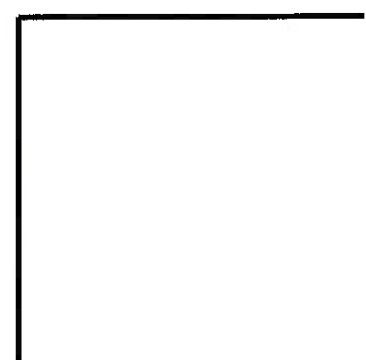
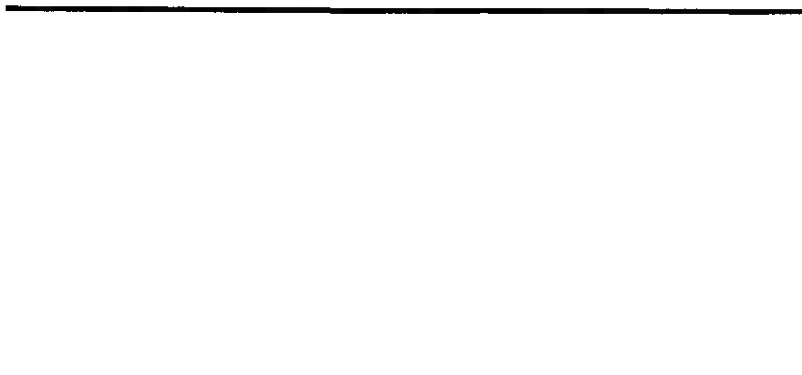
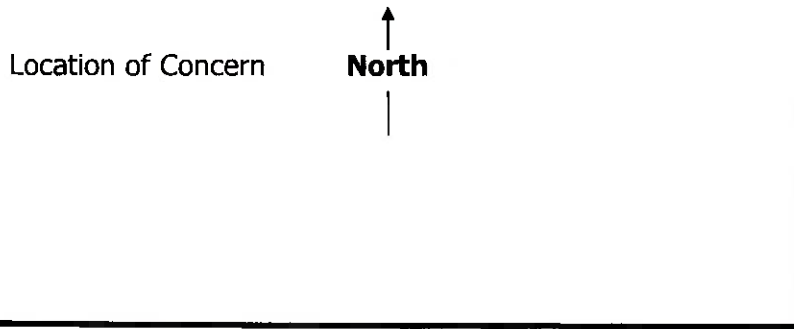
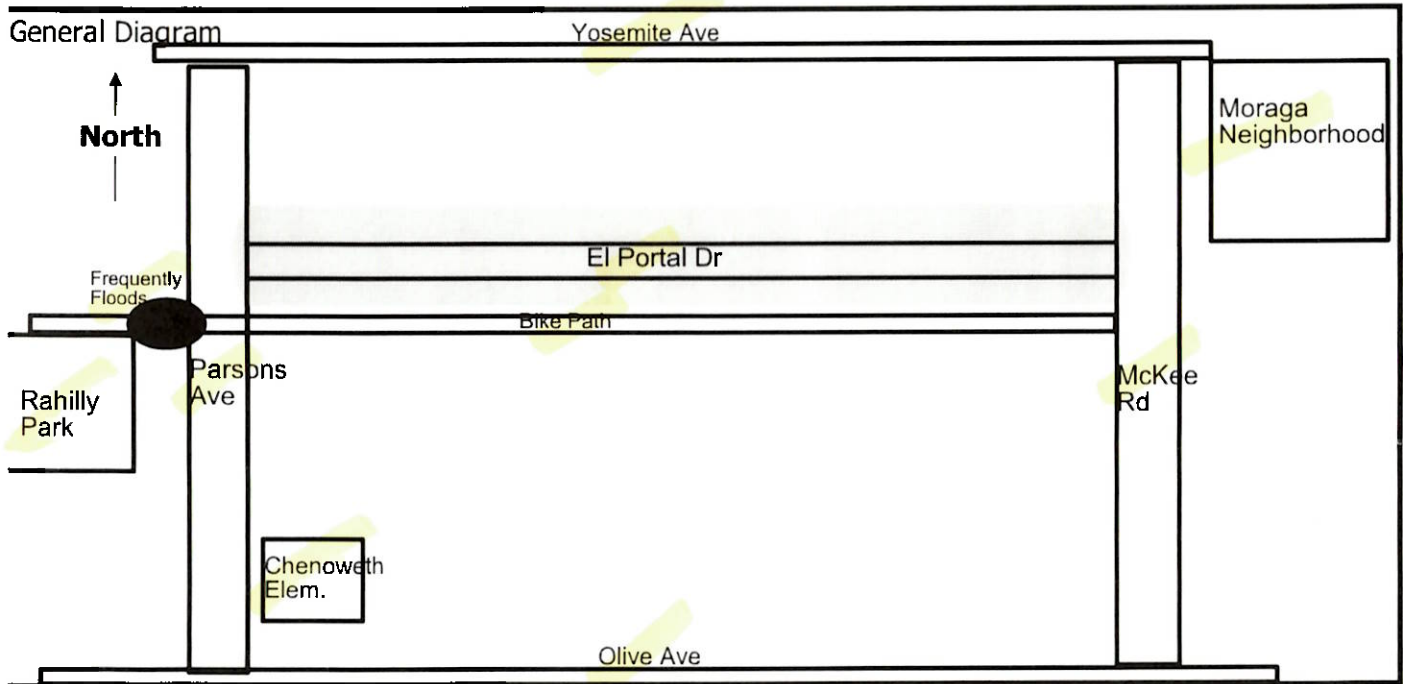
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21-013

Contact Person: Ann ParsonDay Phone: [REDACTED]Email Address: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED]Today's Date: 4/23/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Speed limit was posted for 25 mph. There has not been any enforcement and we continue to have cars speeding in excess of 50 mph. There is still no center line and cars travel down the middle to go faster around the curves.

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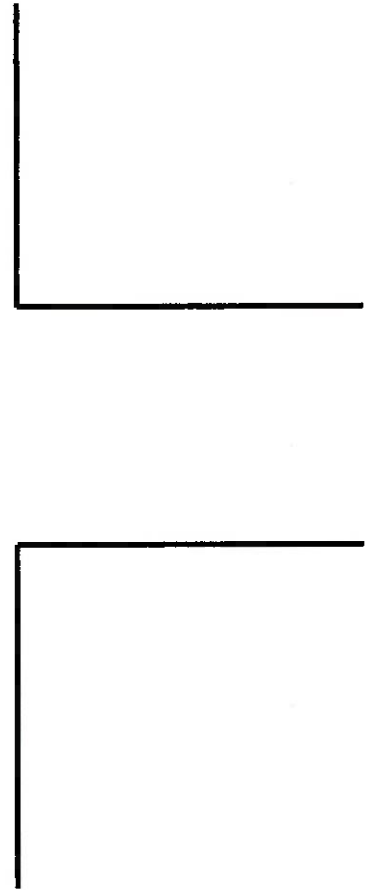
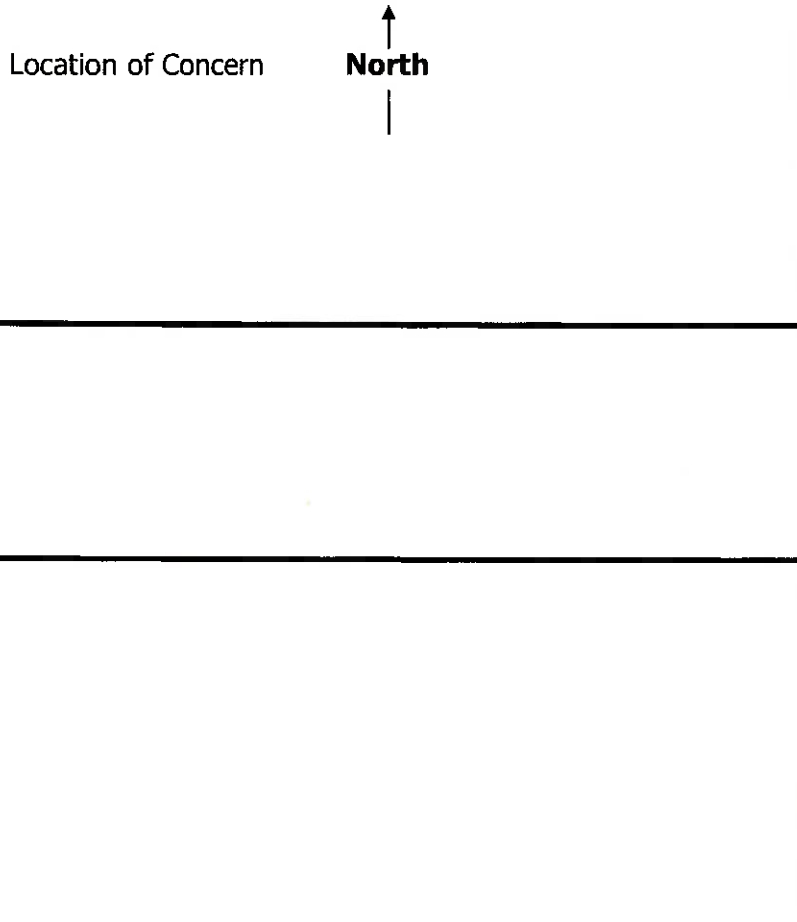
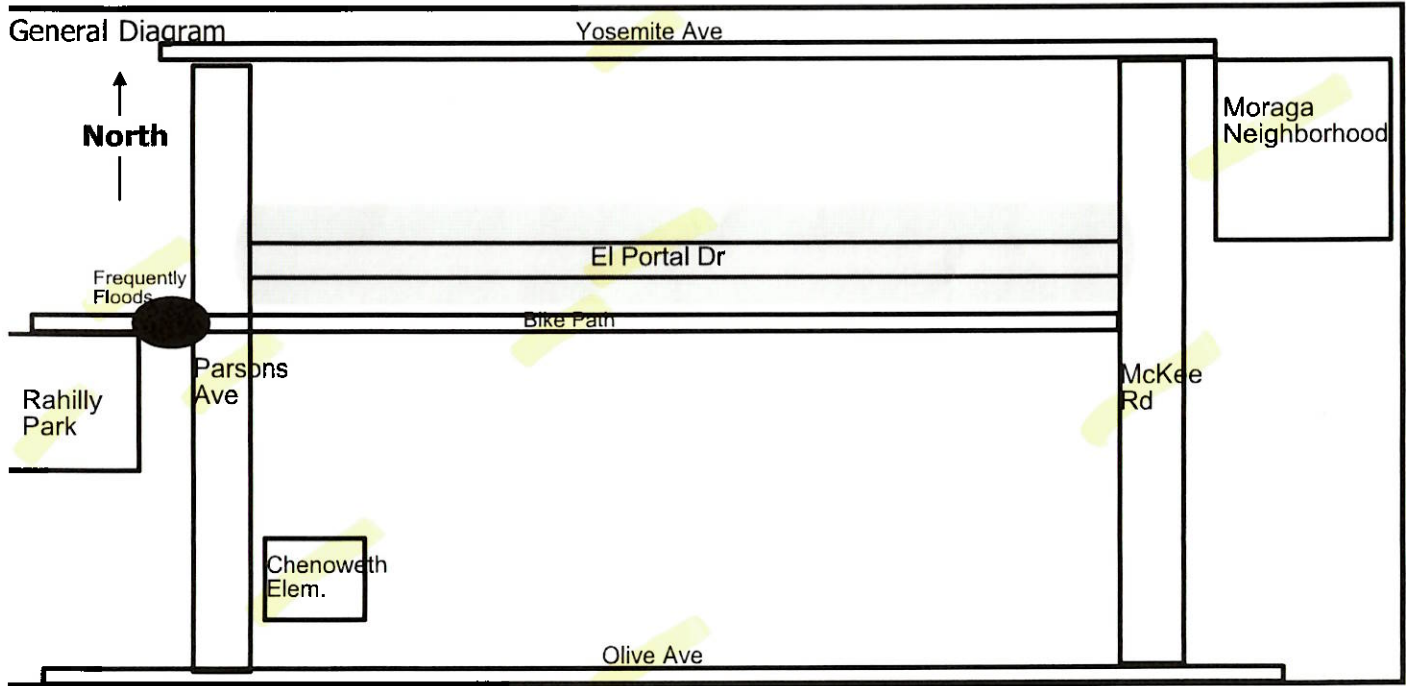
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

