



CITY OF MERCED

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

AGENDA
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Civic Center, 2nd Floor City
Council Chambers, 678 West 18th Street, Merced CA 95340

www.cityofmerced.org

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MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT

FOR AT RISK INDIVIDUALS OF THOSE NOT WANTING TO ATTEND AN IN-PERSON MEETING DURING THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD/COMMISSION ELECTRONICALLY NO LATER THAN 10 AM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING. COMMENTS RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE WILL BE SENT TO THE BOARD/COMMISSION AND WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD AND MENTIONED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE

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.

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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 March 9, 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 #21-008 – Requesting Speed Humps Along Gardner Ave. Between Destiny Dr. and Dunn Rd. (Lawrence & Alice Pressley, Clarence & Colleen Eisberg, Navtar & Ranjeet Singh, , Christi Workman, Vince & Sandra Clemons, Dulceny Zaragoza, Eric Perez, Paul & Robin Geyer)

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7. Request #21-014 – Requesting to Increase the Bus Stop Space on K St. North of 18th Next to the Alley, by Red Curbing the Parking Space Just Behind the Current Red Curb to Prevent Vehicles from Parking So Close to The Actual Bus Stop (Christine Chavez)

(Citizen states vehicles are parking so close to the bus stop, it makes it difficult for the bus drivers to pull in, and the extra curb/sidewalk is needed for the passengers boarding through the rear doors.)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Item: D-1
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Minutes of March 9, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of March 9, 2021

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 9, 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
McKeeman, Craig - Police Chief Designee
Parker, Derek – Fire Chief

Absent:

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, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Parker, Derek

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #21-004 – 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.)

Chairperson Beltran states putting in actuated signal lights gives the pedestrian a false sense of security to step out into traffic, expecting vehicles to stop when they see the lights on.

Committee Member Olmos states enhancing the signage at the intersections on both sides of the streets would help with visibility.

Citizen Mary Mercado states her concern with the visibility of crossing at night and during high traffic.

MOTION: To enhance signage at the intersections.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No.

Michael Hren Moved, Derek Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Parker, Derek

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

(Citizen states this area has become a dump site.)

Chairperson Beltran recommends increasing Police presence in the area.

Member Hren recommends additional Police support.

MOTION: Police Department adding additional patrol in the area.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Michael Hren Moved, Derek Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Parker, Derek

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.)

Member McKeeman recommends putting a speed trailer in the area.

MOTION: Place a speed trailer in the area.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Michael Hren Moved, Craig McKeeman Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Parker, Derek

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.)

Chairperson Beltran states that these items are more of a departmental issue and to forward the request to the appropriate departments to be handled.

MOTION: Refer requests to Public Works and Engineering.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman, Parker, Derek

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

By:

Approved:

Nicole Tabares
Administrative Assistant/
Recording Secretary

Michael Beltran
City Engineer/ Chairperson

Agenda Item: E-1
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Committee Member Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

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Agenda Item: F-1
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

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REPORT IN BRIEF

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-008
2. Location Map

APPENDIX F.2: Traffic Calming Request

City of Merced

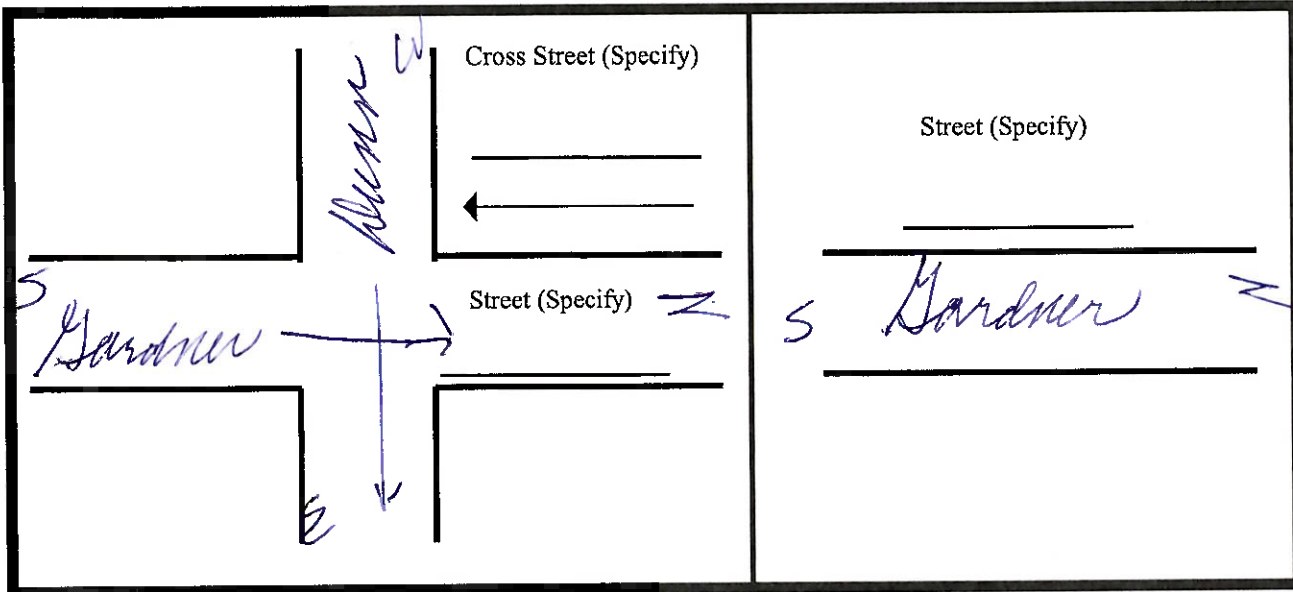
RQ #: 21-008

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Calming Installation

Name of Applicant requesting the Traffic Calming Device(s): *Lawrence & Ashley & Alci Russley*

Home Address: [Redacted] Telephone: [Redacted]

Describe which street or streets are to be stopped and show location(s) on attached map:
*Gardner runs from Yosemite Ave to Westing Ave
 Dunn is the only cross street on Gardner
 excessive speed from Westing to Yosemite*



Applicant's Statement: I have reviewed the attached materials and understand my responsibilities for having a traffic-calming device(s) installed at the requested location.

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: *4-24-21*

Attached Information for Applicant's Use:

- Outline of Installation Procedures
- Sample Petition Form
- Map Showing Required Petition Area
- Copy of Adopted City Traffic Calming Policy
- Other:

Date received by
 Engineering Department: _____
 678 W. 18th Street
 Merced, Ca 95340

Lawrence A. Pressley Jr

Merced, Ca. 953

City of Merced

Engineering Department 678 W 18th Street

Merced Ca. 95340

To Whom this applies:

I am responding to the request to have the City and County, who share responsibility for maintaining traffic flow on N Gardner Ave. to install speed bumps. Neighbors have signed a petition. Our petition (Sample Citizen Action Request Form for Neighborhood Traffic Calming) has been submitted to Our County Supervisor who in turn has met with the appropriate departments of the City.

The speed of traffic traveling the street has exceeded 60 miles/hr on many days of every week and at different hours of the day and night. Walkers use the sidewalk and the extended street for morning and evening walks. At any given time on weekends, weekdays and especially in the evenings, motorists will do donuts at the corner of Destiny and Gardner. This is happening all too frequently. They are racing in a ¼ mile strip. Teens have been observed video taping drivers doing donuts and clocking the speed of racers

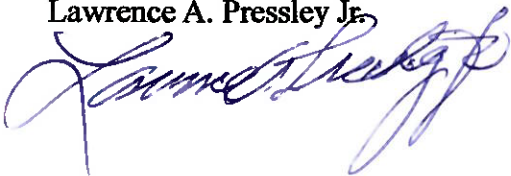
Several accidents have happened on Gardner and near by streets very recently. Last year a fatal accident happened on Dunn just north of Gardner, this past month a young driver hit a telephone pole taking out the pole and several light standards. Homes were left without electricity and internet service.

