

EL DORADO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Meeting Location: Zoom Conference Call

VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rafael Martinez, Director of Transportation - Present
Commander Brian Cocagane, California Highway Patrol (SLT Office) - Present
Lieutenant Bryan Brown, El Dorado County Sheriff's Department – Present
Helaina Wilkinson, Designee for County's Risk Management Office – Present

STAFF:

Darryl Brown, Department of Transportation, Traffic Superintendent - Present
Jim Hunnicutt, Department of Transportation, Senior Engineering Technician - Present
Michael Bastian, Department of Transportation, Senior Engineering Technician - Present

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

A total of one (1) attendee of the public and eight (8) panelists were in attendance via the Zoom video conferencing application at this Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.

Matt Moody, El Dorado County DOT
Paula Peterson, SLT resident

MINUTES

Chairman Rafael Martinez called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order at 9:05 a.m. with Commander Brian Cocagane, Lieutenant Bryan Brown and Helaina Wilkinson present via Zoom conference.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairman Rafael Martinez motioned to adopt the agenda and consent calendar which was seconded by Bryan Brown. Motion passed by voting members unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

N/A this meeting.

“ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS” on CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Speed Zone Survey on Elks Club Drive from Pioneer Trail to US Hwy 50 (Study Length of 0.81 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “30” and “40” MPH” speed limits with radar enforcement.
- 2. Speed Zone Survey on Golden Bear Trail from Pioneer Trail to its end (Study Length of 0.84 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “35 MPH” speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 3. Speed Zone Survey on Lake Tahoe Boulevard from the North Upper Truckee Road easterly to the South Lake Tahoe city limits (Study Length 3.12 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “35, 45, and 55 MPH” speed limits with radar enforcement.
- 4. Speed Zone Survey on Mt Rainer Drive from North Upper Truckee Road to Lake Tahoe Boulevard (Study Length 0.61Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “35 MPH” speed limit with radar enforcement.
- 5. Speed Zone Survey on Pioneer Trail from US Hwy 50 north to South Lake Tahoe city limits (Study Length 5.22 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “40 and 50 MPH” speed limits with radar enforcement.
- 6. Speed Zone Survey on Sawmill Road from US Hwy 50 to Lake Tahoe Boulevard (Study Length 1.84 Miles):**
Staff recommendation to retain the existing “45 MPH” speed limit with radar-enforcement.

COUNTY TRAFFIC ITEMS:

N/A this meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Black Bart Avenue roadway safety discussion and requested speed zone discussion on either end of the existing 25 mph “Residential District” Speed Zone.

Darryl Brown summarized the Black Bart Avenue speed zone, collision data and history. The section of concern is 0.83 mile long (Pioneer Trail to Martin Rd) and classified as a minor arterial road. The 25 mile per hour speed limit has been set since 2005 as a Residential District. Prior to 2005 Black Bart Avenue was a 30 mile per hour speed zone for its entire length. Average daily traffic is 5,500 vehicles per day and has been consistent since the early 1990’s. Darryl discussed the collision history including two fatalities with Brian Cocagane from CHP, and potential sight distance concerns were addressed for the most recent fatal collision and determined not to be a factor for the existing speed limit. The other fatal collision potentially could be a medical issue.

Paula Peterson discussed her experience living and driving in the area of Black Bart Ave, she suggested an all-way stop at the intersection of Black Bart Ave and Hank Monk Ave. It was determined that due to low traffic volumes, and low collision data this intersection does not meet warrants for a stop sign. The same request was brought to TAC previously in 1988 and denied for the same reason. Traffic volumes have remained relatively the same. Rafael Martinez discussed the purpose of following warrants and placing a traffic control measure not meeting warrants could lead to potential lawsuits and increased rearend collisions. In 2021, The Department of Transportation installed a series of curve warning signs at the curve for Martin Ave at Black Bart Ave due to meeting warrants as a high collision area.

Rafael suggested placing intersection warning signs in addition to “25 mile per hour zone ahead” however this could create sign blight along Black Bart Ave. The “End 25 mile per hour” will remain as a marker for enforcement and define the 25 mile per hour zone.

Rafael’s recommendation is to install the “25 mile per hour zone ahead” signs and monitor the changes for improvements. CHP will also coordinate the placement of a speed trailer in the Spring of 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further questions or matters for the Committee’s attention, Chairman Rafael Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes Approved By:  on 12/14/22
Chairman Rafael Martinez Date

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