21-013

Contact Person: Eduardo Zamora Sr. Day Phone: [REDACTED]Email Address: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4-26-21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Speeders**For Official Use Only:**

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Contact Person: Ben French Day Phone: [REDACTED]Email Address: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/26/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Traffic between McKee & Parsons is constantly travelling over the posted 25mph speed limit. Despite the 25mph now being posted, no enforcement of over-limit speeding is happening. Drivers are constantly driving on both sides of the road & near parked cars because there are no lanes painted on the street.

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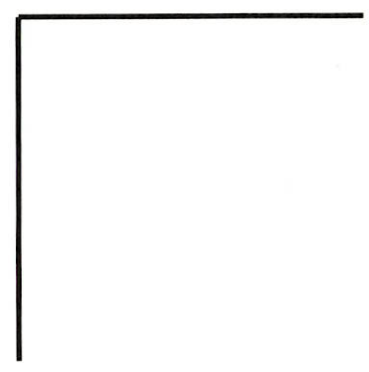
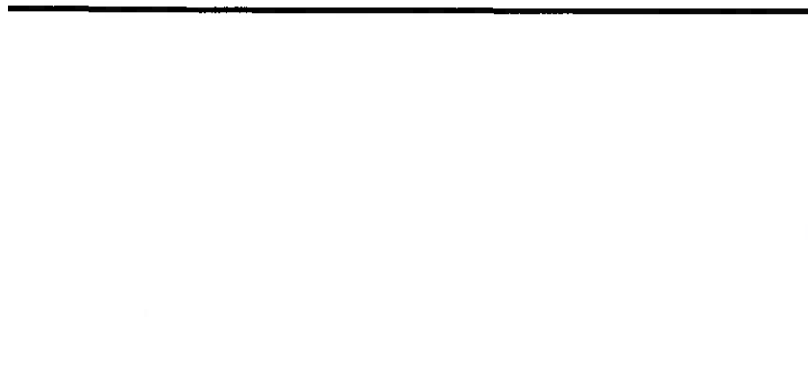
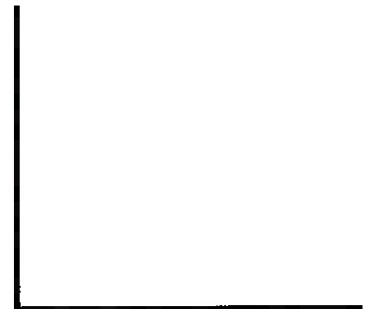
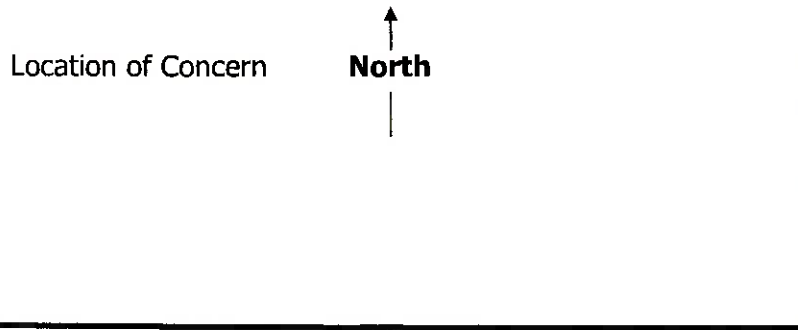
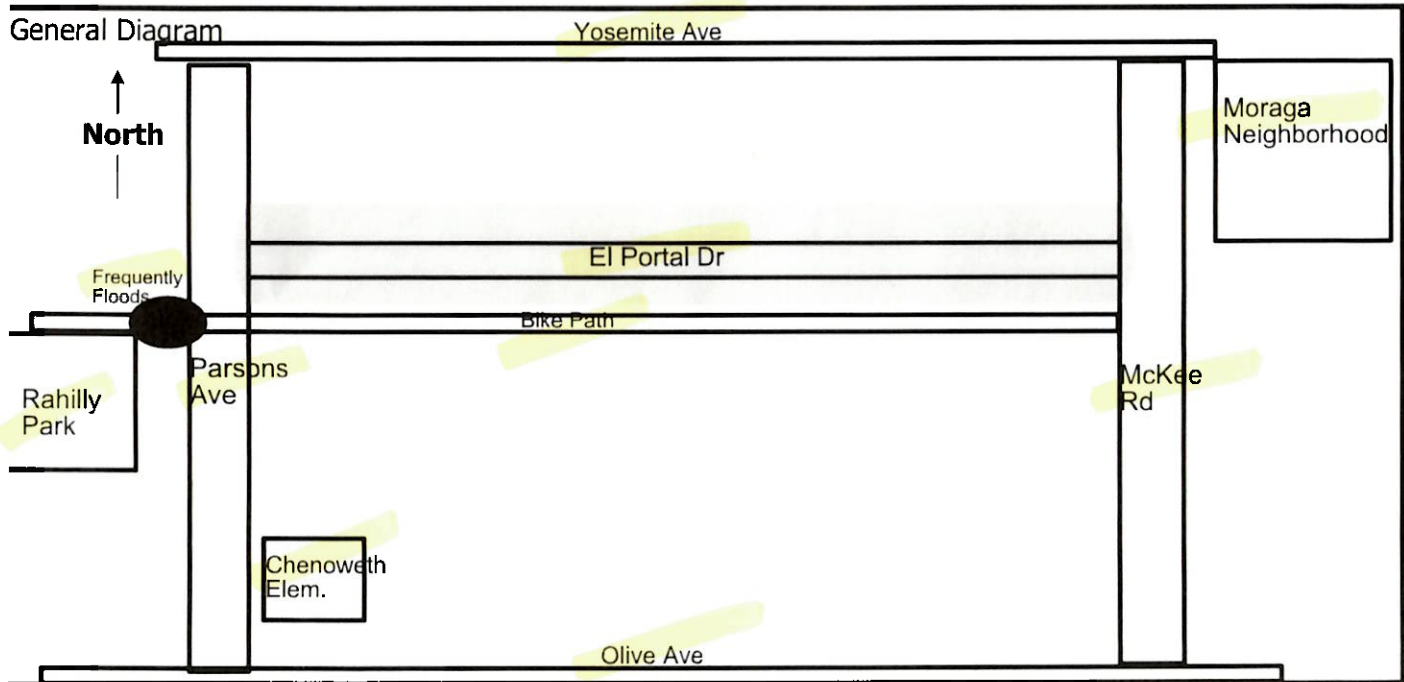
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21-013

Contact Person: Ronald Ringstrom Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/23/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Roadway between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road on El Portal Drive.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

The speeding continues to be a serious problem on this section of El Portal Drive (all residential). The speed limit has been reduced to 25 MPH, and the signs have been put up at each end of the street. In spite of this, some people are still driving at outrageous speeds (e.g., around 50 MPH). Sometimes they are moving so fast they can barely negotiate the curves. This a dangerous situation. I have not seen any traffic enforcement on this street for at least two months, and I am here most of the time since I am retired. Somebody is going to get killed if some effective prevention measures are not taken. Additionally, I understand the neighbors had asked for the street to be striped to help in keeping people from driving on the wrong side of the street. Please consider these two items again at the next safety committee meeting.