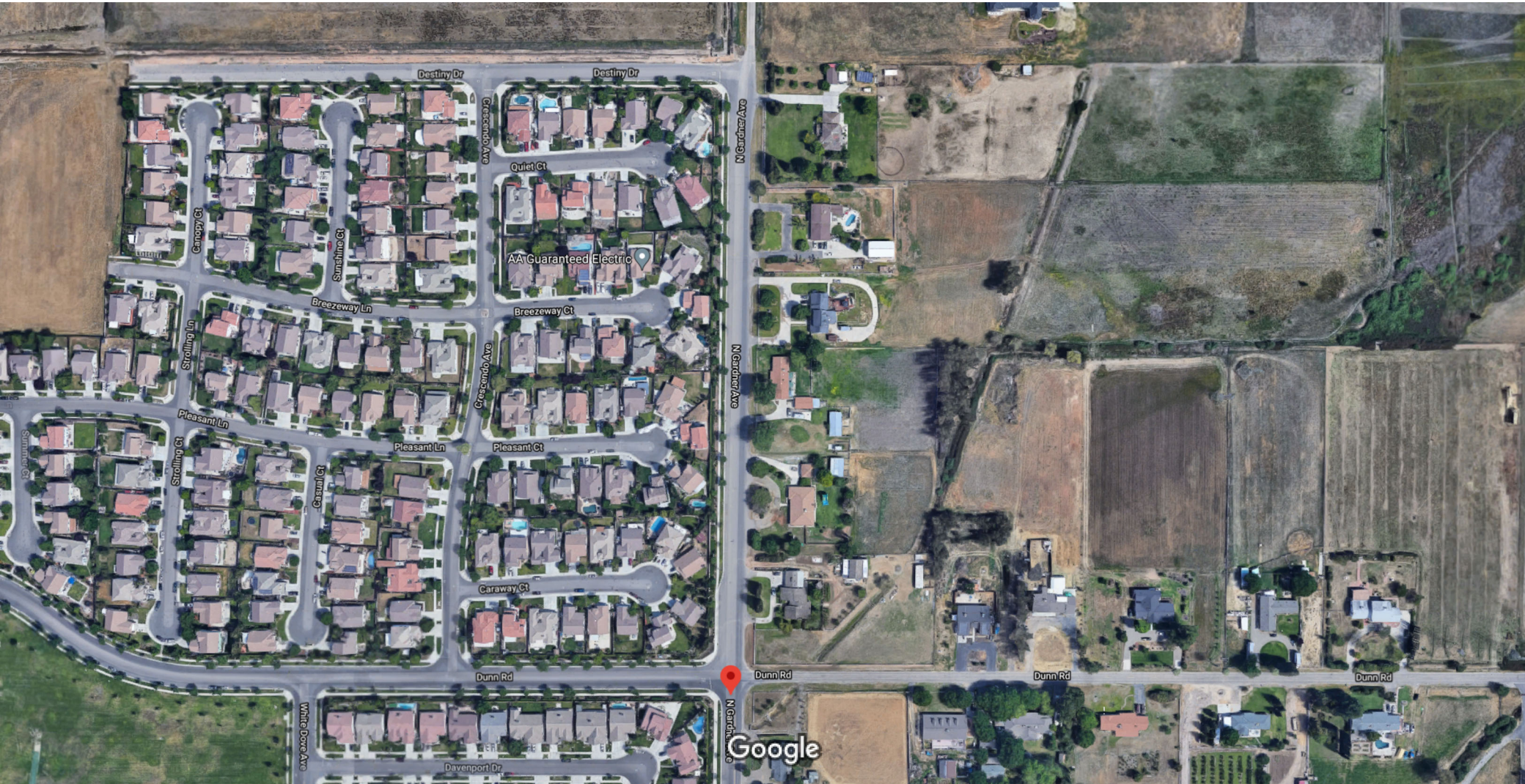
We desire to have safety restored to our street. A speed bump at the correct location would stop the "donuts" and especially the excessive speed.

I am attaching Appendix F.2 Traffic Calming Request form. Thank you for a speedy resolution of the problem

Sincerely,

Lawrence A. Pressley Jr.





PETITION REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

We the undersigned, residents living near [Redacted] N. Gardner Ave Destiny between
 (street on which speed humps are proposed)

Destiny and Dunn
 (cross street) (cross street)

do hereby request that the Merced County Department of Public Works **INSTALL SPEED HUMPS** on the above mentioned street. We have reviewed the **SPEED HUMP PROGRAM** information and we understand that, if approved, the Department of Public Works will place **speed humps**, **warning signs** and **pavement markings** at appropriate locations within the block. *We understand that these traffic control devices may be installed in front of our property.*

Print Name	Signature	Street Address	Date
Colleen Eisberg	<i>Colleen Eisberg</i>	N Gardner Ave	11-2-20
Cherene Eisberg	<i>Cherene Eisberg</i>	N Gardner Ave	2-13-2021
Nancy Singh	<i>Nancy Singh</i>	N Gardner Ave	2/12/21
RANJEET Singh	<i>RANJEET Singh</i>	N Gardner Ave	2-12-21
Alice Pressley	<i>Alice Pressley</i>	N Gardner Ave	2/12/21
LAURENCE A. PRESSLEY	<i>LAURENCE A. PRESSLEY</i>	N Gardner Ave	2/12/21
Christi Washman	<i>Christi Washman</i>	Quiet Ct	2/12/21
Sandra Clemens	<i>Sandra Clemens</i>	Quiet Ct	2/12/21
Vince Clemens	<i>Vince Clemens</i>	Quiet Ct	2/12/21
Dulcenera Caragora	<i>Dulcenera Caragora</i>	8 N. Gardner Ave	2/21/21
ERIC PELLER	<i>ERIC PELLER</i>	Gardner Ave	2/21/21
Robin Geyer	<i>Robin Geyer</i>	N. Gardner Ave	2/22/21
Paul Geyer	<i>Paul Geyer</i>	N. Gardner Ave	2/22/21

MEMORANDUM

RECEIVED
Clerk of the Board

TO: J. Pedrozo
FROM: Colleen Eisberg
PHONE NO: [REDACTED]
DATE: 2-23-2021
SUBJECT: Need a Speed Bump on Gardner R

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Make sure your search is spelled correctly. Try adding a city, state, or zip code.

Try Google Search instead

Should this place be on Google Maps?

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Agenda Item: F-2
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

2. SUBJECT: Request #21-009 – Requesting Ramps Be Put in On the Corner of 20th St. and Glen Ave., and A Speed Limit Sign to Be Placed in Front of Charles Wright Elementary School (Lisa Dalrymple)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states crossing is difficult for bikes, strollers, and wagons to access the sidewalks with all the traffic.

ATTACHMENTS:

3. Request #21-009
4. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-009

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Lisa Dalrymple Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 3/22/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):
Corner of 20th and Glen

Describe Concerns At This Location: Crossing is difficult for bikes, strollers and wagons to access the sidewalks. They have to stay at street level which is dangerous with all the traffic. Can you please cut the curbs lower like the "handicap" style?
Also there is no speed limit sign in front of Charles Wright school

Thank you

For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____ Date Received: 3-22-21 Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

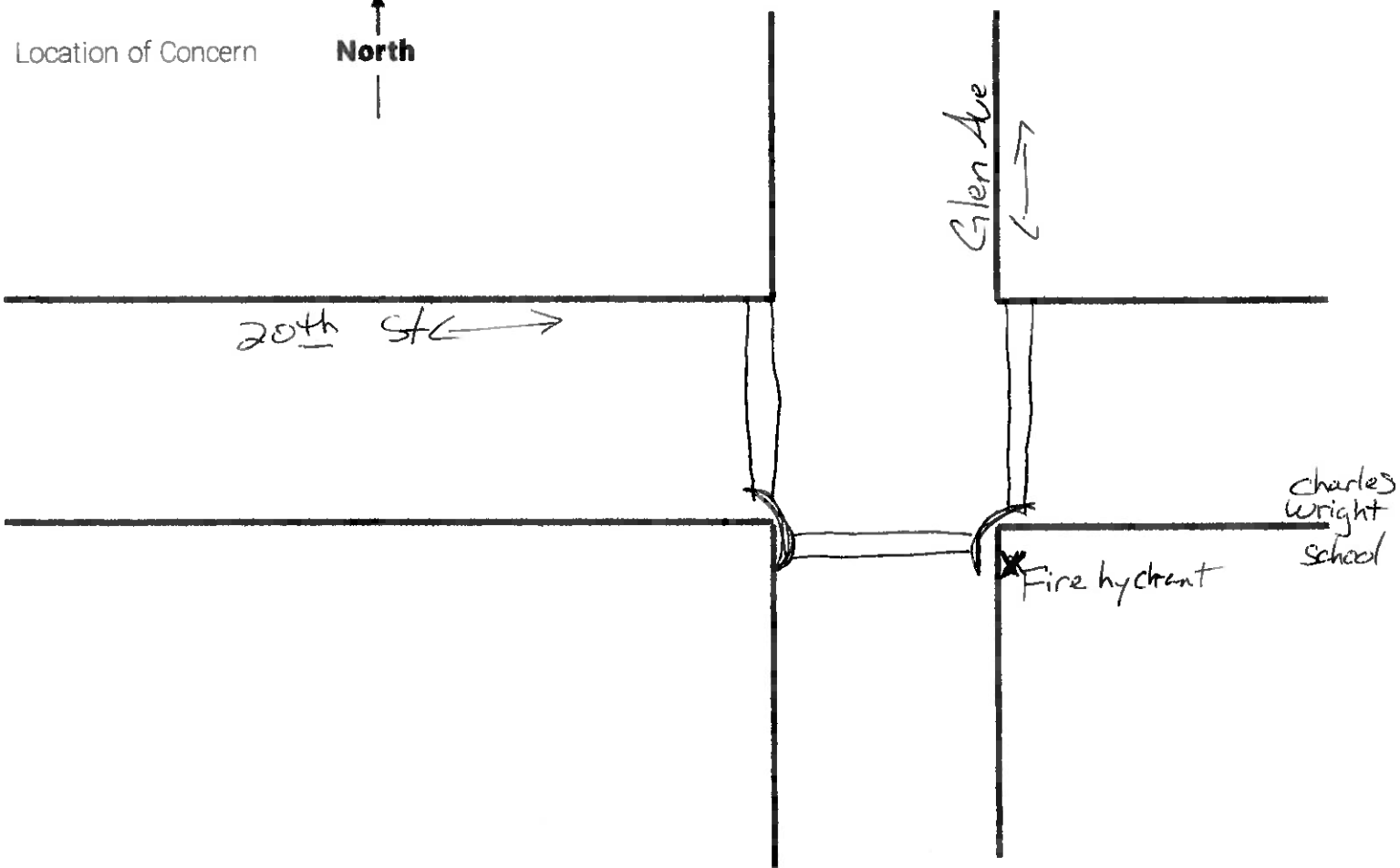
Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee Date

DIAGRAMS

General Diagram



Location of Concern





Agenda Item: F-3
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

3. SUBJECT: Request #21-010 – Requesting A Speed Limit Sign to Be Posted in Both Directions on E. 20th St. Near Charles Wright Elementary School (Jennifer Fosgate)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there aren't any posted speed limit signs on E. 20th St. near the school.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-010
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-010

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Ken Cooper Day Phone: ████████

Email Address: ████████████████████

Address: ████████████████████ Today's Date: 4/1/2021

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

██████ E. 20th Street

Describe Concerns At This Location:

People have been driving past the school going about 25 MPH while students are present. They are stating that there is not any posted speed limit. I looked and quickly agreed. I am concerned one of the students will get hit by a car.
I am requesting a speed limit sign be posted in both directions on E. 20th Street near the school.

