



CITY OF MERCED

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

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Civic Center, 2nd Floor City
Council Chambers, 678 West 18th Street, Merced CA 95340

www.cityofmerced.org

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location. All votes for this meeting will be taken via rollcall.

COPIES OF THE BACKUP MATERIAL RELATING TO EACH ITEM OF BUSINESS REFERRED TO ON THE AGENDA ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK. ANY PERSON WHO HAS QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CALL THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AT 209-385-6846. PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING, A COMPLETE AGENDA PACKET IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 2ND FLOOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, 678 WEST 18TH STREET, MERCED CA 95340 AND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFMERCED.ORG. ANY DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AFTER THIS AGENDA IS POSTED WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS

MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT

YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY NO LATER THAN 10 AM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING. MATERIAL MAY BE EMAILED TO CONTACTENGINEERING@CITYOFMERCED.ORG AND SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 300 WORDS OR LESS. PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH PORTION OF THE AGENDA YOU ARE COMMENTING ON, FOR EXAMPLE, ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, REPORT ITEM NUMBER, OR BUSINESS ITEM NUMBER. ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER 10 AM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMITTEE AND RETAINED FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

YOU MAY PROVIDE TELEPHONIC COMMENTS VIA VOICEMAIL BY CALLING (209) 388-7590 BY NO LATER THAN 10 AM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING TO BE ADDED TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT. VOICEMAILS WILL BE LIMITED TO A TIME LIMIT OF THREE (3) MINUTES. PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH PORTION OF THE AGENDA YOU ARE COMMENTING ON, FOR EXAMPLE, ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, REPORT ITEM NUMBER, OR BUSINESS ITEM NUMBER. YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE PLAYED DURING THE MEETING TO THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

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INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Engineering Department at 209-385-6846.

- 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 AND SHOULD FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES POSTED ABOVE IN THE MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO.

- 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 November 10, 2020

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.)

BUSINESS

1. Request #21-001 – Request for Speed Bumps Along N Street Starting at Alicia Reyes Elementary School All the Way Down to Cypress Terrace (Lynne Marie Barrera)
(Citizen states cars are constantly speeding like they are on a freeway, it's dangerous for kids out playing and for her to walk her dog.)

2. Request #21-002 – Request Red Curbing to Match the Existing Red Curb on the North Side of Buena Vista by Rivera Elementary School and Rivera Middle School (Ken Testa)
(Citizen states the red curbing will improve lines of sight from drivers of vehicles as they prepare and initiate turning from the (6) cul-de-sac's out onto Buena Vista Drive.)

3. Request #21-003 – Request to Evaluate Intersections and Speed on Loughborough Drive Between R Street and Olive Avenue (Michael Beltran)
(Citizen states speed and general safety are a concern.)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Item: D-1
Meeting Date: 1/12/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: January 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Minutes of November 10, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of November 10, 2020

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 10, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Beltran, Michael – City Engineer
Committee Hren, Michael - Planning Manager Designee
Members: Olmos, Juan - Public Works Designee
Pintabona, Leon - Police Chief Designee
Wilson, Casey – Fire Chief Designee

Absent:

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of September 8, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Juan Olmos, Leon Pintabona, Michael Hren, Casey Wilson

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #20-016 – Request For Speed Control Implementation on El Portal Dr. Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Drive (Jose & Mayra Lopez, Ronald Ringstrom, Jolene Schadler, Ben & Marianne French, Edward Zamora Sr., Robin Donovan, Lupe Dawson, LuAnn Parson, Craig Hall, Joe & Shirley Brucia, Dona Robertson, Vishwanatha Kuppenahalli, Rachel Heater, Jussien & Stefanie Eltareb, Mike Bermingham and Nathan Frye)

(Citizens state there is a serious speeding problem along El Portal Drive making it difficult to back out of driveways and cross the street to the community mailboxes. There are no crosswalks for when the children return to school. Certain times of the day it is almost impossible to turn or cross Parsons Avenue.)

LuAnn Parson states a couple of accidents have happened at her residence, it is hard to see when backing out of driveway for residents due to high speed traffic, hard to cross the road. Request crosswalks, speed limit change, stripping, speed bumps to be implemented.

Committee Member Hren states what is considered as speed control, stop signs and speed bumps are not considered speed control.

Committee Member Wilson states the issues for Emergency Response teams when dealing with speed bumps, affecting response time.

Committee Member Pintabona states Police are only allowed to write warnings for the area without a speed control survey.

Chairperson Beltran states there has been no survey study done in this area.

