



CITY OF MERCED

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

AGENDA
Tuesday, March 9, 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:

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- 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

- 1. Traffic Committee Minutes of January 12, 2021

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 #21-004 – Request Crosswalk Lights along 16th St. at K St., Canal St., and N St. (Mary Mercado)
(Citizen states each crosswalk is marked but locations are very busy with traffic day and night. Lights would make it safer to cross.)
2. Request #21-005 – Request to Close Off Intersection with Concrete Barriers (Michael Flores)
(Citizen states this area has become a dump site.)
3. Request #21-006 – Request to Lower Speed Limit and Install Speed Bumps Along Paulson Road (Jennifer Fosgate)
(Citizen states speed and general safety are a concern.)
4. Request #21-007 – Request Repair on Sidewalks, Encroachments, and Street Resurfacing (Josephine Martinez)
(Citizen states repairs to sidewalks, encroachments, and street resurfacing is needed from N St. & 4th St. to Q St. & 4th St.)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Item: D-1
Meeting Date: 3/9/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Minutes of January 12, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of January 12, 2021

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 12, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 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

Absent: Parker, Derek – Fire Chief

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of November 10, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend, approve and file.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

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

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

F. 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.)

Committee Member Hren states Police enforcement would be a good place to start.

Committee Member Olmos states it is 35 mph along “N” St.

Committee Member Pintabona states due to Covid, traffic has changed. Once school starts back up, people should slow down again.

MOTION: Increase Police presence and place a speed trailer on “N” St.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No.

Leo Pintabona Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

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

2. Request #21-002 – Request Red Curbing to Match the Existing Red Curb on the North Side of Buena Vista Dr. 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.)

Chairperson Beltran recommends painting 20 feet of red curb along Buena Vista Dr. on both sides of the 6 cul-de-sacs. Children and vehicles are having a hard time seeing to cross Buena Vista Dr.

MOTION: Add 15 feet of red curb on south side of Buena Vista Dr., east and west of each cul-de-sac, from R St. to San Rafael Ct. (6 cul-de-sac's total)

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Yes. Request to approve adding 15 feet of red curb on the south side of Buena Vista Dr., east and west of each cul-de-sac, from R St. to San Rafael Ct. (6 cul-de-sac's total)

Leon Pintabona Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

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

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.)

Chairperson Beltran states there was a meeting between the city manager, the mayor and some citizens that live in the area. The citizens would like to look at lowering the speed limit and implementing some safety measures along Loughborough Dr. from Olive Ave. to R St.

Committee Member Olmos states the speed limit is 35 mph along Loughborough Dr. and 30 mph along Austin Ave.

Chairperson Beltran requests crash data from the Police department for Topeka Dr., Sacramento Dr., Austin Ave., and Conestoga Dr. for the next traffic committee.

MOTION: Request City Council for a traffic study along Loughborough Dr. from Olive Ave. to R St. and to appropriate funds.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Yes. Request City Council for a traffic study along Loughborough Dr. from Olive Ave. to R St. and appropriation of funds.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

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

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

By:

Approved:

Nicole Tabares
Administrative Assistant/
Recording Secretary

Michael Beltran
City Engineer/ Chairperson

Agenda Item: E-1
Meeting Date: 3/9/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Committee Member Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

Agenda Item: F-1
Meeting Date: 3/9/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

1. SUBJECT: Request #21-004 – Request Crosswalk Lights along 16th St. at K St., Canal St., and N St. (Mary Mercado)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states each crosswalk is marked but locations are very busy with traffic day and night. Lights would make it safer to cross.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-004
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-004

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Mary Mercado Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 1/28/2021

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

1. K & 16th St., 2. Canal & 16th St., 3. N & 16th St. (City Bus Depot)

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Each of these crosswalks are marked on the street and with pedestrian signs, but these locations are very busy with traffic through the day and night. I believe that if these locations had the crosswalk lights it would make the crossings visually safer for all involved; pedestrians and drivers.