Thank you for your consideration
Ken Cooper

For Official Use Only:

Project #: _____ Date Received: 4-1-21 Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

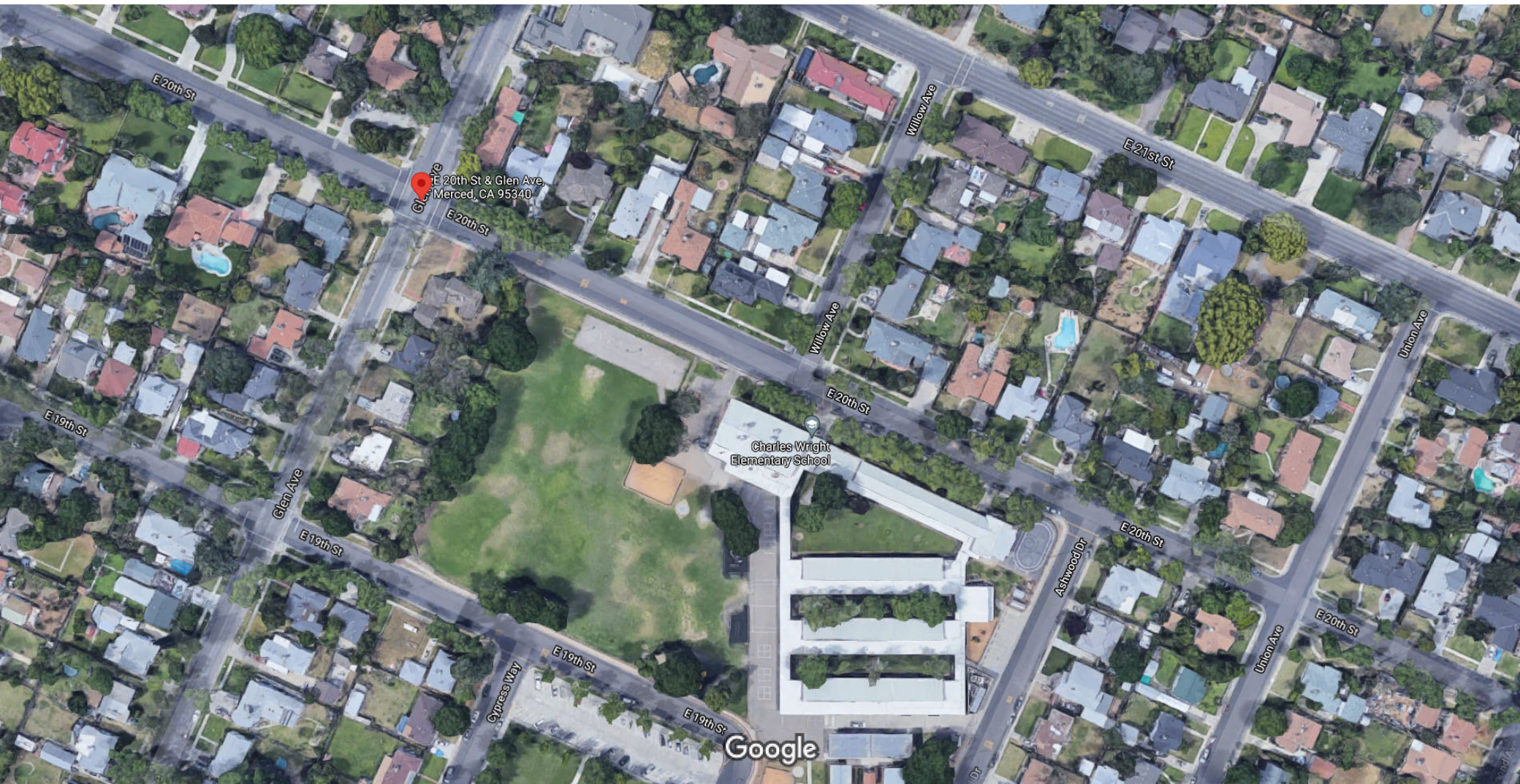
Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date



Agenda Item: F-4
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

4. SUBJECT: Request #21-011 – Requesting Speed Bumps Along Bancroft Dr. in Front of Elmer Murchie Park and Add A “Yield to Pedestrians in Crosswalk” Sign Near the Crosswalks (Dana Ghassemi)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states high speeds and reckless driving occur along Bancroft Drive and the crosswalks in the area are not protected

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-011
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-011
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Dana Ghassemi Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 04/11/2021

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

Bancroft Drive, Elmer Murchie Park

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Elmer Murchie Park on Bancroft Drive is a wonderful family park. It offers a playground, gazebo, basketball court and walking path and is also used as a school bus stop.

My concern is the high speed and wreckless driving that occurs along Bancroft drive, in particular, directly in front of Elmer Murchie Park. . In the past this behavior occurred mainly in the evening but has recently escalated to daytime perpatration. The intersection of Bancroft and Foothill has large circular tire marks that evience this. These marks were made on a Saturday afternoon while children played in the park just feet away. Additionally, the crosswalk in this area is not protected and vehicles do not yield to pedestrians. These factors combined create a great potential for harm.

I would like to request one or more speed bumps be placed along the area in front of the park as well as a "Yeild to Pedestrians in Crosswalk" sign.

My sincere thanks for your consideration of this matter.

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Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date





Agenda Item: F-5
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

5. SUBJECT: Request #21-012 – Requesting a Barrier Be Put in Place at The End of Cormorant Dr (Katelyn Mayo)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states cars park in the area throughout the day, smoking pot, drinking, or engaging in other behavior, speeding and doing doughnuts, not allowing walking access to the path.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-012
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-012
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Katelyn Mayo Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/26/2021

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

Cormorant Dr. in Merced; the dead end once Paulson Rd. has been crossed and where the Kiwi Ct and Black Hawk Ct cul-de-sacs dead end.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

As a resident, whose yard/fence runs parallel to Cormorant, we often see the traffic occurring (when we're not at work, and can only imagine how much is occurring when we're at work) on this street. Cars often park for short periods of time at odd hours (really all hours) of the day waiting for other cars before meeting and both driving away. Cars often park to smoke marijuana (per observation and smell), drink, or engage in brief meetings with others who drive up (purposes unknown, but can be assumed). We've found condoms, empty alcohol bottles and trash from food items, and can see tire tracks a handful of times where "donuts" were driven at the very end. People who likely don't live in the area (as they're in their cars) park along this road (next to our home and yard) and the majority of the time not for walking access to the paths. Cars often speed out of the area down this street as well. A non-permanent, but non-movable (by a person) barrier that would prevent car traffic and allow for only walking traffic would be ideal. Walking access to the park and paths are important for residents, but all emergency personal (fire, PD, EMT) have access from other entry points to these houses. Neighbors have complained to city council representatives about these concerns many times as well with no response (to my knowledge).

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Field Inspection Results: _____

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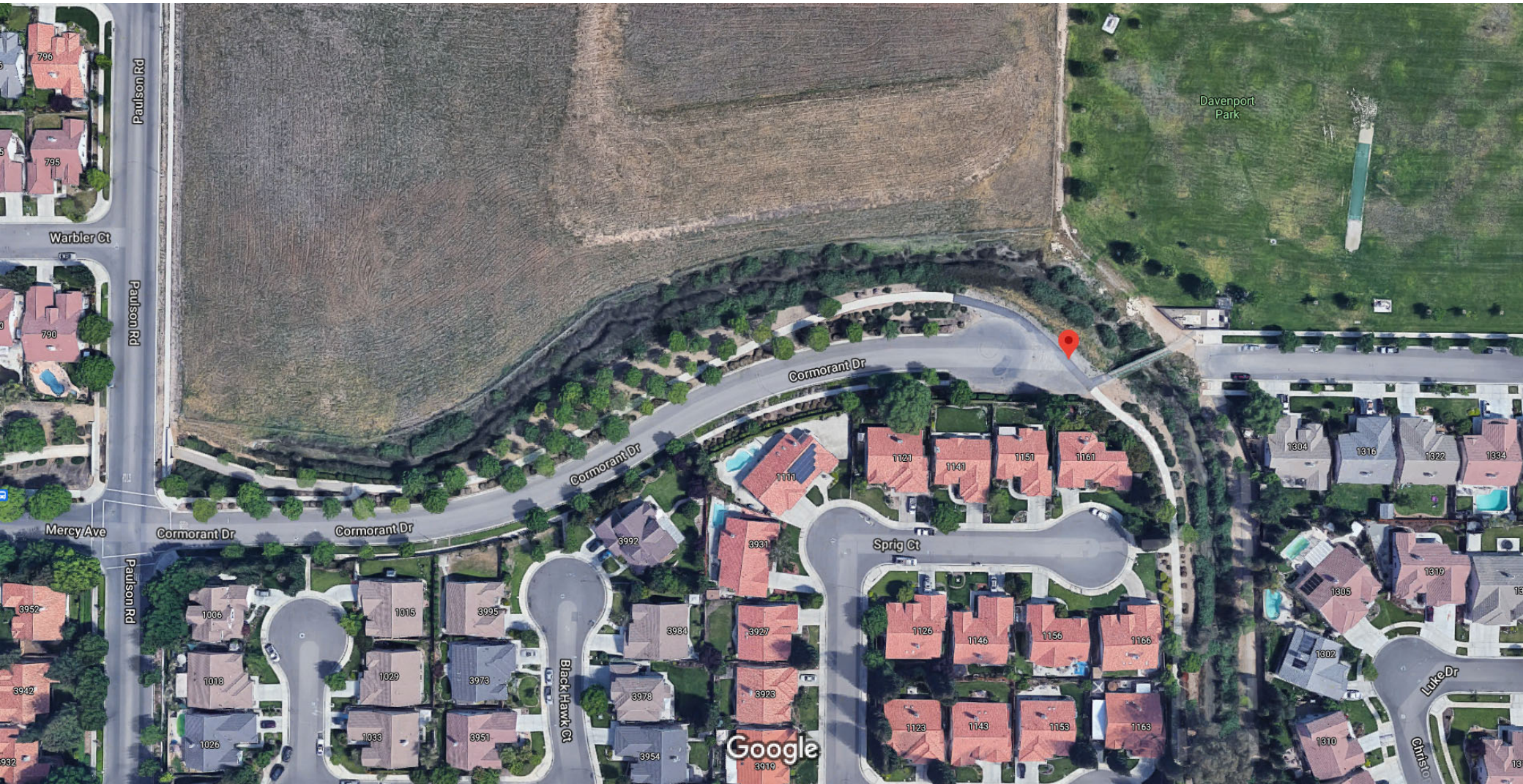
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Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date





