NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 4:00 P.M.
Council Chamber – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

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AGENDA

MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting of July 28, 2020
      Reference: Roxane Viray, Traffic Safety Commission Secretary
      Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

*General Public Comment must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the City and the Traffic Safety Commission that are not on the Regular Agenda. Comments from the public will be limited to three minutes and will not receive Traffic Safety Commission action. Comments regarding items on the Regular Agenda shall be heard prior to Traffic Safety Commission’s consideration of such items at the time such items are called. Whenever possible, written correspondence should be submitted to the Traffic Safety Commission in advance of the meeting, to provide adequate time for its consideration.*

A. **Written Communications**
   
   Email from:
   - Anonymous: Subject is Resident is asking for no parking signs 12 midnight to 5 AM on the bay side of Ocean View Blvd between Dewey and Forest – withdrawn at resident request
   - Jane Haines: Multiple emails covering concerns on Cost, Congestion elsewhere, risk to Parklets, and confusion and risk at 17th and Ocean View intersection if a one-day trail is performed. –Addressed in Pro- Con Chart item 6B,3
   - Karen Buck: Subject is Resident concerned about traffic on side streets, the safety of residents, altering the quality of life of residents if current traffic pattern is changed, and bicycle directions are changes on a one-way street.- Addressed in Pro-Con Chart item 6B,3
   - Kenji Matsuda: Subject is request to consider making 15th a one-way street from Central Ave to Ocean View Blvd.
   - Anonymous: Subject is stop sign at 17th and Central Ave. Add flashing crossing light.

B. **Oral Communications**

5. **COMMISSION AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS (City-Related Items Only)**

A. **Announcements**
   - Minutes for this meeting are scheduled to be prepared by Roxane Viray, the Traffic Safety Commission Secretary.

B. **Staff and Commissioner’s meeting attendance of interest to this Commission**
   - Reports from any relevant meetings that occurred between July 28 and August 20, 2020
   - Comments from City Council Liaison: Mr. Amelio

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

A. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
   1. None.

B. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
1. Steve Lilly: Restricted parking for Residents on:
   - Both sides of Evans Avenue between Eardley Avenue & First Street
   - South side of Central between Dewey Street & First Street
   - West side of Dewey Street between Central Ave & Evans Avenue
   - East side of Dewey Street in front of five residences north of Evans Avenue

   Receive report, Discuss, and take action as appropriate.

2. Speeding on Ocean View Blvd.
   **Reference:** Daniel Gho, Public Works Director
   **Recommended Action:** Receive Presentation by Public Works. Dan Gho and TSC subcommittee, Discuss and take Appropriate Action

3. Evaluate and develop a proposed plan to close one direction/lane on Ocean View Blvd for a time-specific trial period and/or special event to allow greater space for walking and biking.
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C. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

D. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

1. Monthly status reports (as available)
   - None

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TO: Chair Kubica and Members of the Traffic Safety Commission
FROM:
MEETING DATE: 08/25/2020
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting of July 28, 2020

RECOMMENDATION
Approve Minutes

Attachments
July282020RegularMeetingMinutes
Minutes of July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

DATE & TIME: July 28, 2020: 4:00 p.m. LOCATION:

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
Co-Chairman Nodzenski called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m due to chairman Kubica unable to log in with audio. Roll call was conducted with the new commissioner Matthew McCluney being introduced and present for his first meeting. The following Commissioners present via Zoom Meeting: Chairman Kubica, Council member Amelio, Commissioner’s Prock, Terry, Nodzenski, McCluney, Kim & Viray.
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Commissioner Prock made a motion to approve and seconded by Kim. Motion carried 6-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings
Minutes were prepared by: Roxane Viray, the Traffic Safety Commission Secretary.
Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
Commissioner Prock made a motion to approve and seconded by Kim.

4. Public Comment

A. Written Communications
1. Email from: Council Member Tomlinson regarding lack of visibility at the corner of Lighthouse and Fountain due to the new parklet. Chief Madalone commented that business was given options to correct and they adhered to them.
2. Email from K. Locke: Objection to the agenda item of one way on Oceanview Blvd. Item remained on agenda
3. Email from Lisa Ciani: Subject was requested states on bike stencils on rec trail. Dan Gho advised that the bike stencils will be added within the next couple of weeks.
4. Anonymous resident: Subject requesting No Parking midnight to 0500 from Dewy to Forest Ave. This would need a change to ordinance and the California Coastal Commission.

B. Oral Communications (Comments must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Traffic and will be limited to three minutes. Comments from the audience will not receive Traffic Safety Commission actions at this meeting. Whenever possible, letters should be submitted to the Commission in advance of the meeting)
1. L. Ciani commented on bike stencils and sent an email as to where she would like the city to place them to include main entrance and walk way steps from Oceanview Blvd.
2. Inaudible caller, called in to advise she was unable to enter meeting as the ID # had changed.

5. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS (City related items only)

A. Announcements
1. None

B. Staff and Commissioner’s meeting attendance of interest to the Commission
1. Comments from City Council Liaison: Mr. Amelio advised of consent item regarding the annex of 801 Sunset Drive, the old Mission Linen which would be continued. On August 19 Council meeting Council Member Amelio and Council Member Mc Adams would present a report on the Police Department Town Hall.

6. Regular Agenda
   A. Public hearing
      1. None

   B. Unfinished Business
      1. Jocelyn Francis advised that the item regarding parking brought by Steve Lilly will be continued to the August meeting for a proper survey. Comment received by I. Dormer regarding the fact that a proper survey can't be performed due the Aquarium being closed Mr. Lilly called in to defer to the August meeting as planned.

   C. New Business
      1. Speeding/ Traffic Calming on Oceanview Blvd
         Dan Gho recommended traffic counters to further evaluate if in fact speed has increased. Motion was made by Jung Kim and seconded by Peter Nodzenski to have Public Works install traffic counters on Oceanview within the next two weeks. This will only have vehicle speeds. Approved 6-0

         Public comment
         • A. Taylor reported speeding and loud cars on weekends and holidays. Suggestions were to lower speed limit to 15 MPH, have more police presence, signs stating quiet zone and NO Parking on resident side.
         • Councilmember Garfield commented that due to Covid -19 and influx of cars, e-bikes, sea cars and speeds.
         • L. Ciani advised that traffic calming is needed immediately. Sent an email as well for commission to read, for reduction of speed and 3-way stop signs where appropriate.
         • I. Dormer advised this is exasperated by Covid-19 and would like City Manager to use his emergency powers.

         Commissioner Comments:
         • Jung Kim in favor of closing and calming
         • David Terry not in favor of closing
• Peter Nodzenski said that this is a difficult problem to solve due to more visitors. Questioned whether some vehicle son the road are legal Chief Madalone advised that they are
• Tony Prock suggested possible speed bumps or strips
• Vary not in favor of closing or one way. Agreed with the idea of signage, Quiet Zone, and share the road.
• Matthew McCluney advised a need for separation-different speeds on roadway. Work needed from staff to address.

2. Evaluate and develop a proposed plan to close one direction/lane on Ocean View Blvd for a time specific trial period and/or special event to allow greater space for walking and biking. Chairman received several emails against one way that were received after agenda posted

Public Comments
• Jane Haines requested that item be sent back to City Council as it indicated originally that there would not be a fiscal impact. Requested that they reconsider light of cost and what amount of money are they allocating. Feels erroneous information was given.
• Council Member Garfield agrees that it may be too expensive but at least wants the commission to look on how Oceanview Blvd can be one way and safer for the public.
• I. Dormer feels it is opening a can of worms. Wrong time, wrong place.
• S. Lilly suggested a sub-committee to take a look into issues working with Public Works, Police Department, and Traffic Engineer.
• Karen Buck sent email n for review
• L. Ciani stated that this is a long term issue, environmental and coastal, Expense and one way issue should be expanded on.

Commissioner Comments
• Chairman Kubica suggested sub-committee as well and that they could come back to Traffic and Safety Commission and then bring to city council. This should include various versions to include parking, pedestrian, bicycles and sections of the route.
• Jung Kim would like it to be cost effective. Traffic re-routes without impeding. Questioned it was considered
to closing Oceanview Blvd one day.
- Matthew McCluney stated that subcommittee good idea. Complicated issue. Needs ways to test ideas.
- Peter Nodzenski agrees with sub-committee
- David Terry did a Google search to determine how many homes impacted. Not sure where to start.
- Tony Prock there would need to be ideas to re-route traffic through town. How would you bring traffic back if one way?
- Roxane Viray in favor of sub-committee-not in favor of one way. Other neighborhoods would be impacted and not fiscally sound.
- Motion made by Jung Kim to create sub-committee on one way related issue. Seconded by David Terry. Approved 7-0. Status will be given at August meeting. Members to include Kim, Kubica, McCluney, Gho and a member of the Police Department. Meeting will be held during normal working business hours and will be set up by public works and police department.

3. Pine and Eardley intersection
   Public Comment: None
   Commissioner Comments:
   - McCluney asked as to why there was not a crosswalk on the Spencer St. side. Gho said he would take a look and evaluate.
   - Chairman Kubica suggested that decomposed granite or river rock/ decomposed granite be used in island bed to lower cost and look more appealing as flowers and plants need more upkeep.

D. Reports From Sub-Committees
   None

7.0 Adjournment
   Adjourned at 5:37
TO: Chair Kubica and Members of the Traffic Safety Commission
FROM: 
MEETING DATE: 08/25/2020 
SUBJECT: Speeding on Ocean View Blvd.