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Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

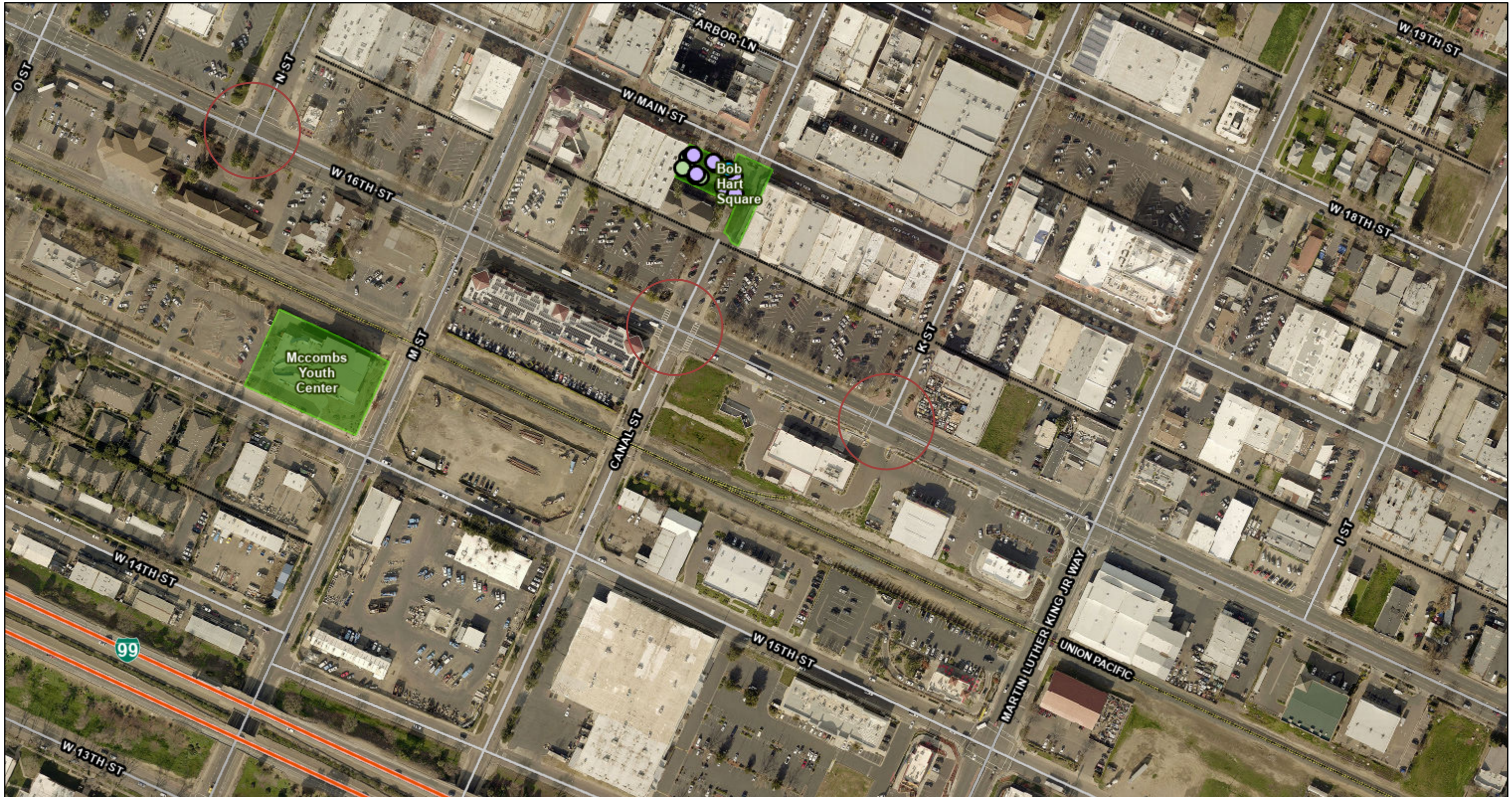
Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

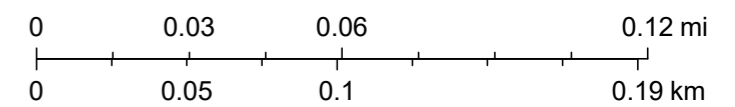
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K St., Canal st. & N St. along 16th St.



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Agenda Item: F-2
Meeting Date: 3/9/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

2. SUBJECT: Request #21-005 – Request to Close Off Intersection with Concrete Barriers (Michael Flores)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states this area has become a dump site.