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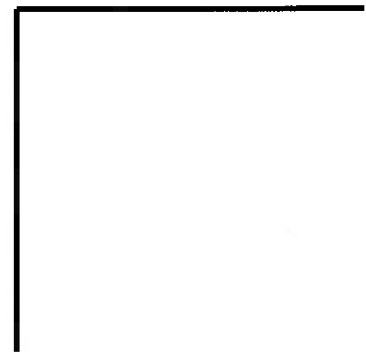
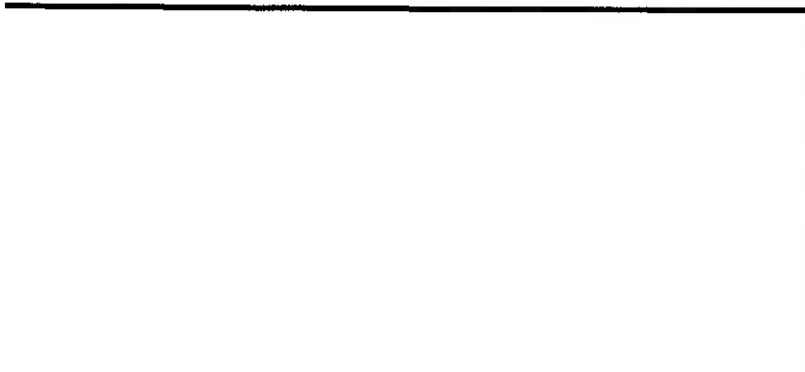
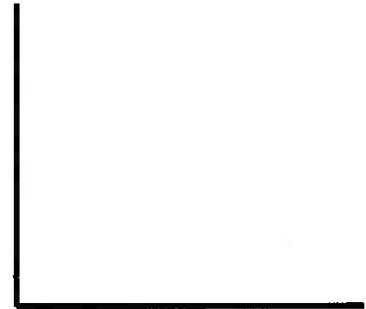
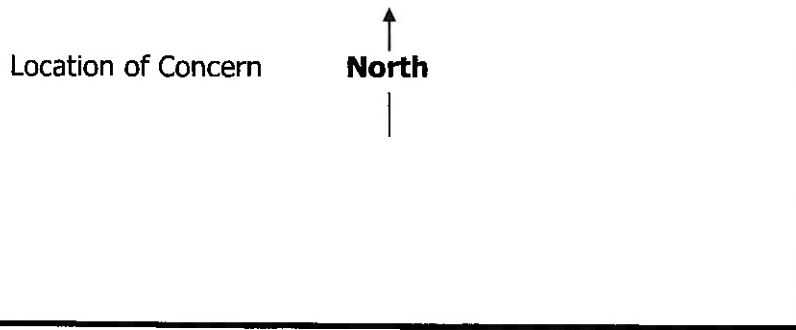
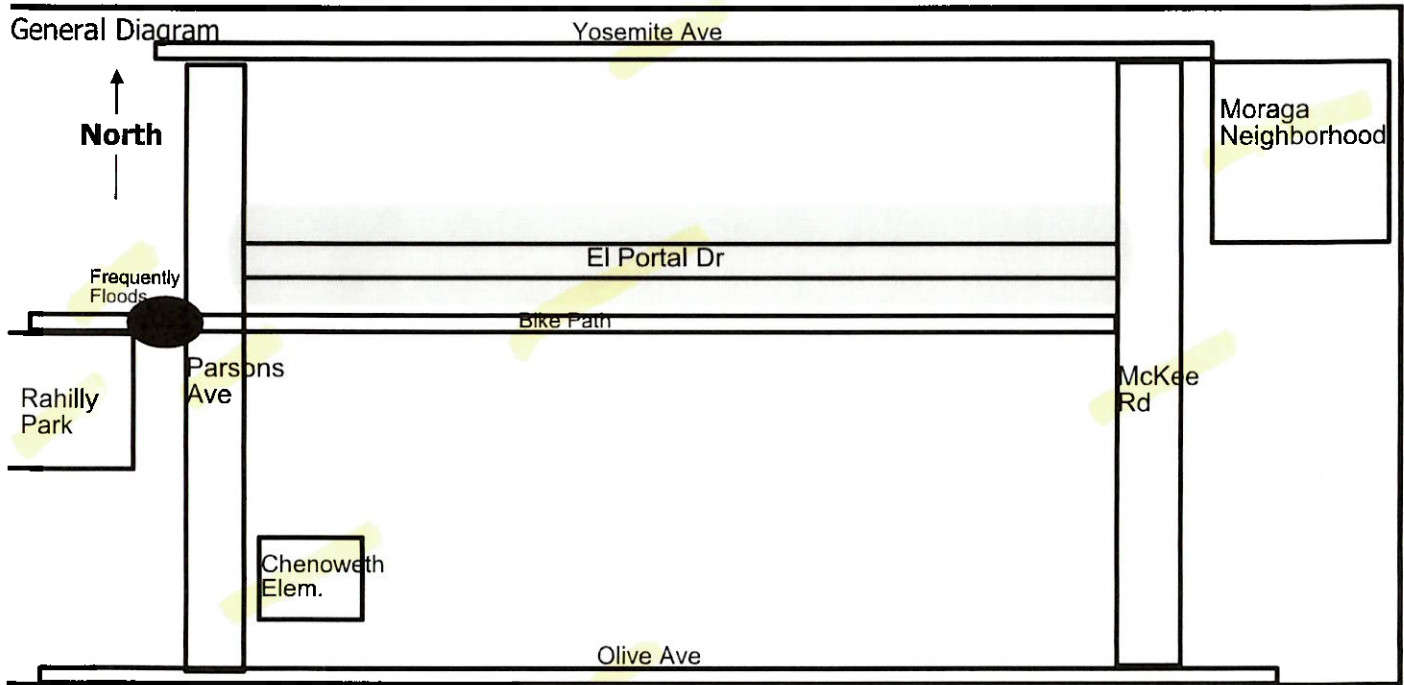
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

5. SUBJECT: Request #21-015 – Requesting Red Curb around entrance and Exit of Driveways at 2651 Cooper Ave. (Conrad Noriega)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states parking on the street overnight near the driveways is too close for incoming and outgoing semi traffic.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-015
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-015

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Conrad Noriega

Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Today's Date: 5/6/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Map attached with marked up areas that need to be delineated by curb color and or signage.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Parking on the street overnight near our two driveways for entrance and exit can be too close for our incoming and outgoing semi traffic to possibly hit the parked vehicles. Some of this may be people parking on the street overnight for a place to sleep.

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Untitled Map

Tank Holding Merced Site

Legend

 Tank Holding

2651 Cooper

Tank Holding

NA

New
Storage
Yard.
3 Acres

New Exit

NEW DRIVEWAY

Existing Driveway
Entrance

30'

30'

Cooper

30'

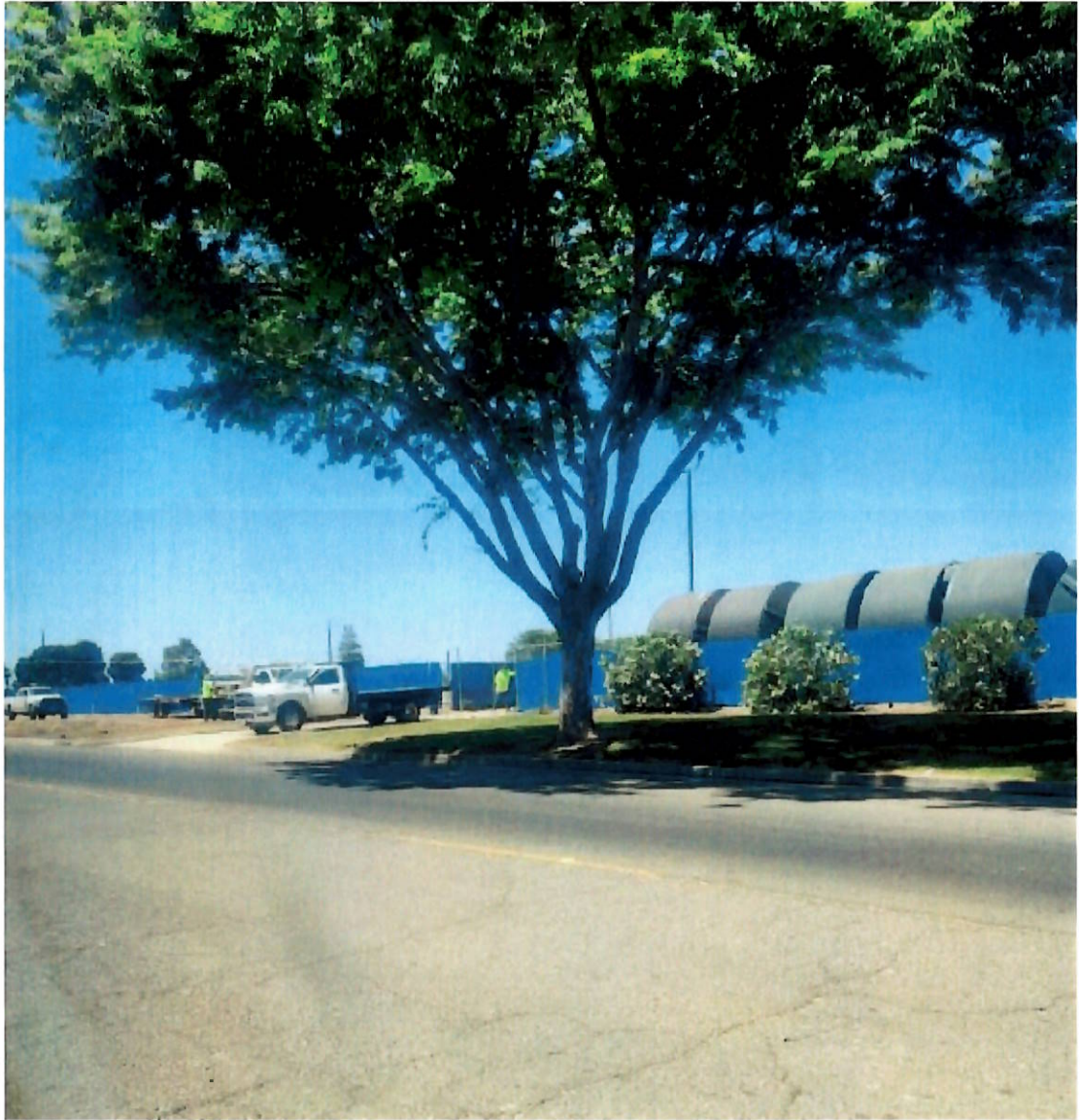
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Agenda Item: F-6
Meeting Date: 7/13/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

6. SUBJECT: Request #21-016 – Requesting Handicap Accessible Curbs on the Corner of Parsons Ave. and Teak Ave. (Lisa Dalrymple)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states it is a busy school intersection, needs handicap accessible curbs..

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-016
2. Location Map

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RQ#: 21-016

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Contact Person: Lisa Dalrymple Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4-28-21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Corner of Parsons and Teak

Describe Concerns At This Location: This is a busy school intersection.
Please make handicapped accessible curbs.

Thank-you

Lisa Dalrymple

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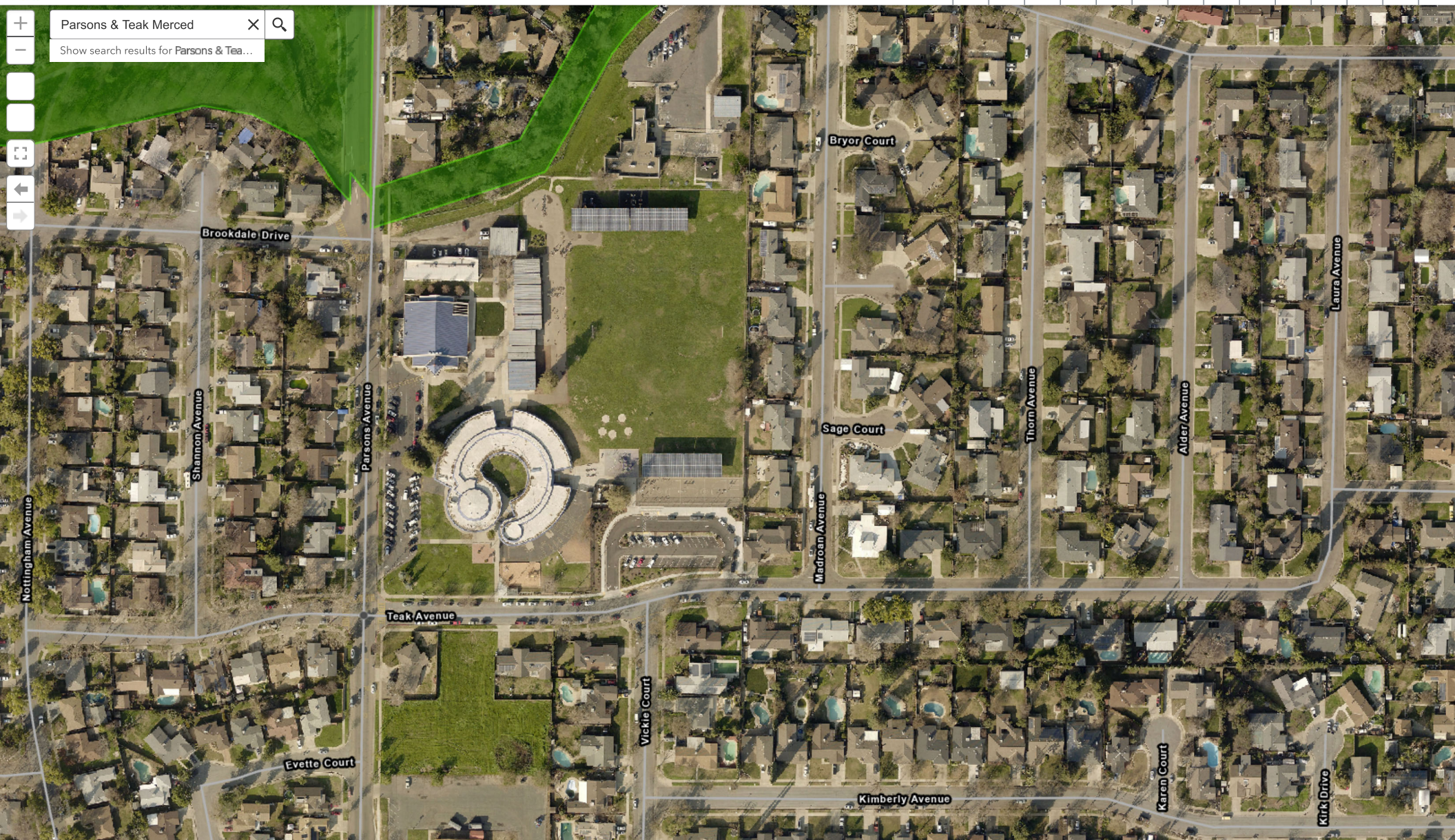
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Parsons & Teak Merced