MOTION: Amend the Municipal Code to 25mph for the area so Police may enforce the speed limit on El Portal between McKee and Parsons and increase Police presence.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the Municipal Code to 25mph on El Portal between McKee and Parsons.

Michael Hren Moved, Leon Pintabona Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Juan Olmos, Leon Pintabona, Michael Hren, Casey Wilson

2. Request #20-017 – Request Same Signage That Is Posted on E. North Bear Creek Drive at The Same Curve (Joy S. Widmark)

(Citizens states in less than a year there have been two accidents on her property from lack of signage. Citizen states the other side of Bear Creek has more signage at the same curve.)

Chairperson Beltran states the direction in which the signs are being requested would be considered to be the County property side of E. S. Bear Creek Dr. It would not be a city issue.

MOTION: Deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Leon Pintabona Moved, Casey Wilson Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Casey Wilson, Leon Pintabona, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos

3. Request #20-018 – Request Red Curb to Be Painted on All 4 Quadrants for Distances as Described on Drawing. In Support of Quiet Zones and Median Work Being Performed by BNSF And Amtrak (City Engineer Michael Beltran)

(City Engineer states red curb needs to be painted on all 4 quadrants as described on drawing.)

Chairperson Beltran states this item needs to be put into the Municipal Code, work is already going to be taken care of by property owner.

MOTION: Amend the Municipal Code to include the red curbs on all 4 quadrants.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current Municipal Code to include the red curbs.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Casey Wilson, Leo Pintabona, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

By:

Approved:

Nicole Tabares
Administrative Assistant/
Recording Secretary

Michael Beltran
City Engineer/ Chairperson

Agenda Item: E-1
Meeting Date: 1/12/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: January 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Committee Member Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

Agenda Item: F-1
Meeting Date: 1/12/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: January 12, 2021

1. SUBJECT: Request #21-001 – Request for Speed Bumps Along “N” Street Starting at Alicia Reyes Elementary School All the Way Down to Cypress Terrace (Lynne Marie Barrera)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states cars are constantly speeding like they are on a freeway, it's dangerous for kids out playing and for her to walk her dog.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-001
2. Location Map

Contact Person: Lynne Marie Barrera Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 11/04/2020

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):
the whole block of south N Street Merced, Ca 95341 - starting at the begining of the block - starting at Alica Reyes Elementary School going all the way to end of street where the Cypress Terrece - Stoneyfield Homes Model s are located

Describe Concerns At This Location:
I just moved to this area in June - I was formally in Westborough Area of South San Francisco, Ca 94080 - (San Mateo County) 62 years - decided to retire here cost of living for a person disabled retired On SSI and pension able to retire buy a home - a little shock coming over here expecially at the end of my block which is South N Street - cars are constanly speeding like they are on a freeway or proceding on to a freeway - kids are out playing in the front and corners on the home right by this terrible fast traffic - also noticed some people just let there poor dogs roam and very hot and dangerous for the animals also with this type of traffic on a small street - this is also a school zone - I don't understand why and what these people are thinking - I walk my dog on a leash daily and she gets scared walking due to how fast these vehicles are going - I even walk her on my right not on my left - makes it hard for me I have hip replacements and metal in my feet - have to avoid the cars myself scary - could maybe speed bumps- or get a stop light or slow blinking lights- orput in or a light in between this long stretch of street - more people and kids and pets moving into area just tkes one time to have a family lose a lvoed one due to this vehicle situation - thanking you in advance to get this accomodation approved and thank you