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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-013
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 21-013
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Joe Brucia Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4-25-2001

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

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Attached

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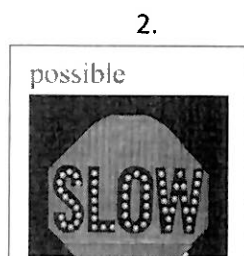
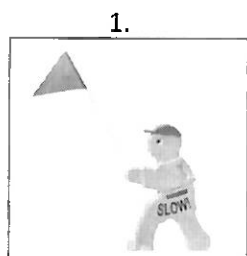
THE SPEEDING PROBLEM AS SEEN FROM MY YARD AT 1959 EL PORTAL DRIVE:

- Speeding on this street has always been a major problem. It got worse when the Moraga/Bright subdivisions were built. The college students living in these subdivisions and others consider, for some unknown reason, our street as a short cut to and from their McKee entrance (*they only have two*). It will get worst when the new nearby college apartments and those planned at McKee are completed. Others just drive fast *with their cell phones to their ear!*
- Some cars and motorcycles drive at approximately 50-55 mph through our curves. Most around 40 mph. Some enjoy dropping beer cans and fast food bags on our street. Worst traffic is morning & late afternoon into evening.
- Many times a car will pass another car or school bus. The worst passes are those that pass on the *inside* of a car (*giving proper signals*) turning into their own driveway!
- With the 18 new houses, the street now has many more young children on the street. This includes my two grandchildren. Also, many teenagers exit onto and ride across the street without stopping from the bike path!
- Walking across the street, *one takes their life in their hands*. You start to walk to the bike path entrance or to the mailbox and all of a sudden a car appears around a curve! 95% will not stop for you. They just drive around you!
- Backing out of a driveway, one often finds a car *all-of-a-sudden* coming around a broad curve (*it wasn't there when you started backing out*).

My past personal attempted solutions and future planned solution:

I have tried two solutions that did work! However, they did not last long! A third is being planned.

- 1 When my grandchildren visited I placed one of those 3ft tall flagged plastic kids holding a flag 4 feet into the street. The little kid has the word "SLOW" on it. *It worked!* However, I have had two stolen!
- 2 I once bought a portable flashing "SLOW" sign. I placed it on a saw horse on the unmaintained parkway strip across from my house..... at the Black Rascal Bike Path entrance. It is the best viewed street location. *It worked!* But I had to recharge those flashing lights nightly! Five days later it was stolen.
- 3 I am now going to try a third solution—a "SLOW" replacement sign on a tall permanent pole that says "SLOW & GEEZER CROSSING" with a picture of an adult with cane. (*I walk with a cane 4x a day across the street to the bike path ...and 4x back*). If I can get a good price for a solar outfit with flashing LED lights... *all the better*. This location can be seen from far away by cars traveling in both directions as the curves are broad.



Better City Solutions

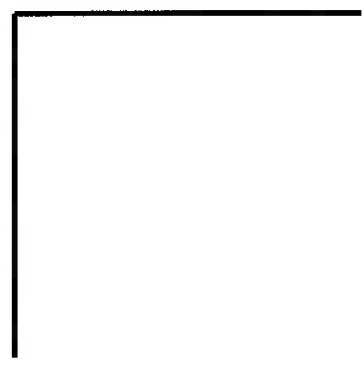
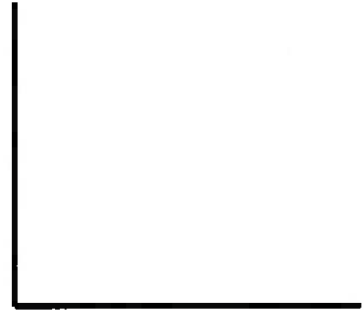
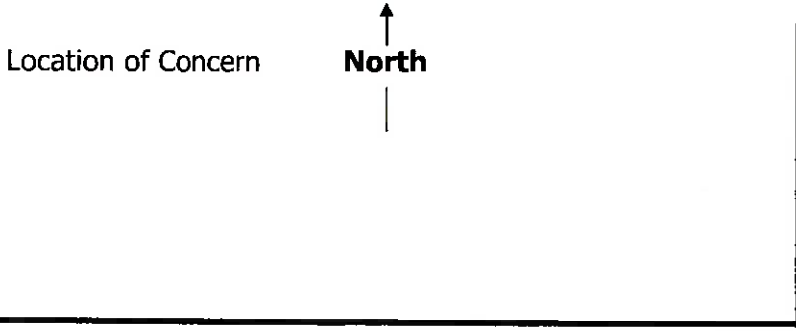
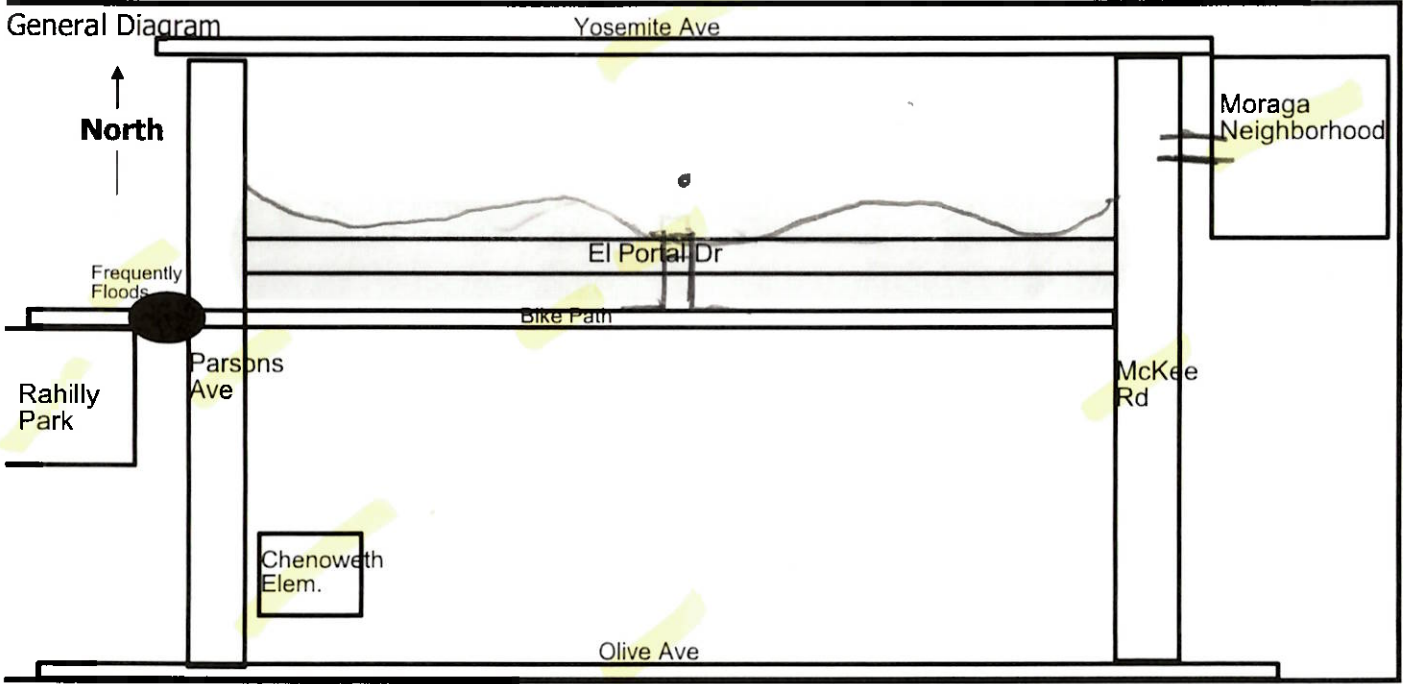


Possible Good City solutions:

- A. I believe there are two possible solutions that could be effective (B & C). More effective if combined.
- B. Narrow the street in spots with two or more chicanes (*similar to Donna Ave between G & Wathen*). (*Putting that little plastic kid temporarily out onto the street seemed to work.*)
- C. At the entrance/exit to the Black Rascal Bike Path, (*which can be seen clearly in both directions*) put up a sign to slow car traffic--"BIKE PATH X-ING" sign, with an added picture and "SLOW," perhaps use solar flashing lights. (*That one at McKee and Silverstone sure works well, even without the lights flashing*)
- D. There are many ideas outlined in the City's 2008 Traffic Calming Booklet that obviously *will not work*. I believe that one idea now used on another part of El Portal Drive (*a double center line*) will only give our curved street a better line for drivers to follow around the four curves.....*kinda like Laquna Seca!*

My name is Joe Brucia. Since 2007 I have lived at the exact middle of the four curved (two "S" curves) El Portal Drive between Parsons and McKee..... I am the former State President of CASCWA (California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare & Attendance) and a district administrator for the Merced High School District. I have been involved in many, many safe-school inspections including facilities, walkways, parking lots and streets.