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General Diagram



Location of Concern



Nottingham

Teak

Parsons

Chenoweth
School

x cross yard

olive



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

7. SUBJECT: Request #21-017 – Requesting a Drop Off Zone (White Curb) in Front of the Merced Playhouse (Anthony Braxton)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states he would like to make it accessible for people with accessibility issues or handicaps.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-017
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-017

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Anthony Braxton Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 05/09/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Street front at 452 West Main Street

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Would like this to be a drop off zone during show hours to accomodate our patrons with handicaps and with accessibility issues.

We typically have shows 3 weeks a month
Sept - June, Friday/Saturday Nights & Sunday Afternoons. This
would be a white zone by time?

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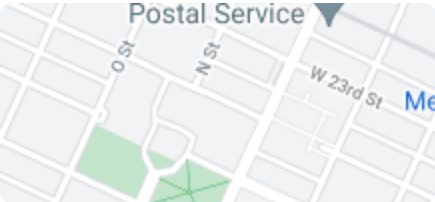


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Street View





ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

8. SUBJECT: Request #21-018 – Requesting Speed Bumps and Speed Limit Signs on Bodie St. (Kimberly Vecina Farias)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states people are driving through Bodie Street at unsafe speeds are distracted, making it unsafe for the residents to back out of their driveways and children walking to/from school.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-018
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-018

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Kimberly Vecina Farias

Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: 2254 Bodie St, Merced, CA 95341

Today's Date: 5/31/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Residential area on Bodie Street (Bodie St and N Coffee St)



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Describe Concerns At This Location:

Cars are driving through Bodie Street at unsafe speeds and are distracted. Most of these drivers do not have patience for us, the residents of Bodie Street, to give us a chance to pull out, back up, park, or do anything as needed without being honked at or given a bad look. It should not be this way as this is a residential area! However, these drivers do not respect that. I have been living here since 2005 and there are only 12 houses on Bodie Street. Ever since the new neighborhood has been established down the street, we have had many unsafe driving going on, including cars making donuts in the intersections, which is especially unsafe when the street is narrowed due to parked cars. I sit in the front yard and observe these drivers not only driving at unsafe speeds, but also feeling that they are entitled to do so all while being distracted/on their phones. During pre-COVID days, many children here walk to school (Weaver/GVHS). With the next school year approaching and this unsafe driving, it is the perfect recipe for an accident. At least half of the 12 houses in our street have small children! I am requesting for speed bumps on Bodie Street, especially where the 12 houses are, and to place a speed limit to let the drivers aware that IT IS STILL A RESIDENTIAL AREA. I have attached a SD card with a perfect example of what I have stated above, as my dad almost got in an accident literally right in front of our house this morning. This is not okay and this is what prompted me to write this letter today. There is not an audio on the attachment, but the car driving at a fast, unsafe speed was honking crazy as he approached my dad, who pulled out the driveway with caution as seen in the video. I am taking this first step of sending a request to the City of Merced Traffic Committee in hopes that something is done to keep this neighborhood (and our families) safe from any reckless accident happening. Thank you.

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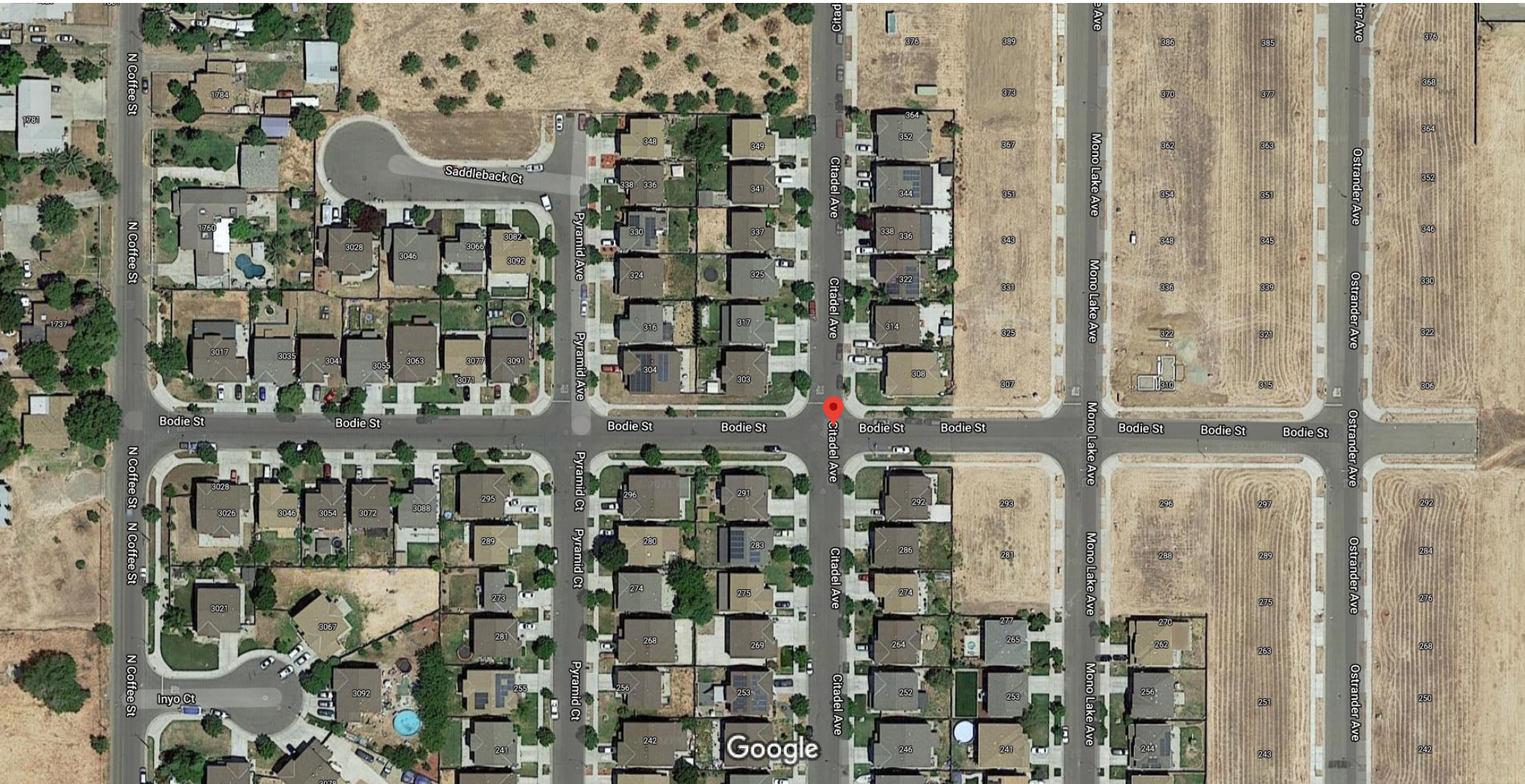
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

9. SUBJECT: Request #21-019 – Requesting Speed Bumps and Stop or Yield Signage on 6th Ave. & 26th St. (Jeff Bromfield, Jasmine Clark)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there have been several traffic accidents at this location because of excessive speed. There are no stop signs or yield signs, and there are many children in the area that need to be protected.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-019
2. Location Map

CITY of Merced

Contact Person: Jeff Bromfield

[REDACTED]

Merced, CA 95340

[REDACTED]

bromfield@cityofmerced.net



5/26/2021

Location of Concern: 26th St and 6th Ave

Concern at this location: There have been several traffic accidents at this location all because of excessive speed. See attached photo.

Hoover Middle School is adjacent to this intersection. The solution is a series of speed bumps on 6th Ave as well as on 26th. Proper signage should accompany the speed bumps.