x Lynne M. Barrera

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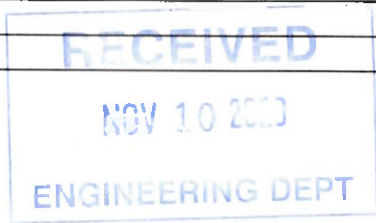
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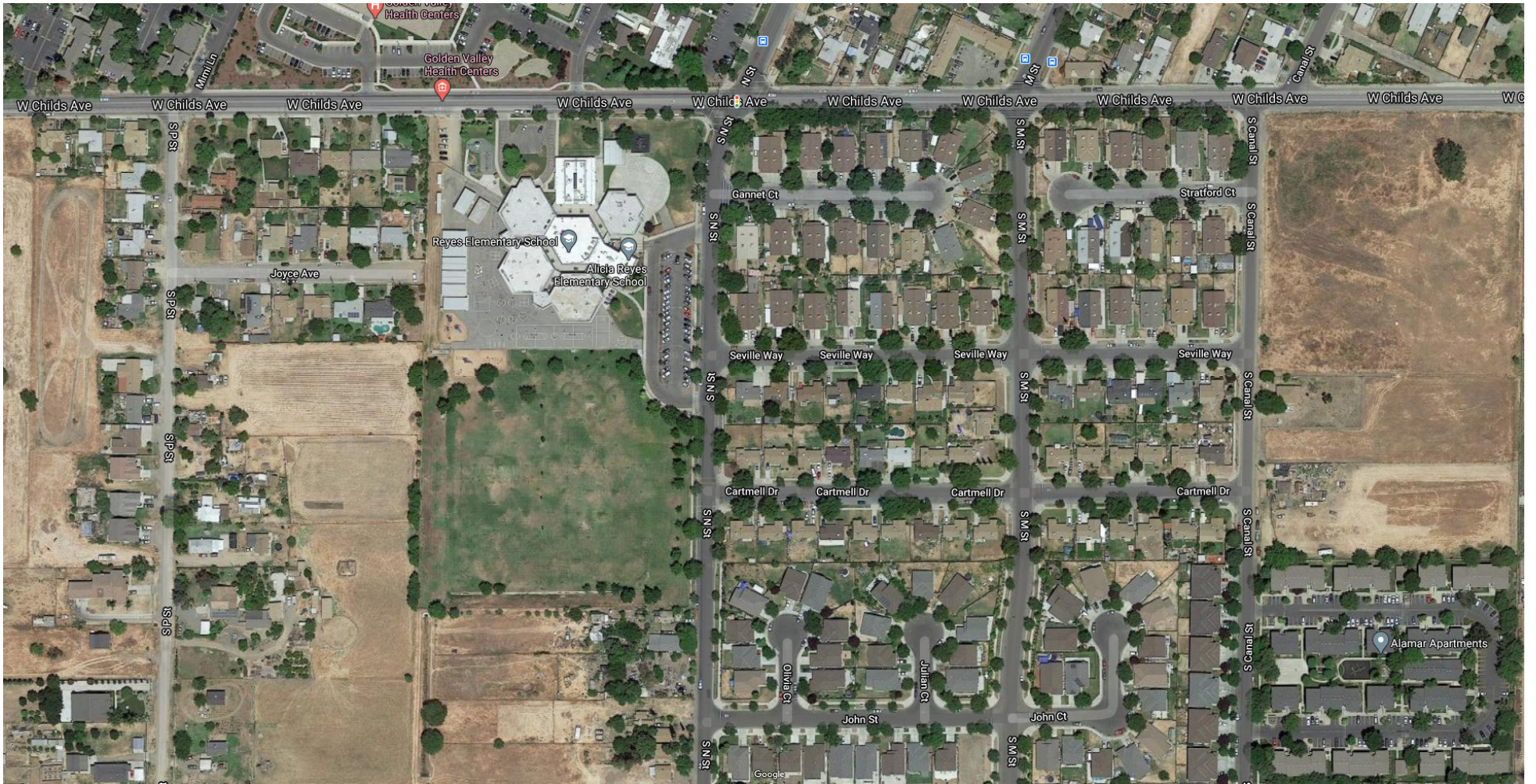
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Date Completed: _____



Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee _____

Date _____



Agenda Item: F-2
Meeting Date: 1/12/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: January 12, 2021

2. SUBJECT: Request #21-002 – Request Red Curbing to Match the Existing Red Curb on the North Side of Buena Vista by Rivera Elementary School and Rivera Middle School (Ken Testa)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states the red curbing will improve lines of sight from drivers of vehicles as they prepare and initiate turning from the (6) cul-de-sac's out onto Buena Vista Drive.

ATTACHMENTS:

3. Request #21-002
4. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-002

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Ken Testa (for Doug Williams and Tania Masseroni) Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

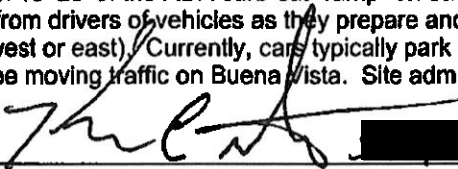
Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: Dec. 23, 2020

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

Buena Vista Drive between R Street and San Rafael Court - Ken Testa, MCSD Facilities Director has inspected the area after learning of concerns from residents and has spoke to site administration, City staff, and recommends the painting of red-curbing to match the existing red curb on the north side of Buena Vista along the northerly frontage of both Rivera Elementary and Rivera Middle Schools. Pictures of the conditions will be provided to City staff for reference/consideration.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