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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Jose & Mayra Lopez Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 04/27/2021

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

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Speeding is huge problem and there is no good traffic control in the area. We need traffic control and enforcement. Please consider the extraordinary layout of this area. We have a 2 parks, a school and a huge subdivision all within a 1/2 mile radius with 4 main arteries of traffic. We see speeding/racing on Parsons Ave and McKee Rd. Cars regularly pass vehicles at high speeds on El Portal Dr. An additional danger is the regular flooding of the Rahilly Park bikepath bridge. It floods when it rains and pedestrians/cyclists cannot pass through, so they need to dangerously cross above the street that has no traffic control. We need 4-way stop signs, striping of the street, chicanes and other methods to control the speed in the area. The newly implemented 25mph signs is a good start. Please allocate the time and money needed to survey, fund and implement methods of traffic control. Consider the feedback being provided by the community regarding our concerns and experiences with the speed of traffic. We have tried slowing traffic by using safety signs, shouting at drivers and making an example of the speed limits with no avail. We have elderly, children and pets that need safekeeping. We've already had several accidents occur within the past two years. Let's be proactive to avoid fatalities and keep our community safe.

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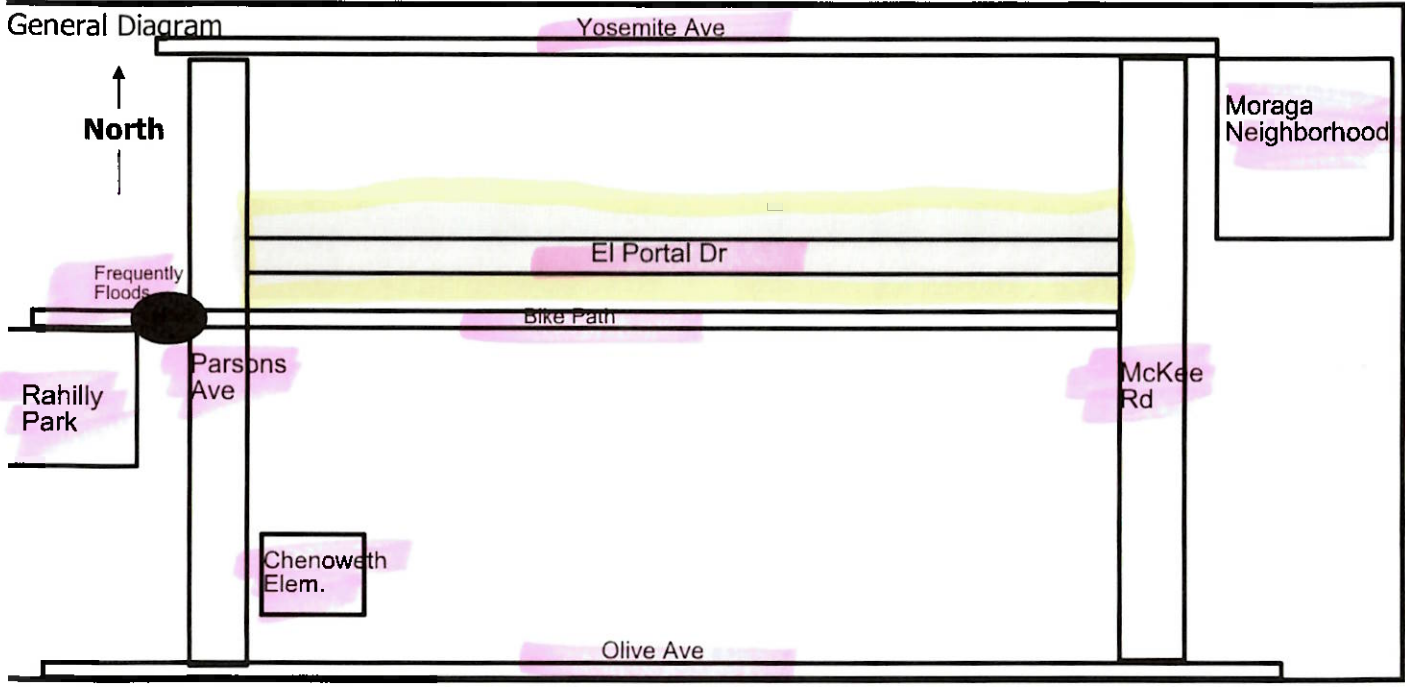
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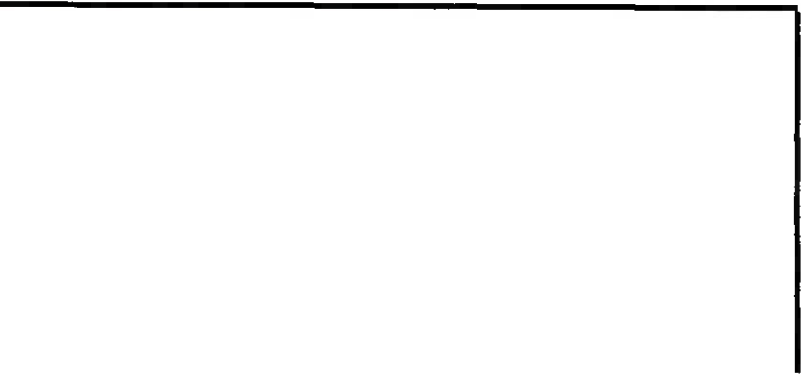
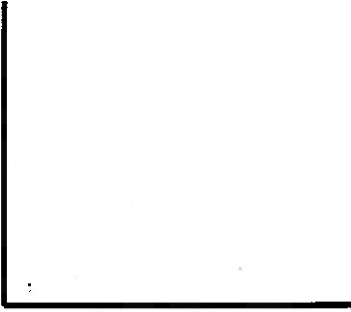
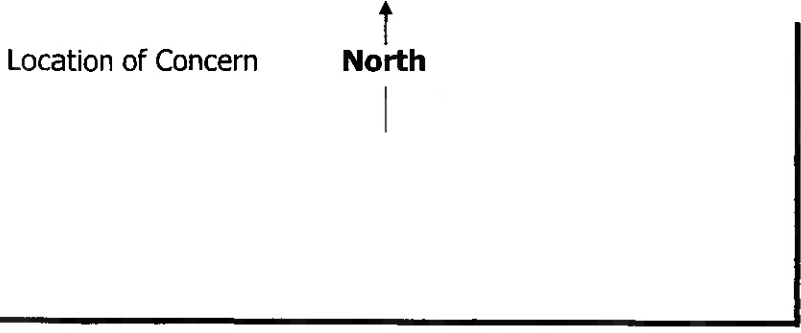
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General Diagram



Location of Concern

North



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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: ROBIN DONOVAN Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/25/21

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

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

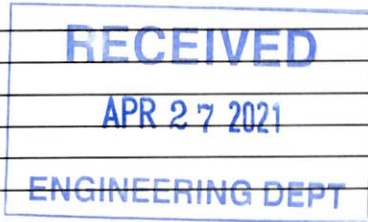
Describe Concerns At This Location:

PEOPLE SPEEDING. NO LAW ENFORCEMENT MONITORING SPEED OF CARS. LOTS OF PEOPLE WALKING AND BIKING IN THIS AREA. SOME ONE IS GOING TO GET HIT IF THE SPEED LIMIT IS NOT ENFORCED