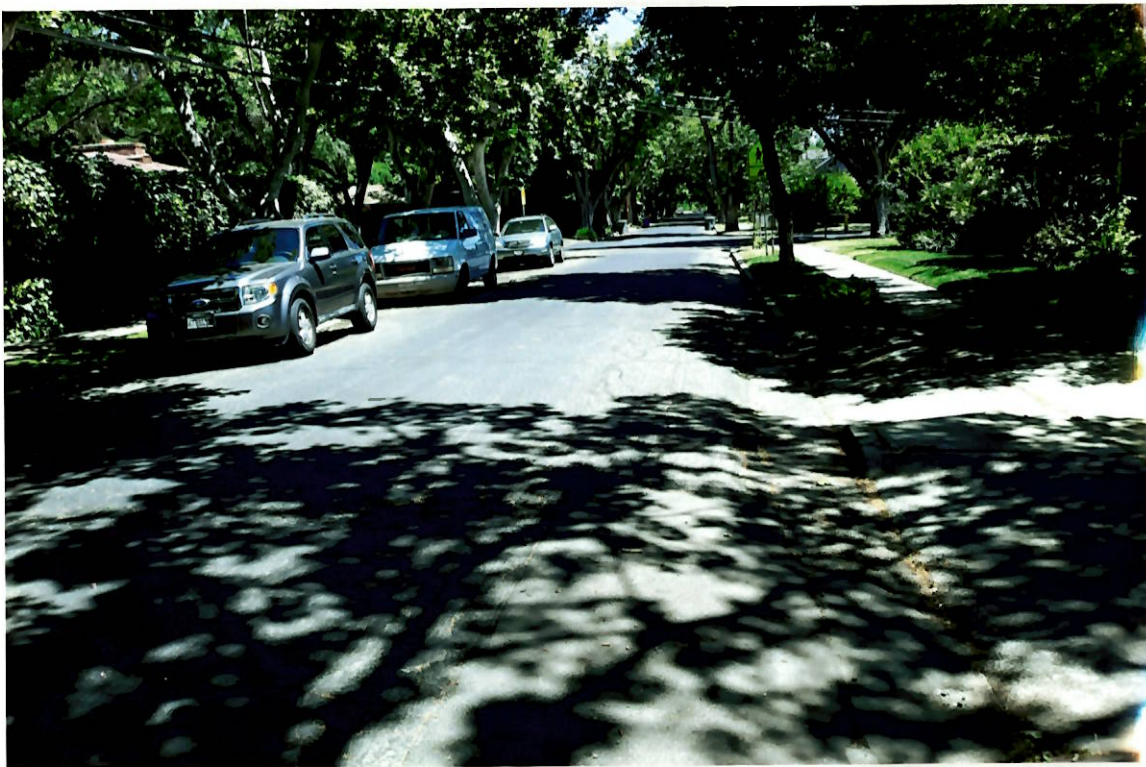
This is a matter of great concern as there are many children in the area and we need to protect them.

Picture Notes on back of Pictures

#1



#2



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General Diagram



Location of Concern



Speed Bump



Picture
#12

26th

Speed Bump

Speed Bump



6th Ave



Speed Bump

Picture #1
My Home
Carhit city tree



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RQ#: 21-019

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Jasmine Clark Day Phone: [REDACTED]Email Address: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 6/22/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

The 4-way intersection of 6th and 26th ave (photographs attached)

Describe Concerns At This Location:

I have lived at 2629 6th Ave for 3 years, I have seen 2 accidents in this intersection in the past 12 months. The problem is that there is not any direction for the drivers and they do not follow the Right-of-Way rule. The traffic on 26th continues to grow and crossing that intersection is becoming more of a problem. I also mention the bush that blocks the visual of coming into the intersection from 6th Ave. We need a sign, ~~stop~~ preferably.

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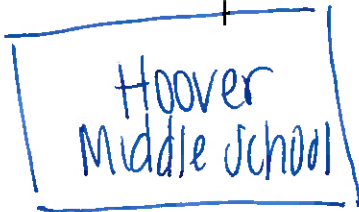
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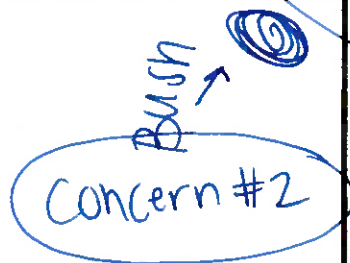
General Diagram



Location of Concern



26th Ave



6th Ave

Hoover
Middle School

6th ave



26th ave

26th ave

NO signs

6th ave

↑ 26th Ave

6th Ave



6th Ave



↑ 26th Ave

- NO signs
- 26th Ave is used a lot, especially due to Hoover Middle school.

example of oncoming car being
barely visible as you pull into the
intersection. Again, no signs.

large bush
blocks site
when crossing 26th →





Request yield or stop
sign plus removal
of bush.

Standard:

03 Except as provided in Paragraphs 4 and 5, the minimum sizes for regulatory signs facing traffic on multi-lane conventional roads shall be as shown in the Multi-lane column of Table 2B-1 and 2B-1(CA).

Option:

04 Where the posted speed limit is 35 mph or less on a multi-lane highway or street, other than for a STOP sign, the minimum size shown in the Single Lane column in Table 2B-1 and 2B-1(CA) may be used.

05 Where a regulatory sign, other than a STOP sign, is placed on the left-hand side of a multi-lane roadway in addition to the installation of the same regulatory sign on the right-hand side of the roadway, the size shown in the Single Lane column in Table 2B-1 and 2B-1(CA) may be used for both the sign on the right-hand side and the sign on the left-hand side of the roadway.

Standard:

06 A minimum size of 36 x 36 inches shall be used for STOP signs that face multi-lane approaches.

07 Where side roads intersect a multi-lane street or highway that has a speed limit of 45 mph or higher, the minimum size of the STOP signs facing the side road approaches, even if the side road only has one approach lane, shall be 36 x 36 inches.

08 Where side roads intersect a multi-lane street or highway that has a speed limit of 40 MPH or lower, the minimum size of the STOP signs facing the side road approaches shall be as shown in the Single Lane or Multi-lane columns of Table 2B-1 and 2B-1(CA) based on the number of approach lanes on the side street approach.

Guidance:

09 The minimum sizes for regulatory signs facing traffic on exit and entrance ramps should be as shown in the column of Table 2B-1 and 2B-1(CA) that corresponds to the mainline roadway classification (Expressway or Freeway). If a minimum size is not provided in the Freeway column, the minimum size in the Expressway column should be used. If a minimum size is not provided in the Freeway or Expressway Column, the size in the Oversized column should be used.

★ Section 2B.04 Right-of-Way at Intersections ★

Support:

01 State or local laws written in accordance with the "Uniform Vehicle Code" (see Section 1A.11) establish the right-of-way rule at intersections having no regulatory traffic control signs such that the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection must yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian already in the intersection. When two vehicles approach an intersection from different streets or highways at approximately the same time, the right-of-way rule requires the driver of the vehicle on the left to yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. The right-of-way can be modified at through streets or highways by placing YIELD (R1-2) signs (see Sections 2B.08 and 2B.09) or STOP (R1-1) signs (see Sections 2B.05 through 2B.07) on one or more approaches.

Guidance:

02 Engineering judgment should be used to establish intersection control. The following factors should be considered:

- A. Vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic volumes on all approaches;**
- B. Number and angle of approaches;**
- C. Approach speeds;**

D. Sight distance available on each approach; and

E. Reported crash experience. 2 accidents in less than 6 months

03 YIELD or STOP signs should be used at an intersection if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. An intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law;**
- B. A street entering a designated through highway or street; and/or**
- C. An unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.**

04 In addition, the use of YIELD or STOP signs should be considered at the intersection of two minor streets or local roads where the intersection has more than three approaches and where one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. *The combined vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian volume entering the intersection from all approaches averages more than 2,000 units per day;*
- B. *The ability to see conflicting traffic on an approach is not sufficient to allow a road user to stop or yield in compliance with the normal right-of-way rule if such stopping or yielding is necessary; and/or*
- C. *Crash records indicate that five or more crashes that involve the failure to yield the right-of-way at the intersection under the normal right-of-way rule have been reported within a 3-year period, or that three or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period.*

⁰⁵ *YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control.*

Support:

⁰⁶ Section 2B.07 contains provisions regarding the application of multi-way STOP control at an intersection.

Guidance:

⁰⁷ *Once the decision has been made to control an intersection, the decision regarding the appropriate roadway to control should be based on engineering judgment. In most cases, the roadway carrying the lowest volume of traffic should be controlled.*

⁰⁸ *A YIELD or STOP sign should not be installed on the higher volume roadway unless justified by an engineering study.*

Support:

⁰⁹ The following are considerations that might influence the decision regarding the appropriate roadway upon which to install a YIELD or STOP sign where two roadways with relatively equal volumes and/or characteristics intersect:

A. Controlling the direction that conflicts the most with established pedestrian crossing activity or school walking routes;

B. Controlling the direction that has obscured vision, dips, or bumps that already require drivers to use lower operating speeds; and

C. Controlling the direction that has the best sight distance from a controlled position to observe conflicting traffic.

Standard:

¹⁰ **Because the potential for conflicting commands could create driver confusion, YIELD or STOP signs shall not be used in conjunction with any traffic control signal operation., except in the following cases:**

A. If the signal indication for an approach is a flashing red at all times;

B. If a minor street or driveway is located within or adjacent to the area controlled by the traffic control signal, but does not require separate traffic signal control because an extremely low potential for conflict exists; or

C. If a channelized turn lane is separated from the adjacent travel lanes by an island and the channelized turn lane is not controlled by a traffic control signal.

^{10a} **STOP signs shall not be erected at any entrance to an intersection controlled by traffic signals. Refer to CVC 21355(a).**

Option:

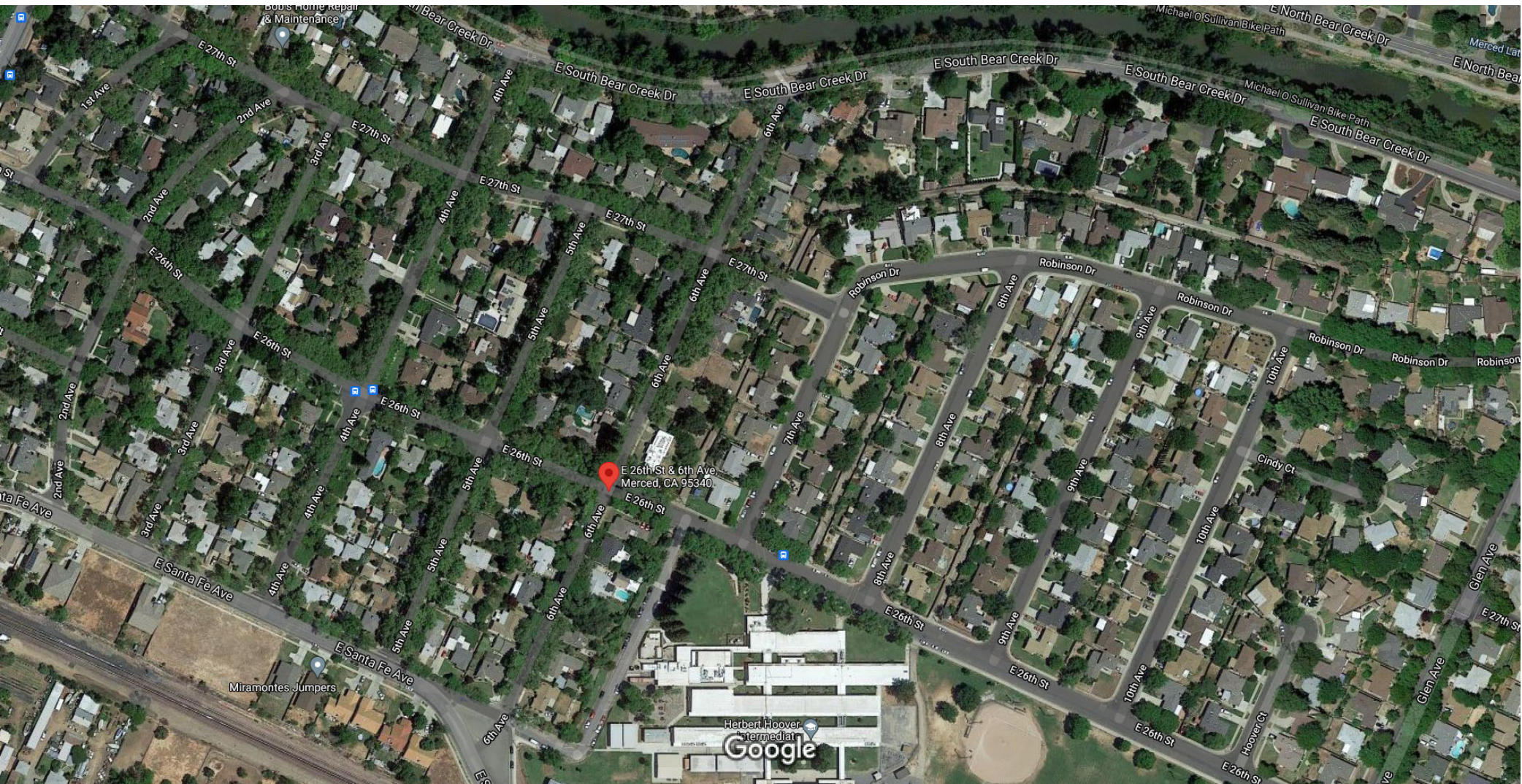
^{10b} **YIELD or STOP signs may be used at a channelized turn lane if it is separated from the adjacent travel lanes moving in same direction by an island and the channelized turn lane is not controlled by a traffic control signal.**