ATTACHMENTS:

3. Request #21-0025
4. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-005

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Michael Flores Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 02-01-2021

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

Dead end street at intersection of Crescendo Ave and Destiny Rd.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Chronic dumping at ditch.
Recommend closing off intersection with concrete barriers.
No reasonable reason for vehicles to enter dead end street.
Appliances, furniture, trash, condoms and tree branches dumped
at huge cost to the City of Merced Public Works.

My resolution to post a 'NO DUMPING SIGN' failed to stop dumping.

I defer decision to install a road barrier to the experience of the
Engineering Department and Merced Police Department

For Official Use Only:

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Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

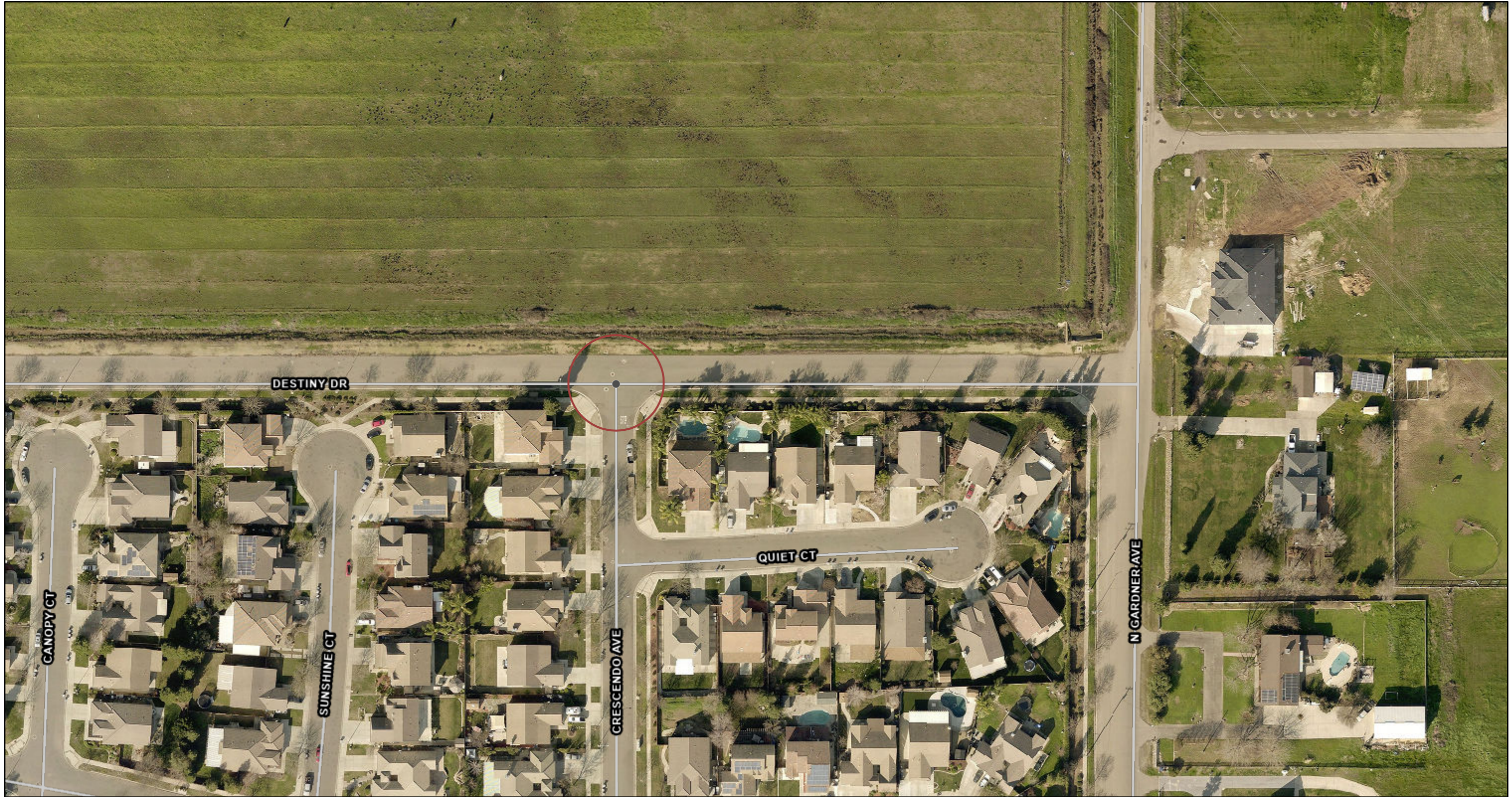
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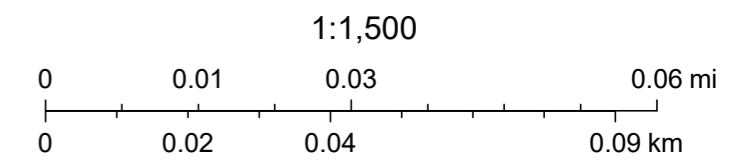
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Date