RECOMMENDATION
Receive Presentation by Public Works. Dan Gho and TSC subcommittee, Discuss and take Appropriate Action
TO: Chair Kubica and Members of the Traffic Safety Commission

FROM:

MEETING DATE: 08/25/2020

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Attachments

Ocean View Traffic Calming Traffic Commission Subcommittee
TO: Members of the Traffic Safety Commission
FROM: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director
MEETING DATE: August 25, 2020
SUBJECT: Ocean View Blvd Traffic Calming
CEQA: This report does not constitute a project

RECOMMENDATION
Receive report and provide immediate and long-term recommendation to the City Council:

1. Immediate action: Paint Share the Road bike sharrows from Lovers Point to Asilomar, and after the construction project is completed, City Staff will refresh all roadway markings, including speed limit markings and center lines, and

2. Long Term: Request that the City Council discuss (a) whether or not it’s fiscally appropriate AND (b) if they want to allocate funding through the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2021/2022 to retain the services of engineering/planning firms to evaluate vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian circulations as they relate to options noted in this report.

DISCUSSION
At the July 1, 2020 City Council Meeting, the City Council discussed various items as they related to traffic and speeding on Ocean View Boulevard and requested that the Traffic Commission evaluate options and return to the City Council with recommendations.

This item came before the Traffic Commission at their July 28, 2020 meeting at which time the Council request was discussed and the Traffic Commission opted to form a subcommittee to further discuss the Council’s direction. A subcommittee was formed, consisting of Chair Kubica, and Commissioners Kim and McCluney, Public Works Director Gho and Police Commander Lakind.

The subcommittee met on both August 7 and August 12, 2020, to discuss options, note pros and cons for each of those options, and discuss recommendations. Many factors were considered while discussing these options, such as the cost of implementation, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian circulation, necessary permits, neighborhoods, roadway infrastructure, and access to houses.
Descriptions of specific types of bike lanes are defined here for reference:

**Class 1**: Two-way bicycle path (similar to the recreation trail path)
**Class 2**: A painted bike lane adjacent to a vehicle traffic lane (similar to the path along the coast that stretches between Asilomar Blvd to Asilomar Blvd)
**Class 3**: Sharing the roadway and the road is marked with sharrows
**Class 4**: A protected lane that is separated from vehicle traffic

Below is a chart with various options:

**Short Term:**

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<td>Leave traffic the same maintain current 2-way traffic, bikes share the lane with auto traffic: from Lovers Point to Point Pinos</td>
<td>1. Easiest to Implement 2. Paint chevrons/ sharrows for Share the Road</td>
<td>1. Dangerous for cyclists with cars and car doors. 2. Makes OVB more congested</td>
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**Long Term, Engineering and Planning**

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<td>Leave traffic the same (maintain current 2-way traffic). Remove parking on ocean side: with extra room; install Class 2 bike lanes from Lovers Point to Point Pinos</td>
<td>1. Safer for cyclists &amp; pedestrians 2. Works better with existing infrastructure. Rearranging of space that already exists.</td>
<td>1. Loss of parking spaces may have issues with Coastal Access 2. CDP (Coastal Dev. Permit) for implementation 3. Significant cost to implement and maintain</td>
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<td>One-way auto traffic, two way Class 2 bike lane on north side of OVB next to curb, parking on both sides in direction of one-way traffic.</td>
<td>1. Maintains coastal access 3. Adds a Class 2 bike lane inside parking lane</td>
<td>1. Dangerous with car doors opening. 2. Cars would have to cross bike lanes to reach turnouts 3. May inconvenience hotel and restaurant deliveries.</td>
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<td>2. Issue with crossing street to drive into parking areas</td>
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<td>Same as Option 2 but no parking on ocean or north side of OVB</td>
<td>3. Safer for pedestrians and cyclists</td>
<td>3. Unknown impacts wrt ADA/hotel/ residential/ restaurant/tourist/traffic access and re-routing through City</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Close Ocean View to traffic in both directions or 1-way from Asilomar Blvd to Lighthouse around Point Pinos: Could be temporary or permanent</td>
<td>4. Potential to increase beneficial tourism demographic and related revenue</td>
<td>4. Requires more parking prior to closures</td>
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<td>Close section of OVB for a day or weekend</td>
<td>5. Allow access for pedestrian and locals, bikes</td>
<td>5. Cost associated with setup, monitoring and breakdown</td>
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Parking on inland side is against curb. Parking on ocean or north side is against bike lanes. One-way traffic is from Lovers Point to Asilomar. Recommendation is that one-way auto traffic be in westerly direction but will be validated with data from Public Works. Defer to #3 if engineering determines that there is not ample space to create #2 concept.
6. Do nothing; leave as is

Most of these options have been evaluated for implementation from Lovers Point Park to Asilomar Blvd, though we could implement most options throughout our entire coastline roadways.

FISCAL IMPACT:
All of these options, except option 6, will have a cost associated with implementation, for both labor and materials.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Daniel Gho
Public Works Director