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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

DATE & TIME: September 24, 2019: 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chamber – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue

MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
   A. Written Communications
      Email from:
      1. Andrea Carter: Subject is stop sign at Pine and Fountain
      2. Elizabeth and Robert Fisher: Subject is speeding on Lighthouse Avenue and crosswalks
      3. Roberta Young: Subject is stop sign on Caledonia near Jewel Avenue
   
   B. Oral Communications (Comments from the audience will not receive Traffic Safety Commission action at this meeting. Comments must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Traffic Commission and will be limited to three minutes. Whenever possible, letters should be submitted to the Commission in advance of the meeting.)

4. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS
   A. Announcements
      1. Minutes for this meeting are scheduled to be prepared by Linda Peterson, the Traffic Safety Commission Secretary.
   
   B. Staff and Commissioner’s meeting attendance of interest to this Commission
      1. Reports from any relevant meetings that occurred between August 23, 2019 and September 18, 2019
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings
      Minutes were prepared by: Linda Peterson
      Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

6. REGULAR AGENDA:
   A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
      1. None.

   B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
      1. E-Bike discussion
         Presentation: Police Dept / Chief Madalone / Commander Lakind
         Recommended Action: Review, discuss and take appropriate action as necessary
      2. Spazier Ave and 19th Street stop sign
         Presentation Traffic Engineer: Bill Silva
         Recommended Action: Receive report, discuss and take appropriate action as necessary

   C. NEW BUSINESS:
      1. Status of Slurry Seal
         Presentation: Public Works / Dan Gho / Caleb Schneider
         Recommended Action: Review, discuss and take appropriate action as necessary
      2. Status of Pine Ave projects at Congress Avenue and Robert Down School
         Presentation: Public Works / Dan Gho / Caleb Schneider
         Recommended Action: Review, discuss and take appropriate action as necessary
      3. Short Street Stop Signs
         Recommended Action: Review, discuss and take appropriate action as necessary
      4. Request for Stop Sign on Caledonia between Pacific and Jewell. Request for Stop Signs on Spruce, Granite and Wood.
         Recommended Action: Review, discuss and take appropriate action as necessary

   D. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:
      1. Monthly status reports (as available)
         None

7. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are welcome to attend. The City of Pacific Grove does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities and meetings are held in accessible facilities.
Minutes of August 27, 2019 Regular Meeting

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

DATE & TIME: August 27, 2019:  4:00 p.m.

LOCATION:  Council Chamber – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue

MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:00. In attendance were Commissioners Terry, Munoz-Flores, Nodzenski, Petersen, Prock, and Kim. Absent was Commissioner Kubica. Also in attendance: Mayor Bill Peake, PGPD Chief Madalone, PGPD Commander Lakind, PG Traffic Engineer Bill Silva, PG Public Works Director Daniel Gho, Councilman Joe Amelio, and Deputy City Attorney Michael Laredo. Members of the public: Mike Inby, Joaquin Sullivan, Gino Garcia, Shawn Wilson.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Unanimous

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
   A. Written Communications. None.
   B. Oral Communications. Public Comment was presented by Joaquin Sullivan of Big Sur Adventures, Gino Garcia of Ecology Action, Shawn Wilson of Epicenter Cycling, and Mike Inby, cyclist.

4. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS
   A. Announcements
      1. Minutes for this meeting are scheduled to be prepared by Linda Petersen, the Traffic Safety Commission Secretary.

   B. Staff and Commissioner’s meeting attendance of interest to this Commission
      1. Reports from any relevant meetings that occurred between July 25, 2019 and August 23, 2019: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings
      Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting of July 23, 2019. Minutes were prepared by: Linda Petersen
Action: Minutes amended to add Spazier Ave issue - approved unanimously.

6. REGULAR AGENDA:
   A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
      1. None.

   B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
      1. Status on License Plate reader vendor
         Presentation: Jocelyn Francis
         Action: Per Chief Madalone, no update at this time. Please table until advised by Chief Madalone.

   C. NEW BUSINESS:
      1. Presentation on E-Bikes on the Coastal Trail by Chief Madalone
         Action: Received presentation from Chief Madalone.
         Public Comment was presented by Joaquin Sullivan of Big Sur Adventures, Gino Garcia of Ecology Action, Shawn Wilson of Epicenter Cycling, and Mike Inby, cyclist. All were very informative regarding the Class 1, 2, and 3 electric bicycles. All discussed the importance of educating the public regarding bicycle safety and etiquette. There was further discussion by the commissioners. Commissioner Jung asked City Deputy Attorney Laredo about the City’s current code – it does not cover E-Bikes. Commissioner Munoz-Flores advised that our city is unique and suggested further study to discuss Class 1 and 2 e-bikes and their impact to our tourist industry. Commissioner Nodzenski has a Class 1 E-bike for his commute each day. He would like to see more focus placed on speed on the recreation trail and is against widening it. Commissioner Prock agreed saying that speed is the issue. He supports Class 1 and 2 and is against Class 3 e-bikes on the trail. Commissioner Terry uses the trail quite often, advises that the DG is not continuous but has an open mind to the discussion. Commissioner Petersen supports further study on Class 1 and 2 e-bikes on the recreation trail and is looking forward to the results of community meeting. The Chief was asked to bring back results from the Community meeting - informational only, as next steps will be to take this to the City Council. Chief Madalone agreed to update the commission.

      2. Citizen, Anissa Fuentes, concern regarding 468 Pine.
         Action: Per Mr. Silva, TE Engineer, this will be referred to code enforcement. He suggested that the property owner re-do the driveway, then staff can follow up and review.