Crescendo Ave. & Destiny Dr.



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Agenda Item: F-3
Meeting Date: 3/9/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

3. SUBJECT: Request #21-006 – Request to Lower Speed Limit and Install Speed Bumps Along Paulson Road (Jennifer Fosgate)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states speed and general safety are a concern.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-006
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-006

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Jennifer Fosgate Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 2/3/2024

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

Paulson Road, Merced

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Please see attached letter (on verso)

For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____ Date Received: _____ Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date

February 3, 2021

Engineering Department Traffic Committee
City of Merced/Merced Civic Center, 2nd Floor
678 West 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340


Dear Traffic Committee;

I am writing to you in regards to Paulson Road in the City of Merced. My home is located at the corner of Paulson and Nighthawk Court in a residential neighborhood. The speed limit on Paulson Road is 40 mph. (I have observed that most residential areas in Merced are limited at 25 to 35 mph.) The residential area serviced by Paulson Road is quite large. On the corner of Paulson and Yosemite there is a small shopping center which produces a great deal of traffic. Davenport Park is located at the opposite end of Paulson Road, and also produces some additional traffic. The city and university buses have routes on Paulson. Cross streets lead to Mercy Medical Center, Cruickshank Middle School, and a dead end access to Davenport Park. Paulson Road is a very busy street!

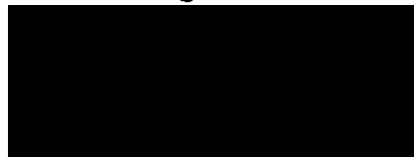
It is my opinion as a resident that the speed limit on Paulson Road is much too high. Many pedestrians use the sidewalks on both sides of Paulson, and often walk in the street. Bicyclists and joggers are frequent users, also often in the street. Use by children, families, and young adults are a regular occurrence. Side streets off Paulson have children playing in the street. Cross walks are only located at an intersection with a stop sign or signal, in spite of the fact that there are many residential streets branching off Paulson, and pedestrians cross at their own risk. Motorists often do not obey the speed limit. 45 and 50 mph is not uncommon. Sometimes the speeds are even higher. Late at night I sometimes hear "racing" in the street. As evidence of morning trash shows, the dead end access to Davenport Park is used as a late night "hang-out".