The Merced City School District, in reference and on behalf of Rivera Middle School and Rivera Elementary Schools, both located on Buena Vista Drive, are requesting the painting of red curbing at both the east and west curbs of SIX (6) cul-de-sacs (San Mateo, San Ramon, San Felipe, San Jacinto, San Luis, and San Rafael) along Buena Vista along the southerly side of Buena Vista. Red curbing painting is recommended in sections from 15' to 20' sections of the curb beginning with the apex/curve (blind-lines) of the sidewalk ADA curb-cuts to extend along the straight/perpendicular face of the curb/gutter face to indicate no-parking areas within 15'-20' of the ADA curb-cut "ramp" on each side of each cul-de-sac approach. The red curbing will improve lines of sight from drivers of vehicles as they prepare and initiate turning FROM the cul-de-sac and out ONTO Buena Vista Drive (either west or east). Currently, cars typically park so close to the cul-de-sac that drivers cannot see to either the west or east to see moving traffic on Buena Vista. Site administration have been consulted and agree with staff recommendations.



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Date Response To Contact Person: _____

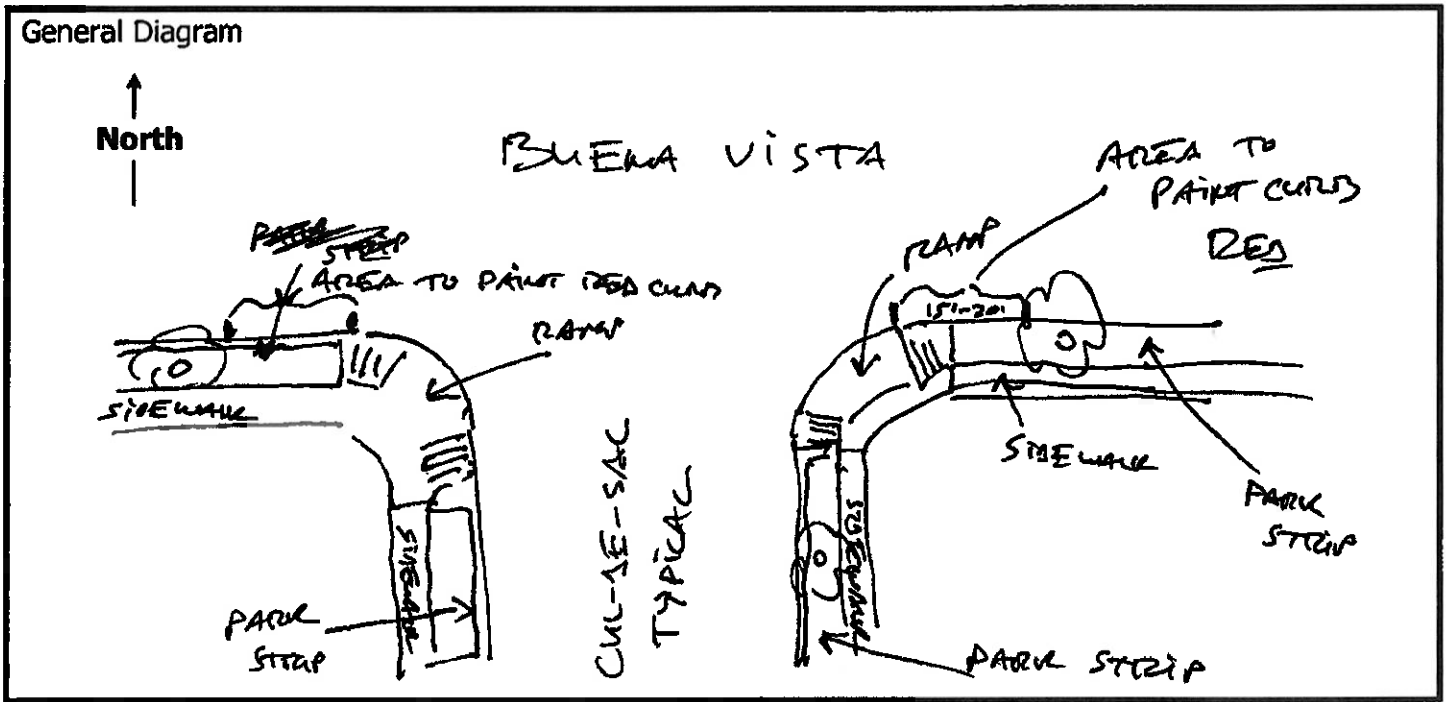
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Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