Standard:

¹¹ **Except as provided in Section 2B.09, STOP signs and YIELD signs shall not be installed on different approaches to the same unsignalized intersection if those approaches conflict with or oppose each other.**

¹² **Portable or part-time STOP or YIELD signs shall not be used except for emergency and temporary traffic control zone purposes.**

¹³ **A portable or part-time (folding) STOP sign that is manually placed into view and manually removed from view shall not be used during a power outage to control a signalized approach unless the maintaining agency establishes that the signal indication that will first be displayed to that approach upon restoration of power is a flashing red signal indication and that the portable STOP sign will be manually removed from view prior to stop-and-go operation of the traffic control signal.**





ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

10. SUBJECT: Request #21-020 – Requesting “Keep Clear” Road Markings
Around the 3100 Block of M St. (Sarah Boyle)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states this area gets backed up with traffic blocking the intersection when people are trying to get into the left-hand turn lane.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-020
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-020

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Sarah Boyle Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 6/8/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

M Street around the 3100 Block Southbound

Describe Concerns At This Location:

This area gets backed up with traffic or cars blocking the intersection when they are trying to get into the left hand turn lane. I wanted to propose adding the "KEEP CLEAR" road markings in this area or some other solution to prevent conjection that happens throughout the day.

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Project #: Date Received: Date Field Inspected:

Field Inspection Results: [REDACTED]

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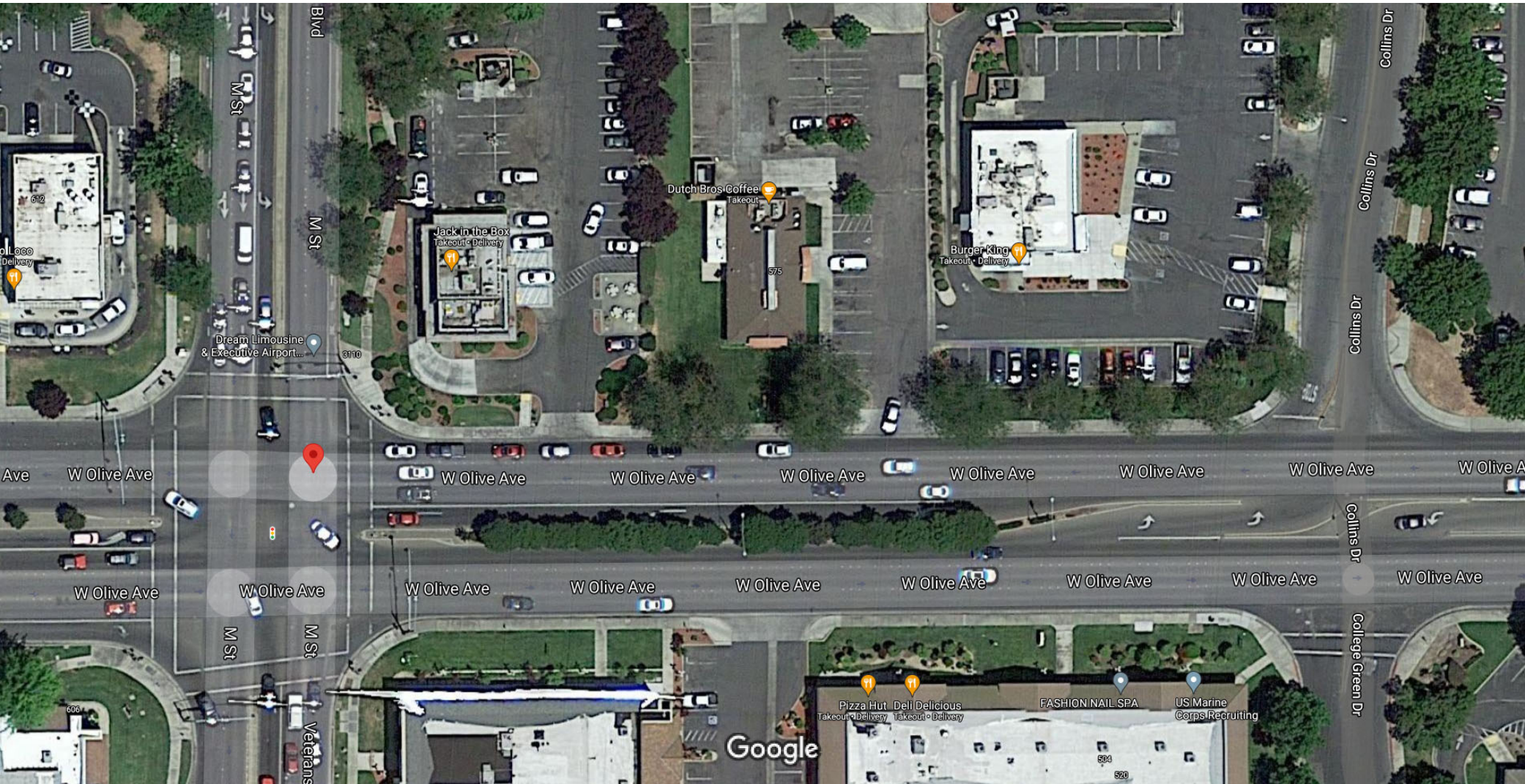
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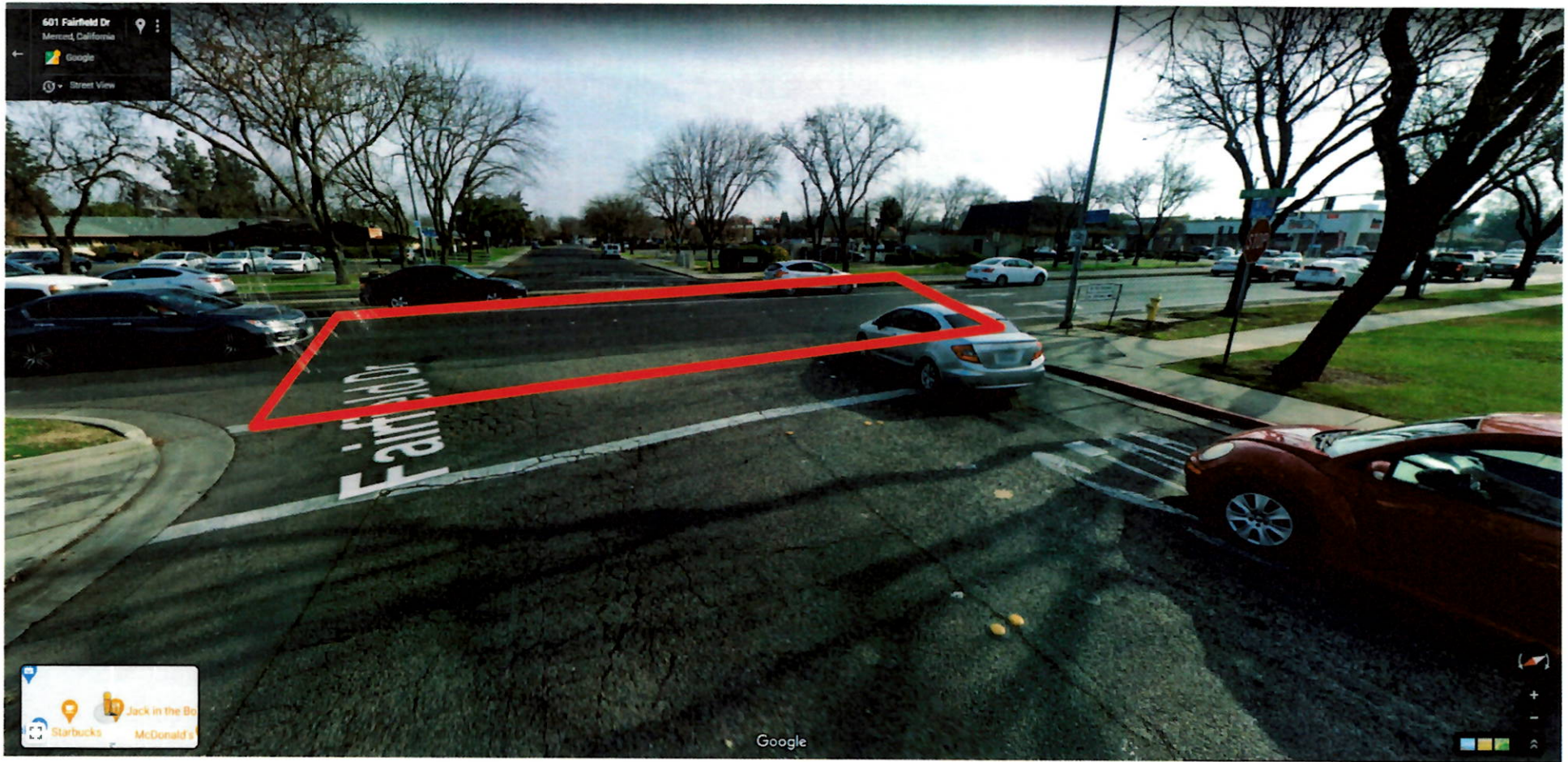
Date Completed:

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date









ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

11. SUBJECT: Request #21-021 – Requesting Short-Term Parking Curb in front of Mailbox Units (Sarah Boyle)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states overflow from the parking lot ends up parking on Buena Vista causing residents to park down the street to collect their mail.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-021
2. Location Map