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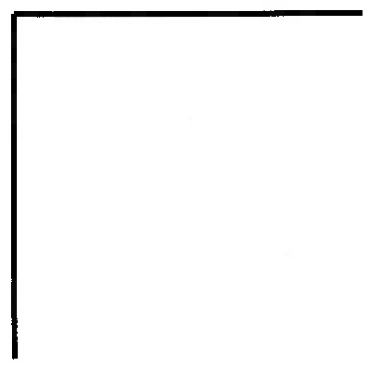
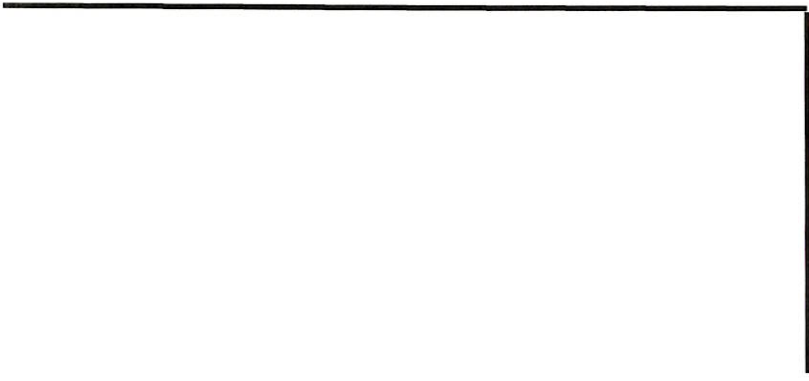
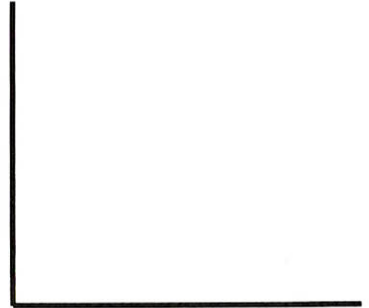
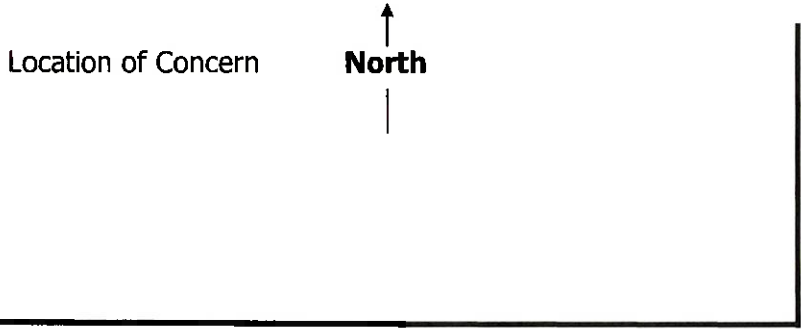
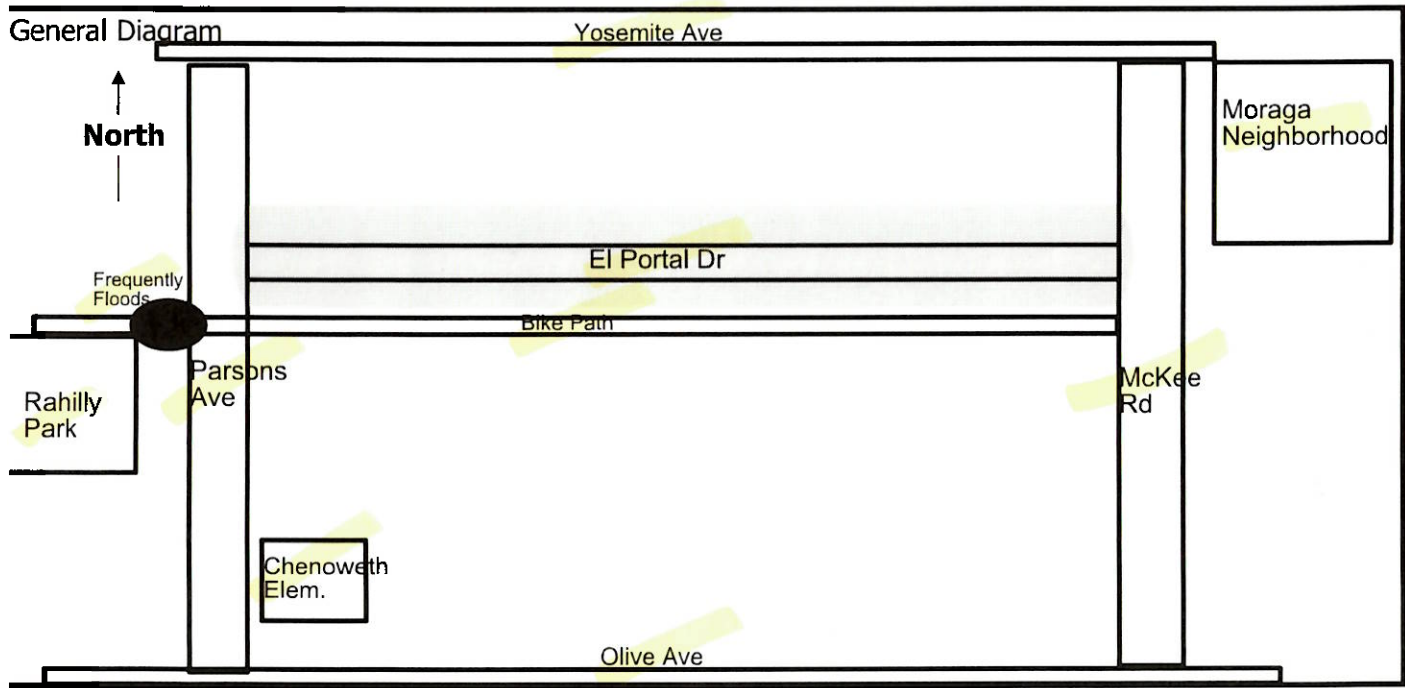
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Jolene Schadler Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/23/21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):
El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:
Speeding cars endanger children and pets. There is no crosswalk at El Portal and Parson for children walking to Chenoweth. Lowering the speed limit from 30 to 25 has had no affect because there is no enforcement.

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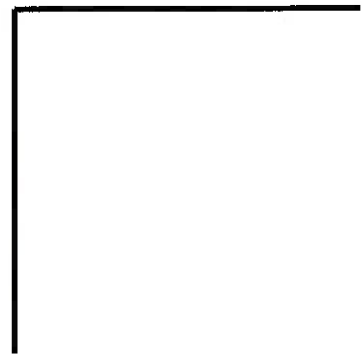
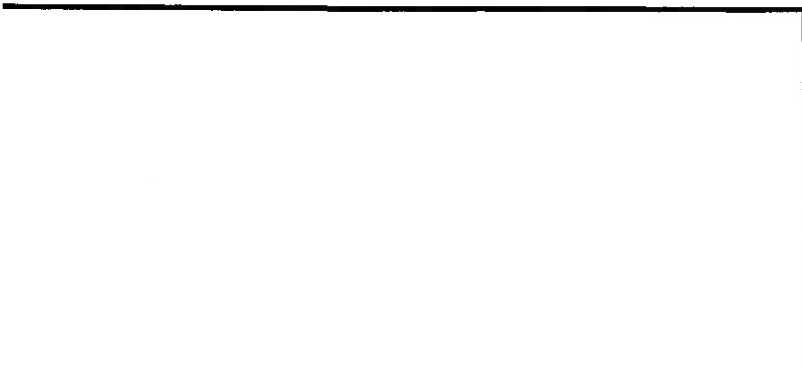
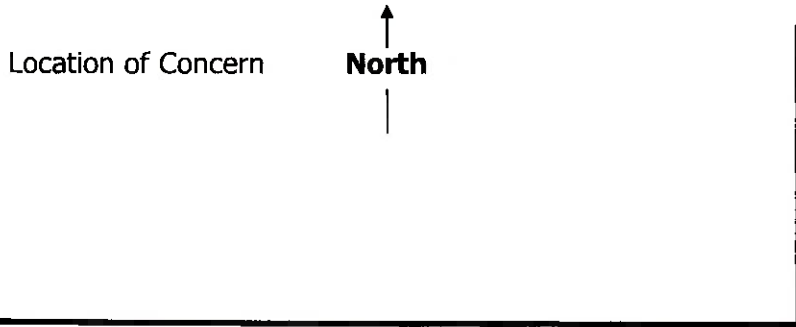
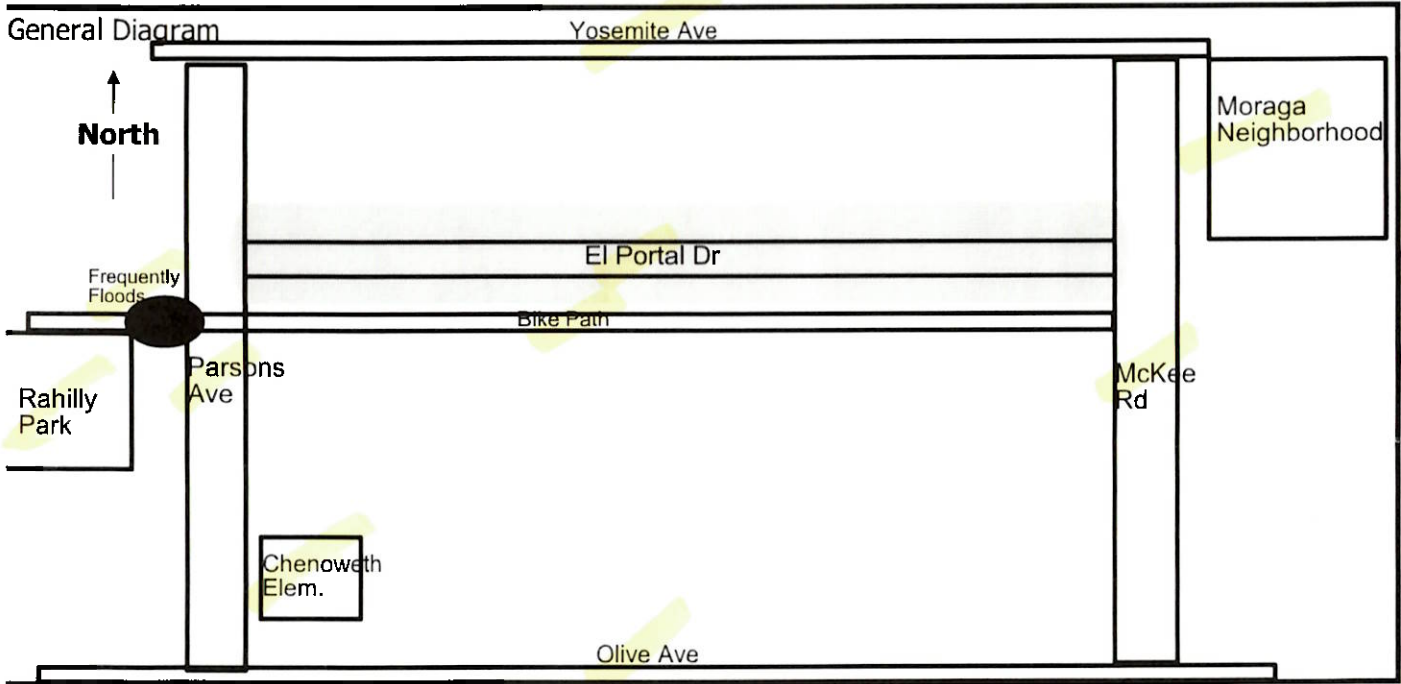
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: LuAnn Parson Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/23/2021

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

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Speed limit was posted for 25 mph. There has not been any enforcement and we continue to have cars speeding in excess of 50 mph. There is still no center line and cars travel down the middle to go faster around the curves.