   D. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:
      1. Monthly status reports (as available) None

7. ADJOURNMENT: 4:50pm

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Respectfully Submitted: Commissioner Linda Petersen
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

E-Bikes on the Rec Trail

Item 6B
1. E-Bike discussion
Goals

- Improve Public Safety
- Maintain Recreational Enjoyment
- Ensure Access
- Maintain Mobility
Background

- **PG Rec Trail** – Lover’s Point to MBAQ (1 mile)

- **14.08.016 PGMC** Foot traffic prohibited on paved and marked paths set aside for use of bicycles.

- **14.08.025 PGMC** Use of motorized scooters in recreational trail and public parks prohibited.

- **407.5 CVC** A “motorized scooter” is any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, has a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding, and is powered by an electric motor. This device may also have a driver seat.
# E-Bike Classifications

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*Pending AB-1036

**Bikeway Access**

- Class I Bike Path
- Class II Bike Lane
- Class III Bike Route
- Class IV Protected Lane

[Logo: bpsa] [Logo: California Bicycle Coalition] [Logo: People for Bikes]
Local Vendors

- Bicycle Rentals
  - Adventures by the Sea (5 locations)
  - Big Sur Adventures

- Bicycle Sales
  - Winning Wheels
  - Variety of other local business
  - Big Box Stores
  - Online
E-Bike Complaints

- Speeding Concerns
- Collisions
- Near Misses
- Out of Date Ordinance

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Action to Date

- Immediately Contacted Vendors via Phone
- “Pedal” on the path – “electric” on the street
  - Social Media Outreach
- Visited PG Rental Shops
- Meet with PG Vendors
- Meet with Department Heads
- Consult with City Attorney’s Office
- Field Enforcement Action
  - Sending Officers to Bike School
  - Conduct Periodic Patrols on Rec Trail as Staff Permits
3 E’s of Traffic Safety

- **Engineering**
  - Review Path Designs, Signage & Improve Safety

- **Education**
  - Update Ordinances, Use Social Media & Local News, Inform Rental & Sales Businesses, Public Meetings for Community Input

- **Enforcement**
  - Dedicate Personnel to Pursue Vehicle and Code Ordinance Violations
## Options

### If E-Bikes Prohibited
- Aging Community – Accessibility Concerns
- Loss of Business for Local Vendors
- Enforcement is Simple, Straightforward

### If E-Bikes Permitted
- Govern Speed to 12 mph
- No Motorized Assist on Rec Trail
- Enforcement is Difficult
- Only Allow Class 1 Bicycles
Other Considerations

- ADA & Mobility Issues
- Emergency Vehicle Exemptions
- Pedicabs
- Class 1 vs. Class 2 vs. 3
Next Steps

- Traffic Safety Commission Input
- Community Meeting
- Presentation to City Council
Questions?
August 27, 2019

To: Traffic Safety Commission

From: William J. Silva, P. E., Traffic Engineer

Subject: Spazier Ave. at 19th Street

Resident Request for Stop Sign on Spazier Ave.

At the Traffic Safety Commission meeting on July 23, 2019, an e-mail from the resident at 664 Spazier Ave. was referred to staff for a report back to the Commission at the August meeting. The resident requested that a Stop Sign be installed on Spazier Ave. at the intersection of 19th Street.

The intersection of Spazier Ave. and 19th St. is a "T" intersection with a valley gutter across the Spazier Ave. entrance to the intersection. Spazier Ave. is a "terminating" street from Forest Ave. to 19th St. with 23 houses. Both Spazier Ave. and 19th St. are classified as local roads with light traffic volumes. "T" intersections on "terminating" streets do not require installation of Stop or Yield signs, and vehicles approaching the intersection on the "terminating" street are required to yield the right of way to vehicles on the continuing street.

Field observations confirmed the low traffic volumes on the two streets. Vehicles approaching the intersection on Spazier Ave. slow as they approach the valley gutter before entering the intersection. Most of the vehicles entering 10th St. on Spazier Ave. make a right turn to northbound on 19th St. There are no sight obstructions on 19th St. for vehicles entering on Spazier Ave. There are no reports of traffic collisions at the subject intersection during the past 7 years.

As at many similar intersections throughout the City, the subject intersection is functioning without a Stop sign, and drivers are observing the right of way as required by the California Vehicle Code. Installation of a Stop intersection is not recommended.

Attachments: E-mail from resident
Photo with Vehicle Code reference

cc: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director
Commander Lakind, Police Department

Spazier 19th TSC 2019 0827
On Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 9:22 AM William Englander via City of Pacific Grove Website <website@cityofpacificgrove.org> wrote:
Name: William Englander
Email: billenglander@sbcglobal.net

Message:
Hello –

I’d like to draw your attention to what I believe to be a dangerous traffic situation.

The west end of Spazier Avenue tees into 19th Street and there is no Stop (or Yield) sign. The intersection is located within a block of the middle school and a couple of blocks from the high school.

We live near the intersection and see many cars travel west on Spazier Avenue at a high rate of speed (for a residential street) and then enter the intersection with little or no slowing down.

I hope you will consider a stop sign for the west end of Spazier Avenue.

William & Alice Englander  
664 Spazier Avenue, PG

Attached File:

Submitted on Monday, July 8, 2019 - 9:22 am
VEHICLE CODE - VEH

DIVISION 11. RULES OF THE ROAD [21000 - 23336] (Division 11 enacted by Stats. 1959, Ch. 3.)

CHAPTER 4. Right-of-Way [21800 - 21809] (Chapter 4 enacted by Stats. 1959, Ch. 3.)

21800. (a) The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from a different highway.

(b) (1) When two vehicles enter an intersection from different highways at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on his or her immediate right, except that the driver of any vehicle on a terminating highway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle on the intersecting continuing highway.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "terminating highway" means a highway which intersects, but does not continue beyond the intersection, with another highway which does continue beyond the intersection.