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

21-021

Date _____

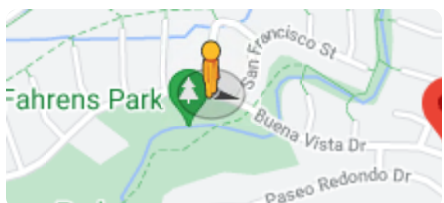


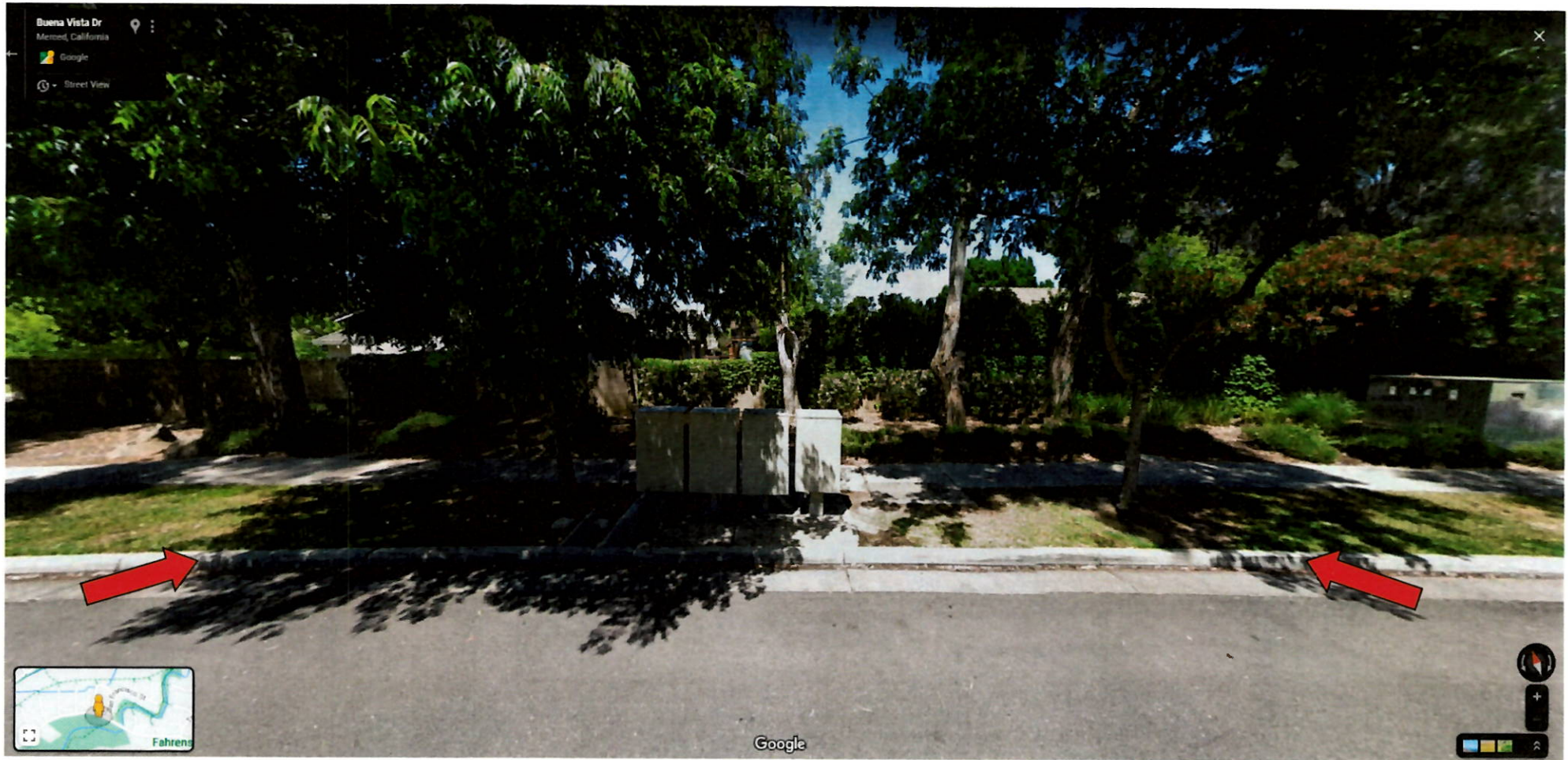
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

12. SUBJECT: Request #21-022 – Requesting Bike Lanes, Stop Signs, Crosswalks, Street Humps, Concrete Containers with Trees in the Middle of the Street, and Cameras (Dr. Eva Cadez)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states she would like bike lanes on both sides of Pinnacle Drive, Twilight Avenue and Solstice Avenue. There is excessive speeding up and down Pinnacle Drive, and the pedestrian path is being used by vehicles at Solstice Avenue. Stop signs at every intersection would help with the speeding along Pinnacle Drive. Citizen states street humps along Pinnacle drive, Solstice Avenue and Twilight Avenue would help deter speeding vehicles. Cameras and any other measures that could help.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-022
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: ~~21-021~~

21-022

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Dr. Eva Cadez Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 6/15/2021

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Pinnacle Dr and area around it.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Please see attached documents.

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Project #: _____ Date Received: _____ Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

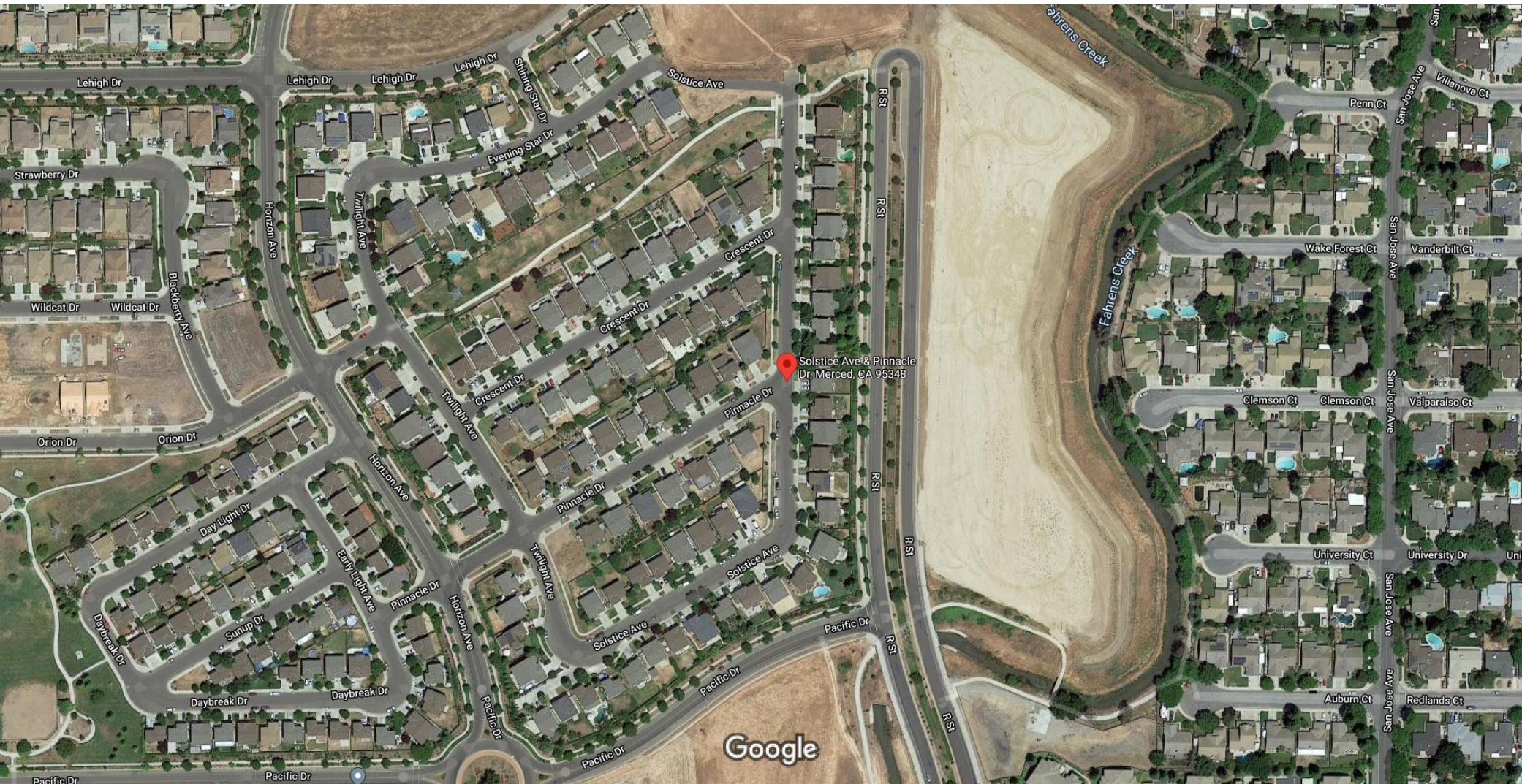
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Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date



Marked with #1: Part of the Solstice Ave oriented W-E is the road used by many cars and motorcycles that end up speeding up and down Pinnacle Dr. Until relatively recently, this part was just a dirt road and now it has an asphalt on it but it does not seem to be professionally turned into a regular street.

Residents from the Evening Star Dr. do not have to use the Solstice Avenue to get to the intersection of the Pacific and Horizons, which is the place one needs to use to get to and from the R street into this neighborhood.

Marked with #2. This part of the Solstice Ave. is, in addition, often used by motorcycles and even cars to get to the R street by using pedestrian path or green areas- there is no road for cars there. This path should be closed more appropriately. An additional reason for that is that cars speeding on the northbound part of the R street usually this path to continue speeding throughout the neighborhood, especially using the south-bound part of the Solstice Ave which is long.

The Pinnacle Dr is, in addition, the only driveway that connects directly the N-S part of the Solstice and the Horizons Ave and leads to the above-mentioned Pacific and Horizons exit from the neighborhood. It is obvious that the traffic flow in the direction opposite to the one I am describing has the same problems and essentially doubles the dangers to life and property on the Pinnacle Dr.

In order to protect lives and property on Pinnacle Dr, it would seem appropriate to pay a special attention to it, as it has special connections to streets that bring law-breaking cars. This is not to say that the rest of the neighborhood should be excluded from an effort to reduce number of speeding cars and motorcycles, etc. On the contrary, the entire system of the streets should be included in this effort.

I have taken a bit of time to examine some expert literature on issues we face here and "traffic calming" concept seems to describe what we need. It is broader than just issue mentioned. A Canadian National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (<http://www.nccchpp.ca/>) shows some excellent research on effects of the traffic calming on number and severity of collisions, air quality, environmental noise, and other means of transportation. All of these are extremely relevant to the City of Merced as well. Our air is very polluted, partially because of the cars, noise levels that speeding cars bring into otherwise quiet areas of the city are extremely high, and Merced has a lot of children, pets, and wildlife all of which are impacted by all of the mentioned factors. In addition, the UC Merced brought in young people and people who need peace to study or do research. The Merced Community College is close as well. All of this is also stated as desirable goal for the US cities by the U. S. Department of Transportation (www.transportation.gov).

