

Traffic Committee Preliminary Recommendations

Traffic Committee Public Meeting

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Subject: Public Traffic Committee meeting minutes & Recommendations

The Traffic Committee public meeting was held on 10/23/2024 in the TCSD Board room. The meeting started at 6:30PM and concluded around 8:30PM. 18 members of the public attended, including Murray Powell, Brad Goodman, Jennifer Jones, and Jake Hudson.

SLO Public Works had two people attend: Joshua Roberts and Jake Hudson. They heard many questions from the community, and they explained why a signal light/cross walk at Vineyard/Rossi, speed limit signs on Rossi, and sidewalks on Eddie Street cannot be installed. Below are the main topics and the Traffic Committee's recommendations.

Rossi Road

There were a large number of individuals who live in the Rossi Road neighborhood who spoke about the need for a signal light and cross walks at Rossi Road and Vineyard Drive. They showed a 10-minute video that exhibited a number of safety issues involving people walking and crossing Rossi, and vehicles driving on both Rossi Road and Vineyard Drive. This is a 'high volume' intersection, and it is dangerous to exit from Rossi onto northbound Vineyard Drive. It is very dangerous for any resident living on the south side of Vineyard Drive, to cross in order to get to the road's only sidewalk. This includes grammar school, middle school and high school students who cross Vineyard in order to walk to school.

This group also asked that speed limit signs be placed on Rossi.

Recommendations:

1. Provide a crosswalk across Rossi Road at Vineyard Drive.
2. In order of preference (items a-d):
 - a. Install a signal light and crosswalks crossing Vineyard Drive at Rossi Road.
 - b. Move the existing 101S signal light to Rossi/Vineyard Road. Replace the existing signal light with a stop sign.

- c. Install a roundabout and cross walks at Rossi/Vineyard Drive.
 - d. Install a lighted crosswalk crossing Vineyard Drive at Rossi Road.
3. Install a minimum of one speed limit sign (25 mph) on each side of Rossi Road to protect the resident families, in the Rossi Road neighborhood, as there are not any speed limit signs as of today
4. Install a signal light and crosswalks at Bennett Way and Vineyard Drive.

Eddie Street - Sidewalks

As TAAG has heard from Scott Clare previously, there is a strong push from the residents living in this neighborhood to install sidewalks on Eddie Street. According to Public Works, this is not possible until the Templeton Community Development Plan is amended as such. Eric Tolle from SLO Planning is looking into this and will advise once he has final confirmation.

Lighted Crosswalks on Main Street

A community member expressed a need to make the crosswalks on Main Street safer at night, by adding more lighting and/or flashing lights to warn oncoming cars when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. Traffic seems to travel at higher speeds at night making it unsafe to cross Main Street using the existing crosswalks. Joshua Roberts stated that this is a Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) issue and that TAAG should contact them.

Recommendation:

TAAG to send a letter to TCSD asking that more safety lighting be placed at the crosswalks on Main Street downtown.

Evers Park Access

A community member spoke of safety concerns regarding access to this park. We agree installing a sidewalk from the street to the sidewalk inside the park would be a good idea.