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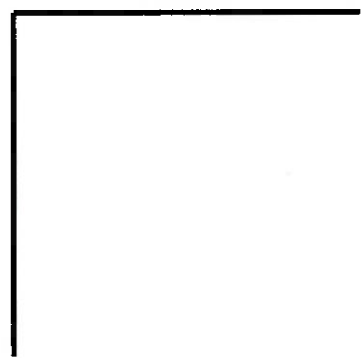
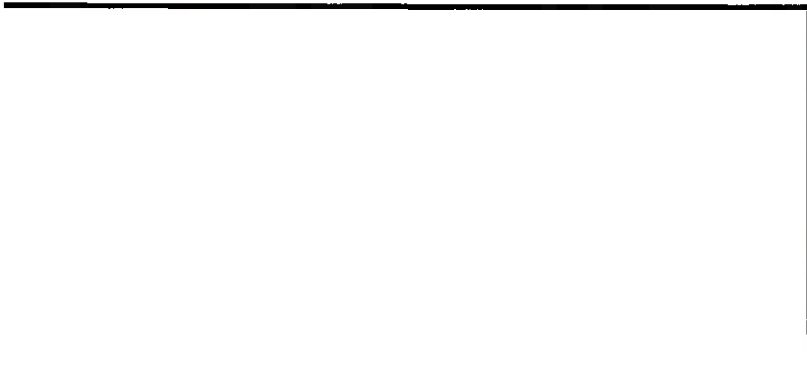
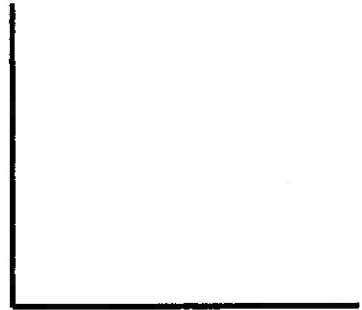
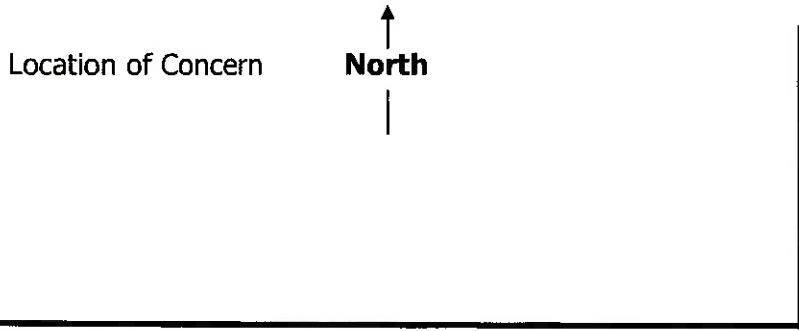
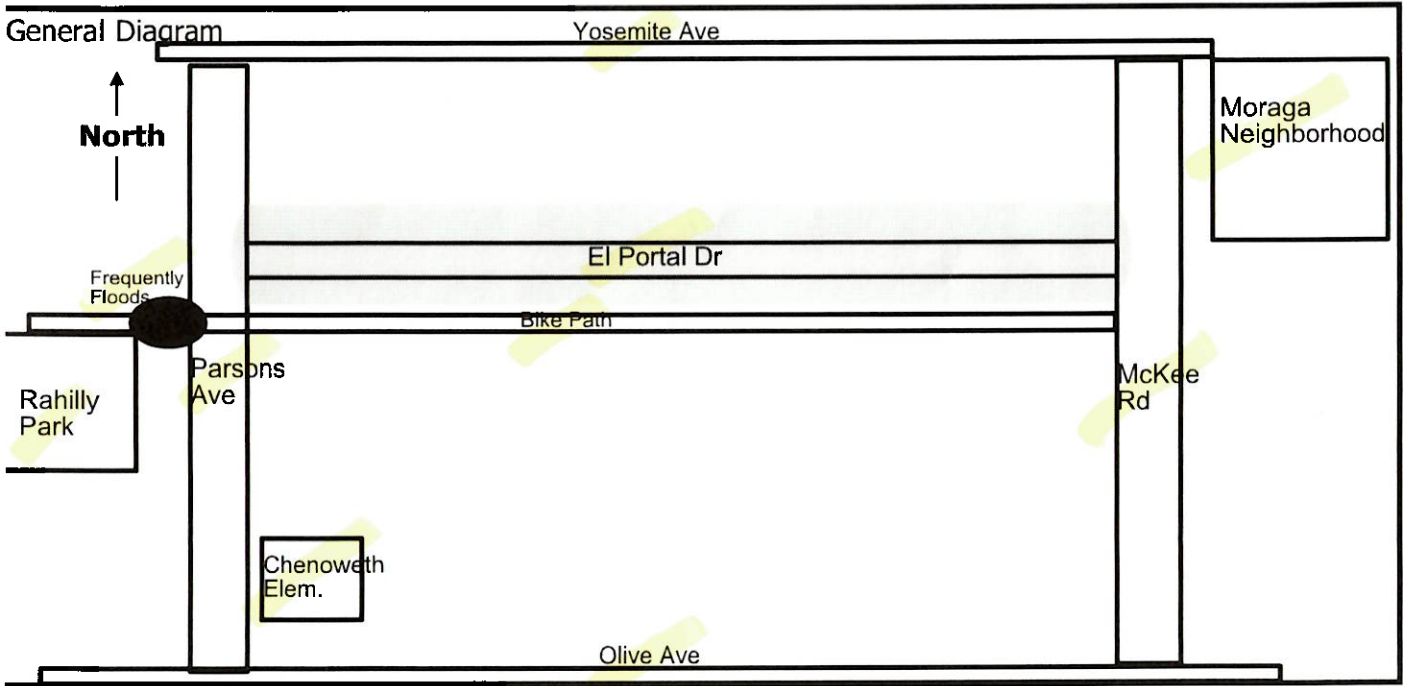
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Eduardo Zamora Sr. Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4-26-21

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):
El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:
Speeders

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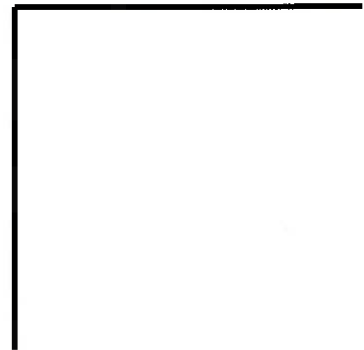
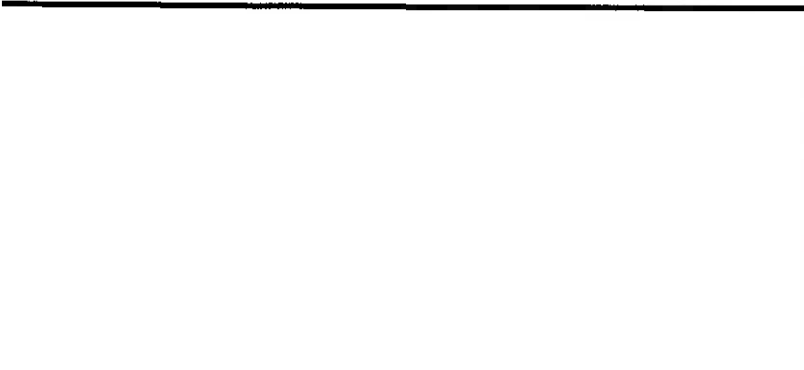
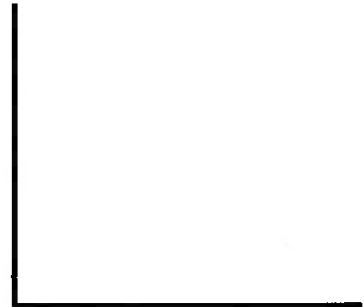
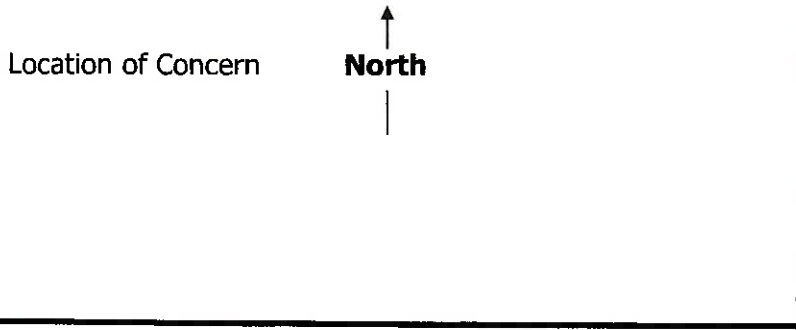
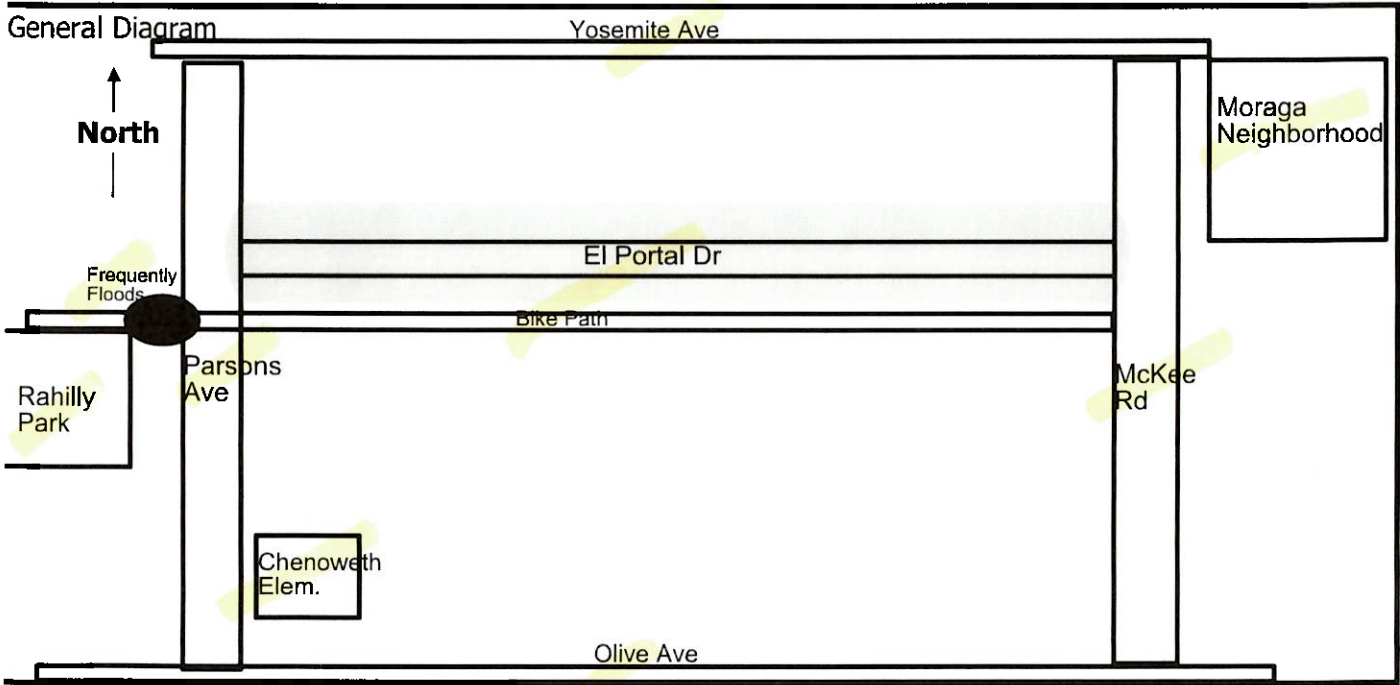
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Ben French Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/26/21