I will add here two figures copied from the Canadian source above, to make a point about speeding cars and deaths of pedestrians who are adult humans. For children and pets, disabled people, etc, the situation is even worse.

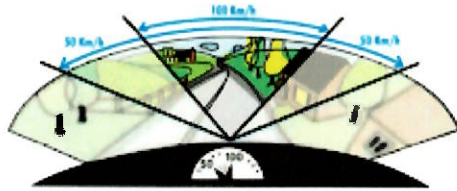


Figure 5 Narrowing of field of vision as speed increases

Source: Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 2011

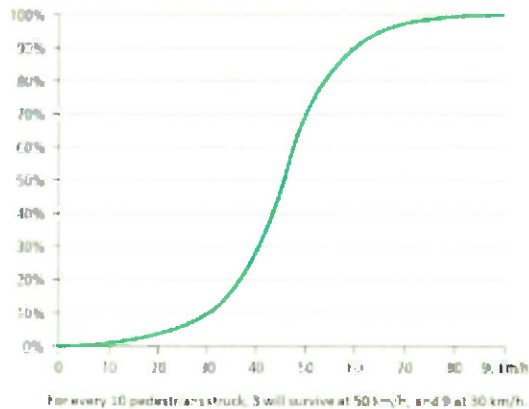


Figure 6 Probability that a pedestrian will die as a result of a collision with a car in relation to the speed at impact

Source: Adapted from Bureau de prévention des accidents, 2009b

The Figure 6 shows the reality (regardless of the law) of relationship between car speed and deaths of pedestrians. The speeds are in kilometers per hour but here is the translation into mph: 10km/h= 6.2 mph; 20km/h=12.4 mph; 30 is 18.6; 40 is 25 mph; 50 is 31mph; 60 is 37 mph; 70 is 43.5mph; 80 is 50 mph; 90 is 56 mph.

In the areas with a lot of children, elderly, pets, teenagers on skateboards, or those learning to ride a bike or to drive a car, cars need to go very slowly to avoid injuries. The point here is **not to take into consideration just the worse case scenarios**. We want to feel safe to learn and play, and work not just to stay alive!!! We also want our neighborhood to look good and lived in. There are, unfortunately, a lot of houses rented out BY people who do not care about any of our local issues. Many of them bought houses when those were overpriced and are now desperate for money to keep them and this brings additional vulnerabilities to the area.

Everything mentioned above constitutes the request outlined below, for the Pinnacle Dr, as well as for the surrounding streets. I spoke with many neighbors and they feel the same way and may confirm the speeding cars problems, including gruesome accidents and nearly-accidents caused by speeding cars and related issues described.

It seem obvious that some measures from the traffic calming suggestions are in place, but we would like to see more:

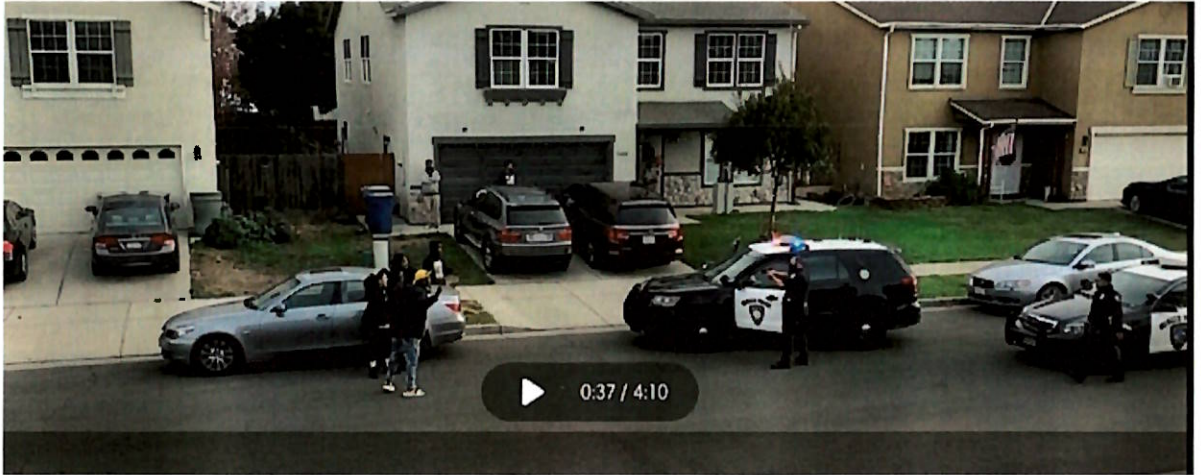
1. Bike lanes on both sides of the Pinnacle Dr. and both Twilight and Solstice Avenue as those are adjacent to the Pinnacle Dr.

2. A maximum number of Stop signs and visible crosswalks on every intersection along the Pinnacle Dr. (everybody needs to stop at those intersections. The Pinnacle Dr is the first street available to turn into when driving north from the Pacific via the Horizons. (tagged with #3 on the map). Recently, likely because of the position of our street (along with other people factors) we had a situation where the MPD pulled over a car that stopped on our street. (see attached photos below) The driver was very angry and asking "why did you pull me over?" while the response was "relax, I just have some documents for you". It is not clear that the Police had a legitimate reason to stop these guys and the whole thing escalated, within a minute, into the police officer holding a gun pointed to 4 very young people and the entire street was filled with about ten police cars and tens of officers. Several years ago, we also have had a situation where Sheriff's deputies were waiting for someone at the Solstice Ave. This person, sped from the Horizons, along the Pinnacle and turned to Solstice. I was working in my front yard and saw him. Seconds after I entered my house to drink some water, tens to hundreds of gunshots were fired from basically in front of my house. The said deputies were chasing the same car I saw before and shooting at it. The car went (as per reports) towards the passage (marked #2) and drove directly to the R street (eventually, speeding down the R it hit a house along the road and the driver was arrested). About several houses and cars on our street were hit by the bullets from the deputies. We have photos of the damage and several people were barely missed by bullets in their own houses. We and the MPD and the Sheriff's department are aware of these problems. Those scenes are deeply distressing even for adults, let alone children, and a major problem for residents here that pay their dues to live decent lives here. People are now avoiding involving these agencies in anything going on here. This brings more problems and the vicious spiral towards becoming an old and eventually ghetto - type area and city. Merced needs to consider these issues if it wants to keep its young and productive people that can prevent this from happening.

3. Street humps - along Pinnacle Dr, Solstice and Twilight. These streets are long and secluded - ideal for reckless speeders in cars or motorcycles.

4. Concrete containers with trees in the middle of Pinnacle Dr to serve as means to reducing "ideas" in drivers that the street is a race track. One such thing would be especially useful at the intersection Pinnacle and Solstice (marked #4).

5. Cameras and any other possible measures that non-expert citizen like me may not be aware of but may help with the situation.





Another result of speeding: a cat (possibly someone's property) killed by a high speed impact at a place where a kid could have been standing. I moved the dead cat (in rigor, with its eye popped out by the brain due to the force of impact) from the street and called the police. As it was a weekend, the animal control was not available and the MPD would not come-they told me to toss the cat in a trash myself, if it bothered me.

Would you like your toddler kids and grandkids see these scenes and hear all the noise, gunshots, and breathe all the dirt from excessive traffic and speeding cars on Pinnacle Dr. and similar areas?

Thank you for your time,
Dr. Eva Čadež





ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

13. SUBJECT: Request #21-023 – Requesting a Handicap Parking Space in Front of His Residence (John Vierra)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states too many cars park in front of his house, he is disabled and can't park down the road and walk back home. He would like a handicap parking space.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-023
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-023

21-023

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: John ViernDay Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: _____

Address: [REDACTED]Today's Date: 6/26/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

1605 E 26th Street

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Despite other open street parking the neighbors with too many cars park in front of my house. I am handicap and can't park down the road and walk back home. I'd like to get the curb painted blue in front of my home for my own safety.

For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____ Date Received: _____ Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____



Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee _____

Date _____

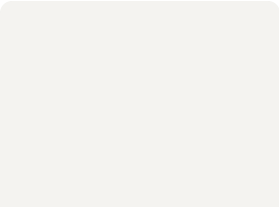


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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2021

14. SUBJECT: Request #21-024 – Requesting “Motel Drive” Name Change to “Hotel Drive” (Edwin Kainth)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizens would like to change the name of “Motel Drive” to “Hotel Drive” to upgrade the area to promote more tourism.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-024
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-024

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____ Today's Date: _____

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Describe Concerns At This Location: _____

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Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date

Merced Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA)

**City of Merced
678 W.18th St.
Merced, Ca 95340**

Date: July 01, 2021

Attention: Honorable Mayor Matthew Serratto and the City Council.

Subject: Motel Drive name change request to "Hotel Drive."

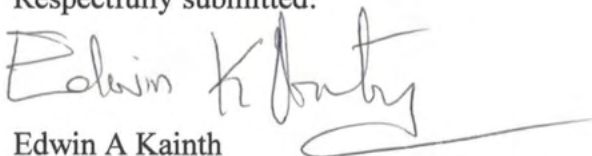
The Merced Hotel & Lodging Association is requesting to change the name from Motel drive to Hotel drive to upgrade the area to promote more tourism to Merced, Ca.

The new name change will be modern and more attractive to the tourism so therefore will be beneficial to the hotel owners, residents and the City of Merced.

Please see attached are the signatures of the Merced Hotel & Lodging Association members along with the residents of the motel drive to support this motion.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted:

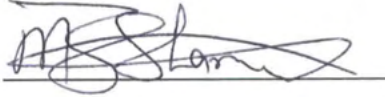


Edwin A Kainth
President
Merced Hotel & Lodging Association
[Redacted]

Merced Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA)

Attached Hotel Owners and Residents Signatures for this Motion.

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1001 Motel Dr. Merced, CA.

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Fair Bridge Inn & Suite
1199 Motel Dr.
Merced CA 95341

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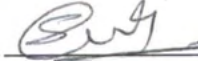
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1033 Motel Dr, Merced, CA.
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PACIFIC Express Inn.

951, Motel Dr. Merced CA
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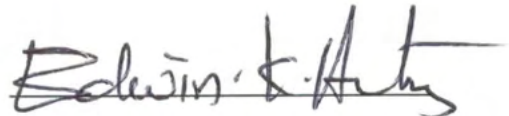
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Courtyard Marriott

750 Motel Drive Merced CA

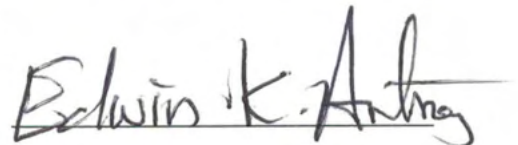
Quality Inn 730 Motel Dr.

Merced, CA 95341



720 Motel Drive (Vacant Lot)

Merced, CA 95341



Proposed Home 2 Suites Hilton

740 Motel Drive Merced CA
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