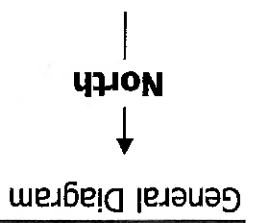
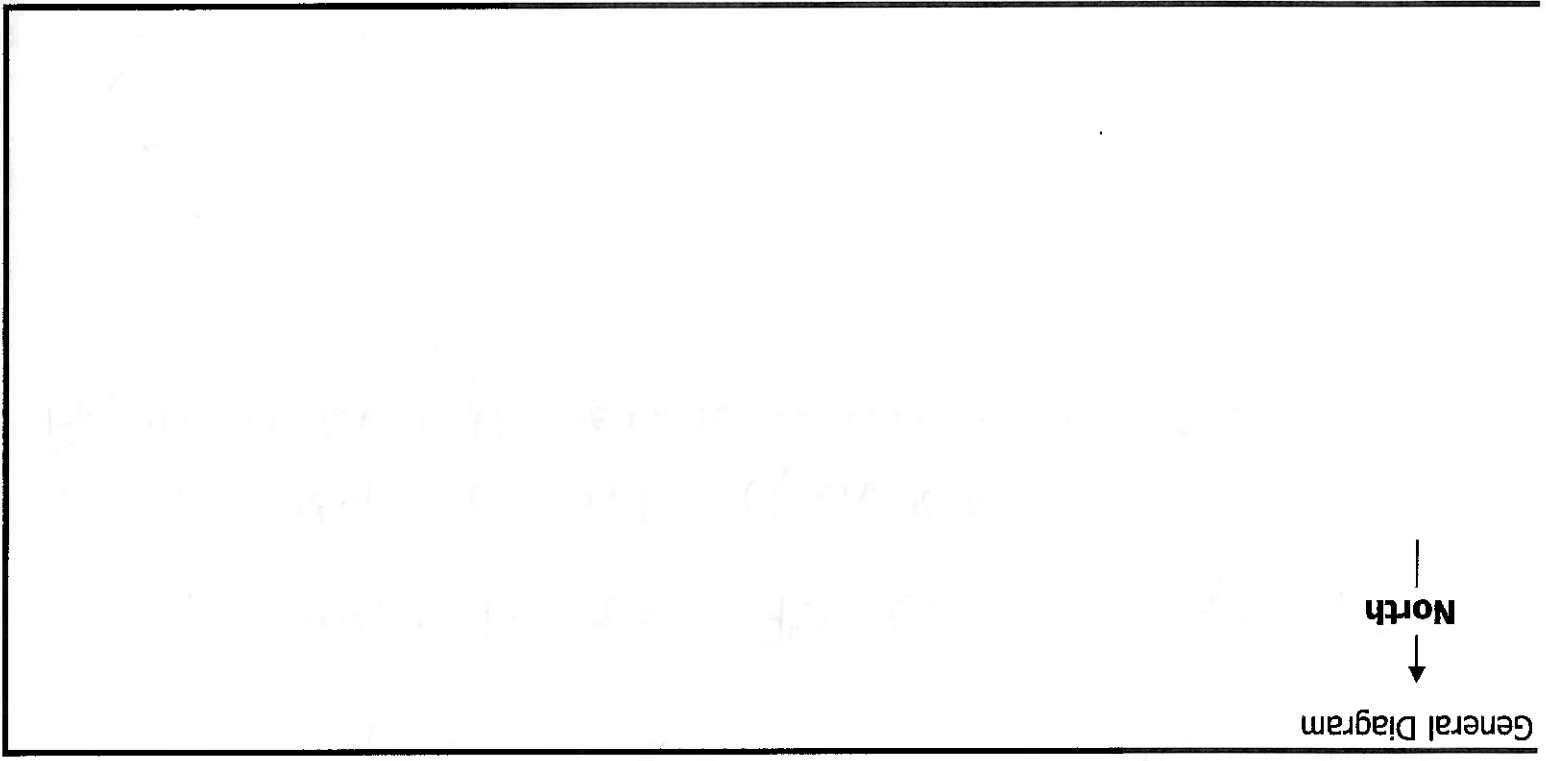
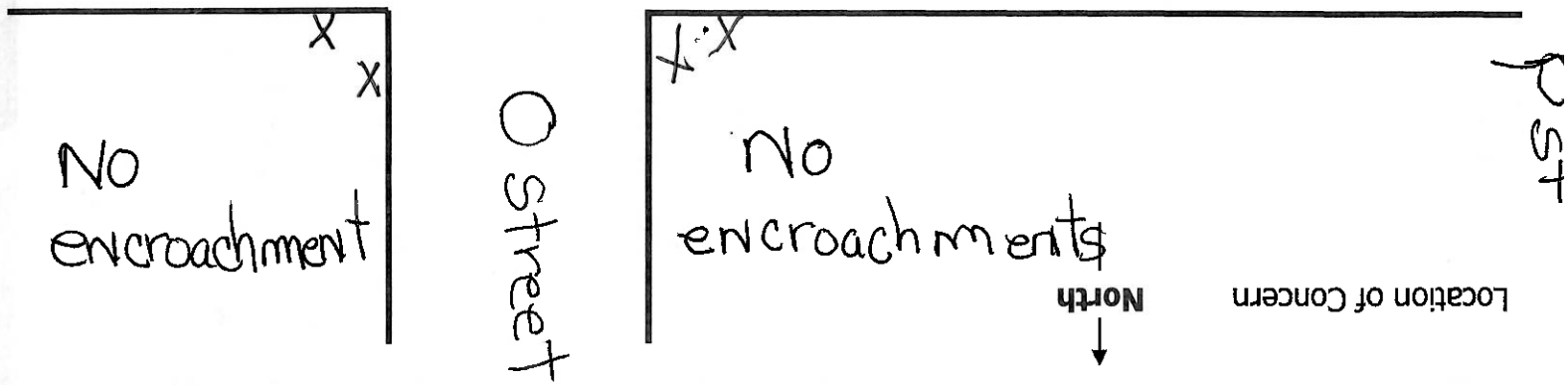
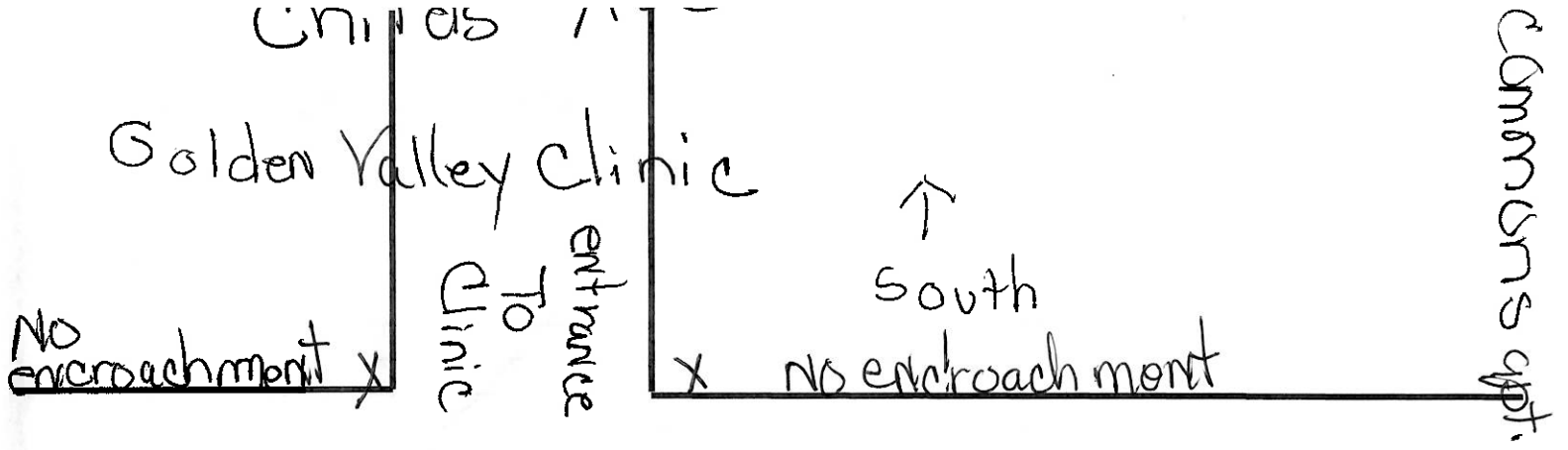
Please do what you can to address this issue. Don't wait for tragedy to strike on Paulson Road! I suggest lowering the speed limit and installing speed bumps.