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

El Portal Drive Between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Traffic between McKee & Parsons is constantly travelling over the posted 25mph speed limit. Despite the 25mph now being posted, no enforcement of over-limit speeding is happening. Drivers are constantly driving on both sides of the road & near parked cars because there are no lanes painted on the street.

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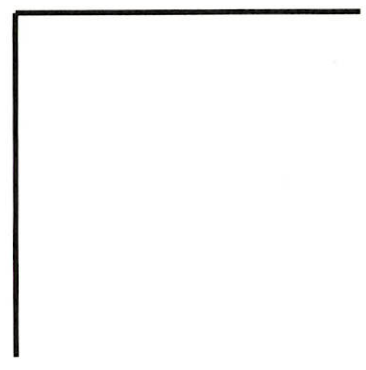
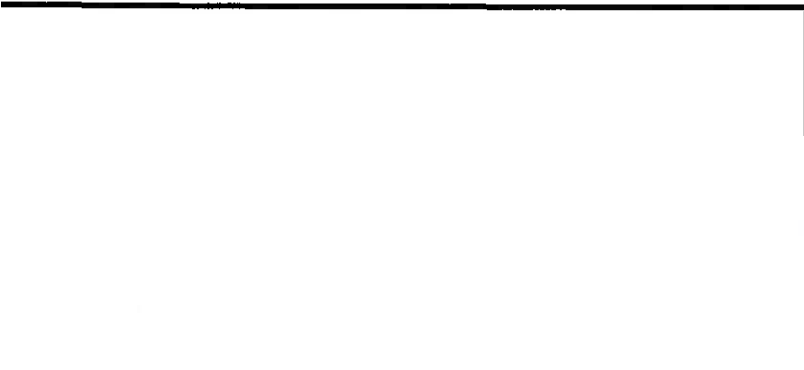
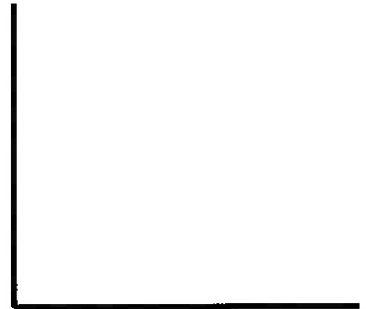
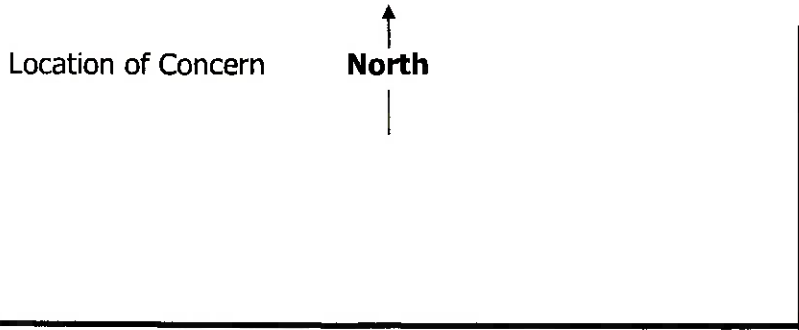
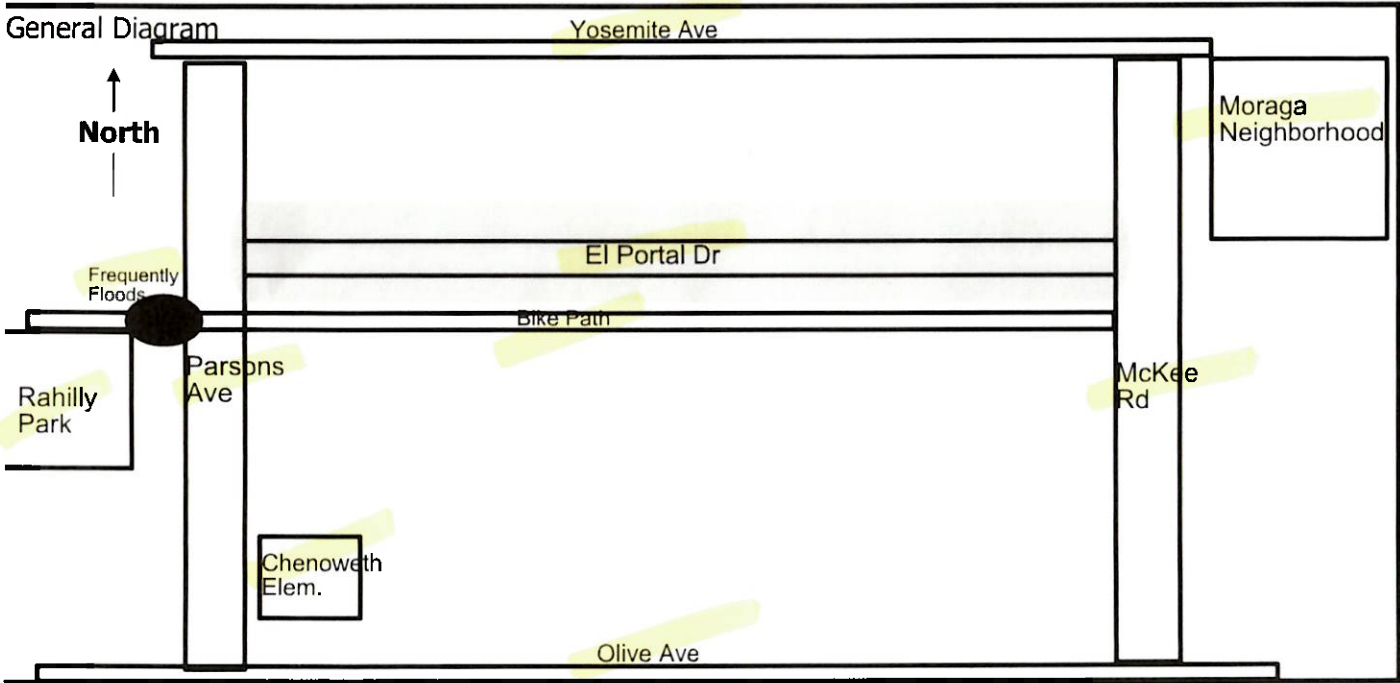
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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Ronald Ringstrom Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/23/2021

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

Roadway between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road on El Portal Drive.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

The speeding continues to be a serious problem on this section of El Portal Drive (all residential). The speed limit has been reduced to 25 MPH, and the signs have been put up at each end of the street. In spite of this, some people are still driving at outrageous speeds (e.g., around 50 MPH). Sometimes they are moving so fast they can barely negotiate the curves. This a dangerous situation. I have not seen any traffic enforcement on this street for at least two months, and I am here most of the time since I am retired. Somebody is going to get killed if some effective prevention measures are not taken. Additionally, I understand the neighbors had asked for the street to be striped to help in keeping people from driving on the wrong side of the street. Please consider these two items again at the next safety committee meeting.

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Agenda Item: F-7
Meeting Date: 5/11/21



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2021

7. SUBJECT: Requesting to Increase the Bus Stop Space on K St. North of 18th Next to the Alley, by Red Curbing the Parking Space Just Behind the Current Red Curb to Prevent Vehicles from Parking So Close to The Actual Bus Stop (Christine Chavez)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states vehicles are parking so close to the bus stop, it makes it difficult for the bus drivers to pull in, and the extra curb/sidewalk is needed for the passengers boarding through the rear doors.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #21-014
2. Location Map

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Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Christine Chavez Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4/27/21

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

K Street, North of 18th Street, before the mid-block alley on the east side of the road (MCAG/TJPA Offices)

Describe Concerns At This Location:

The Bus stops 50 times a day at the bus stop currently located on K Street, north of 18th Street. There is approximately 1.5 parking spaces available for buses to approach and arrive at the bus stop. The request is to increase the bus stop space by red curbing the parking space just behind the current red curb to prevent vehicles from parking so close to the actual bus stop. This extra parking space would allow for all 50 stops the bus makes on a regular weekday to be done so with ease, and without concern for clipping a car, or with the bus tail sticking out into the lane of traffic. If it is possible to extend the curb/sidewalk so that passengers boarding through rear doors have concrete to walk on, and so that buses are not blocking the alleyway when waiting at the stop.

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Street View