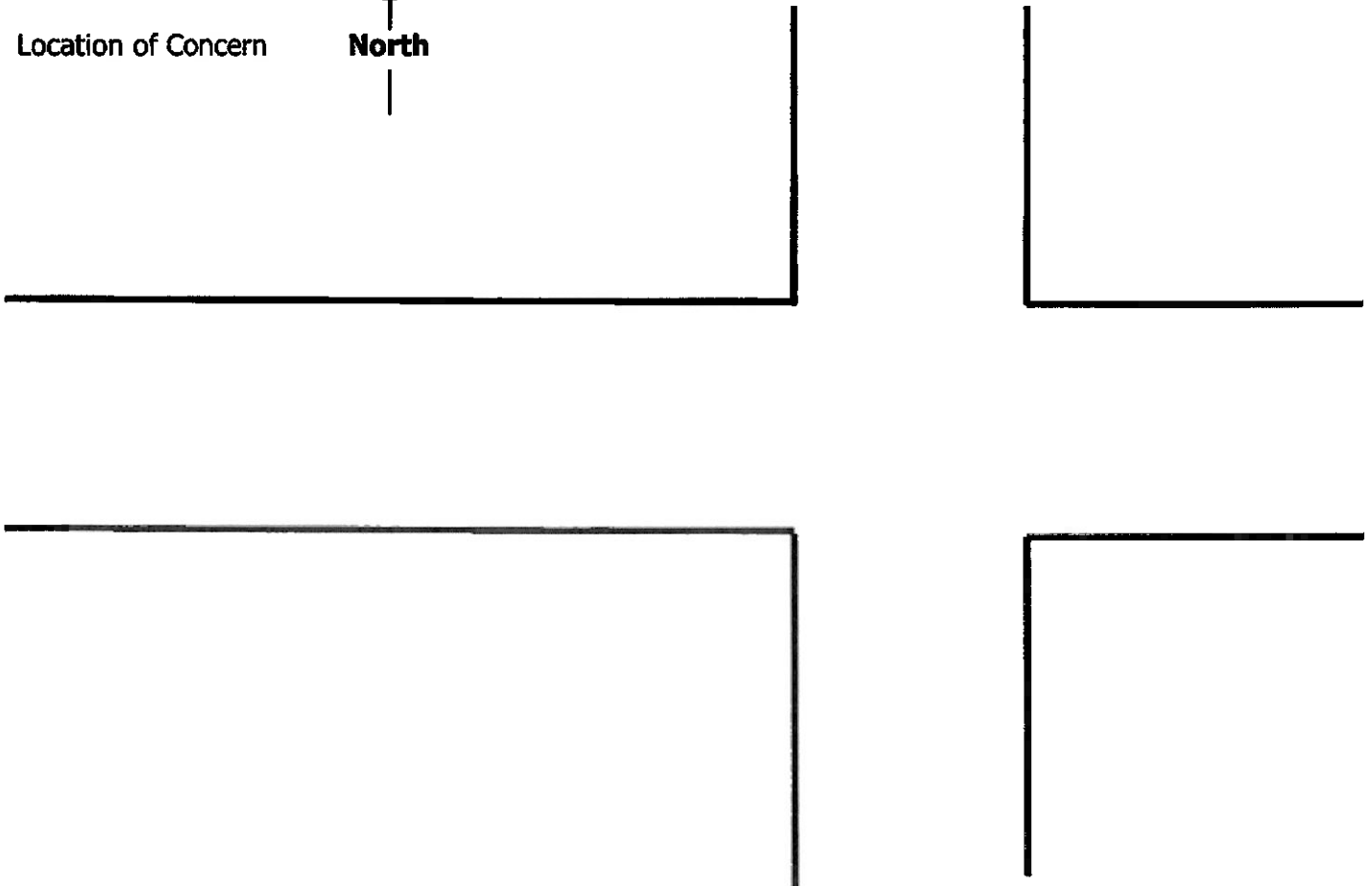
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DIAGRAMS



Location of Concern

North ↑





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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: January 12, 2021

2. SUBJECT: Request #21-003 – Request to Evaluate Intersections and Speed on Loughborough Drive Between R Street and Olive Avenue Michael Beltran)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states speed and general safety are a concern.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-003
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-003

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Michael Beltran CITY ENGINEER Day Phone: 209 3856895

Email Address: Beltranm@CityofMerced.org

Address: ~~Route~~ 678 W. 18th St Today's Date: 01/08/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):
Loughborough Dr from 12 Street to Olive

Describe Concerns At This Location: Speed, General Safety

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Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____



Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

1/8/21

Date