Thank you for your time and attention:



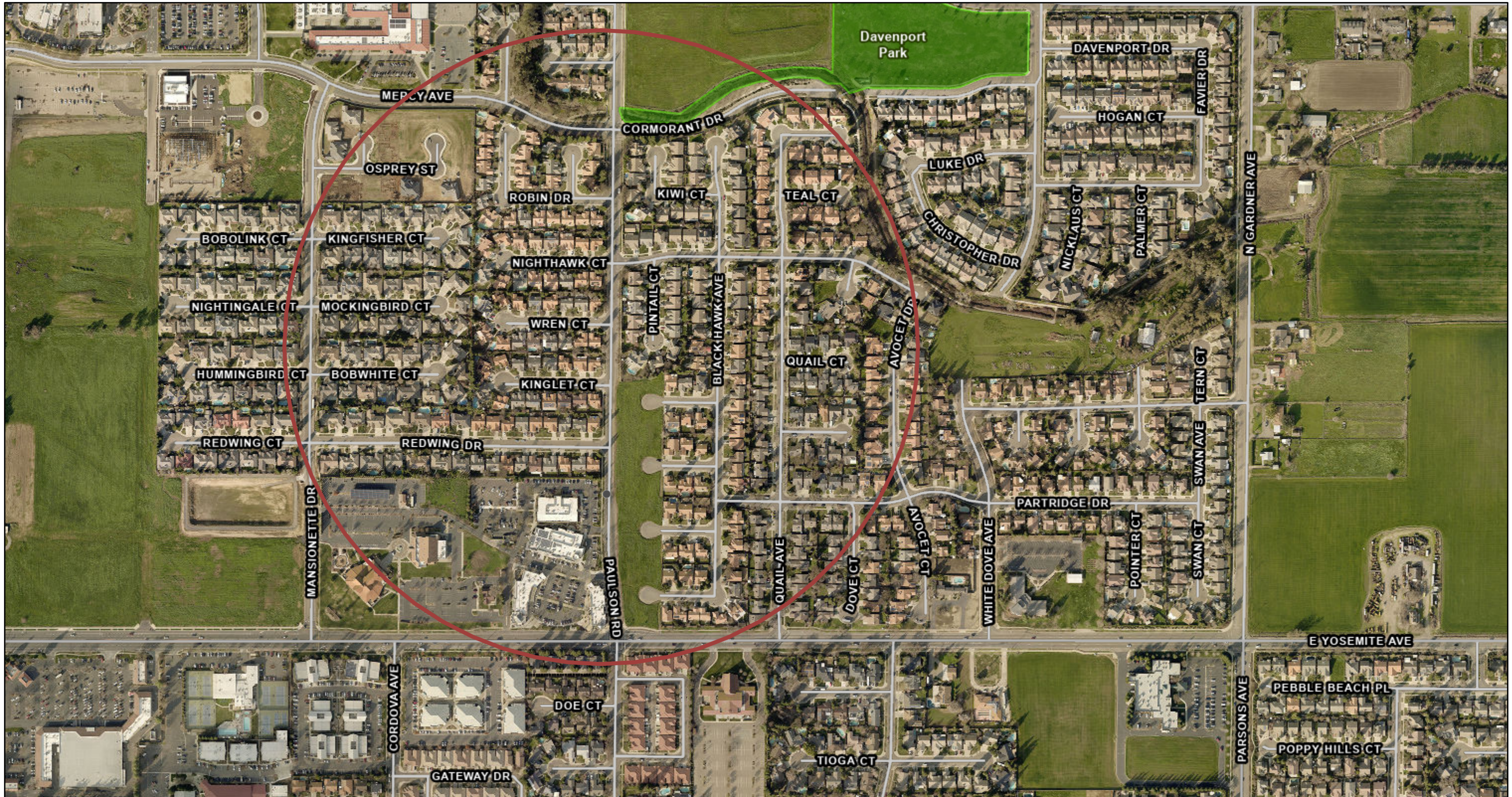
Jennifer Fosgate





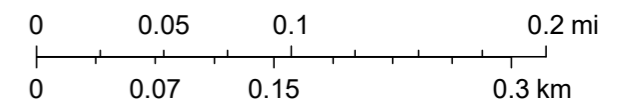
DIAGRAMS

Paulson Rd.



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Agenda Item: F-4
Meeting Date: 3/9/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

2. SUBJECT: Request #21-007 – Request Repair on Sidewalks, Encroachments, and Street Resurfacing (Josephine Martinez)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states repairs to sidewalks, encroachments, and street resurfacing is needed from N St. & 4th St. to Q St. & 4th St.


ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-007
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21607

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Josephine Martinez Day Phone: 

Email Address: _____

Address:  Today's Date: 2/5/2021

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

do N and 4th down to Q and 4th

Repair on sidewalks - encroachments need, street resurfacing

Describe Concerns At This Location: _____

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Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date

On our block alone there 5
homeowners, we are handicapped.
The side walks need repair, we
have no handicap encroachments
on the corners of O + W⁴th.

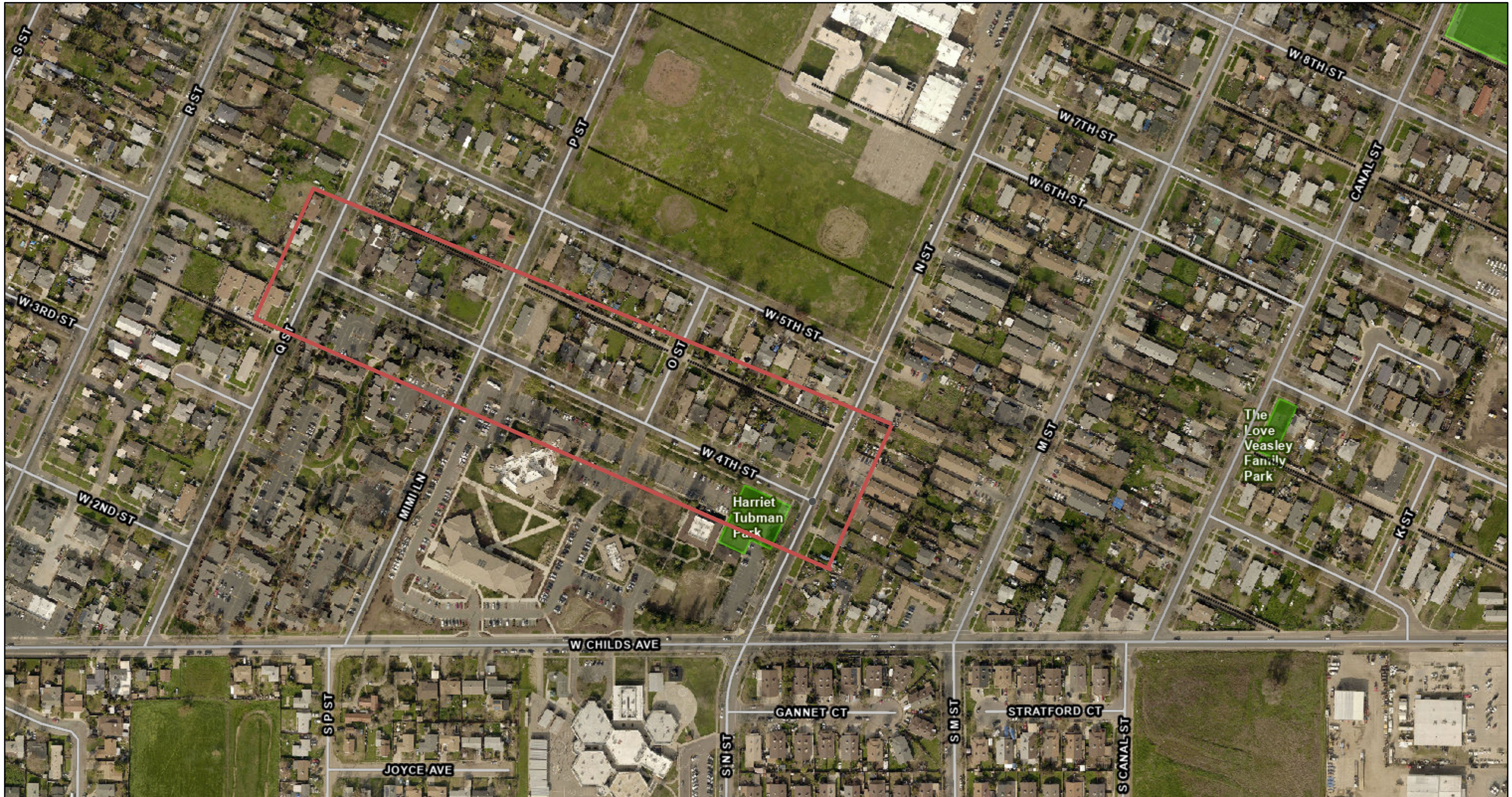
We are forced to use driveways to
cross when there are no cars in them and/or
the alleys driveways as a crossing.

This street (W⁴th) is a very high
traffic area due to G.V. Clinic the
Commons Apt. the "Bus" both
schools Tenaya + Alicia Reyes am
when Buses Run for the High school
our street is where the use to pickup +
drop off.

As you will see W⁴th Street
between N down to Q is in need of
resurfacing Badly. Any and all work
would be so greatly appreciated.

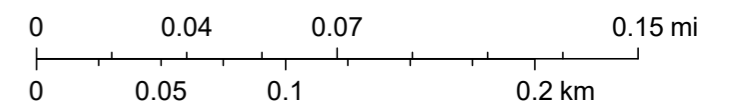
thank you Josephine Martinez

4th St. N St. to Q St.



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