



CITY OF MERCED

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Civic Center, 2nd Floor, City Council Chambers
678 West 18th Street, Merced CA 95340
(www.cityofmerced.org)

WELCOME TO YOUR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Regular Session at 2:00 p.m.

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MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Traffic Committee are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right-hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Traffic Committee Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Members of the public who wish to speak on a Business Item may speak during that portion of the meeting and will be allotted 3 minutes.

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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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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**

At this time, audience members who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda, please identify yourself and city of residence, and if you intend on using technology for your presentation please leave a copy for the record.

Committee will not take action on an item that is brought to their attention at this meeting. If it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or listed on the next Traffic Committee agenda.

Members of the public who wish to speak will be allotted 3 minutes. Avoid repeating what previous speakers have said. If two or more individuals are present as a group and wish to speak on one side of an issue, please select a single spokesperson to present your views.

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 May 10, 2022

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.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #22-011 – Requesting Red Curbing Along Approximately 20 Feet of the Northeast Part of Buena Vista Drive, Proximal to San Lorenzo Way (Lee Pevsner)

(Citizen states when they have frisbee golf activities on the weekend, cars often park right up to the corner of Buena Vista Drive and San Lorenzo Way. This obscures the visibility of anyone wanting to turn left onto Buena Vista Drive from San Lorenzo Way. Citizen is requesting that the curb be painted red on Buena Vista Drive in order to make this intersection safer.)

2. Request #22-012 – Requesting Stop Signs at the Intersection of 20th Street and T Street (Dan Cresci)

(Citizen is requesting to add stop signs on 20th Street and T Street in the north and south direction to slow traffic down.)

3. Request #22-013 – Requesting No Parking Signs on Whitewater Way Between Explorador Drive and Vaca Way (Dan Hicks)

(Citizen states Whitewater has No Stopping Fire Lane signs on both sides except for the section between Explorador Drive and Vaca Way. This side of the block is regularly used for street parking effectively reducing Whitewater Way to a single lane creating bottlenecks early in the morning and when people are returning home in the evening)

4. Request #22-014 – Requesting a 3-Way Stop at the Intersection of Whitewater Way and Mariner Way (Robert Yuen)

(Citizen states when traveling westbound on Mariner Way, it is near to impossible to see the oncoming traffic from the right on Whitewater Way. During heavy usage it is extremely dangerous because of the children that cross this street as well combined with the excessive speed through this intersection.)

5. Request #22-015 – Requesting a Review for Any Possible Enhancements for Safety at the Intersection of East 15th Street and D Street (Darlene Ingersoll)

(Citizen states there are frequent near miss accidents at this intersection and there isn't a stop sign on D St. heading south to the intersection of 15th Street. There is one east and west on 15h Street and at the entrance to the Merced County Warehouse Facility. Maybe make this intersection a 4-way stop.)

6. Request #22-016 – Requesting a Centerline Strip Be Painted on 15th Street from R Street to B Street (Corey Plagenza)

(Citizen states there is no centerline striping on 15th Street between R Street and B Street. With increased traffic and truck parking, vehicles are put into a head on conflict.)

7. Request #22-017 – Requesting to Have a Stop Sign Added at a Convenient Corner to Make Vehicles Slow Down, and Add a Speed Meter or More Patrolling to Prevent High Speed and Future Accidents (Cesar De Alba)

(Citizen states assigned speed limit is too high and poor planning of traffic control. No crosswalks or stops between G Street and Parson Avenue which makes most of the vehicles exceed the posted speed limit of 40 and have been the cause of more accidents after the one that affected his vehicle and home.)

G. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Item: D-1
Meeting Date: 7/12/22



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Minutes of May 10, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of May 10, 2022

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 10, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Joe Cardoso, Chairperson Designee
Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Public Works Designee
Derek Parker, Fire Chief
Nathan McKinnon, Police Chief Designee

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of March 8, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend, approve, and file.

Hren Moved, Olmos Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker, Nathan McKinnon

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

None

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #22-002 (from 3/8/22 Meeting)– Recreational vehicles being parked on the city streets (Wes Unruh)

(Citizen states recreational vehicles are being parked on the city's streets moving them every 72 hrs. to circumvent the code) and are causing blite and inviting crime.)

Committee member Officer McKinnon explains the City is having an issue with getting funding to tow RVs. Tow companies accrue substantial costs for the removal, dismantling and disposal of hazardous waste of the RVs, (\$2,500-\$4,000) per occurrence, and they do not get any compensation or reimbursement from the City. The Police department is working on finding a solution to this situation.

MOTION: To continue this item until the Police department has a report on a plan to proceed forward.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker, Nathan McKinnon

2. Request #22-010–Requesting a Walkway at the End of Coppola Ct. (Grace Newman)

(Citizen states she would like a walkway to the M St. sidewalk at the end of Coppola Ct. There is currently a wall there that blocks any pathway towards M St. This would make pedestrian access to public transportation easier and would lower the walking distance for physically disabled pedestrians (like herself) when attempting to access M St. from her home.)

Committee members discuss that this is a request to place public access through private property, we would need approval from the property owners and the committee cannot demand a property owner to allow this access.

MOTION: To deny the request

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Olmos Moved, McKinnon Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Joe Cardoso, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker, Nathan McKinnon

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

By:

Approved:

Nicole Tabares
Administrative Assistant/
Recording Secretary

Michael Beltran
City Engineer/ Chairperson

Agenda Item: E-1
Meeting Date: 7/12/22



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Committee Member Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and File.



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

2. SUBJECT: Request #22-011– Requesting Red Curbing Along Approximately 20 Feet of the Northeast Part of Buena Vista Drive, Proximal to San Lorenzo Way (Lee Pevsner)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states when they have frisbee golf activities on the weekend, cars often park right up to the corner of Buena Vista Drive and San Lorenzo Way. This obscures the visibility of anyone wanting to turn left onto Buena Vista Drive from San Lorenzo Way. Citizen is requesting that the curb be painted red on Buena Vista Drive in order to make this intersection safer.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #22-011
2. 2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 22-011

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Lee Pevsner Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: April 26, 2022

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

Curbing along approximately 20 feet of the Northeast part of Buena Vista Drive, proximal to San Lorenzo Way

Describe Concerns At This Location:

This location is across the street from the Fahrens Park parking lot on Buena Vista Drive.

When they have Fisbee Golf activities on the weekend, cars often park right up to the corner of Buena Vista Drive and San Lorenzo Way. This obscures the visibility of anyone wanting to turn left onto Buena Vista Drive from San Lorenzo Way.

I almost had an accident about two weeks ago. I am requesting that the curb be painted red in order to make this intersection safer.



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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

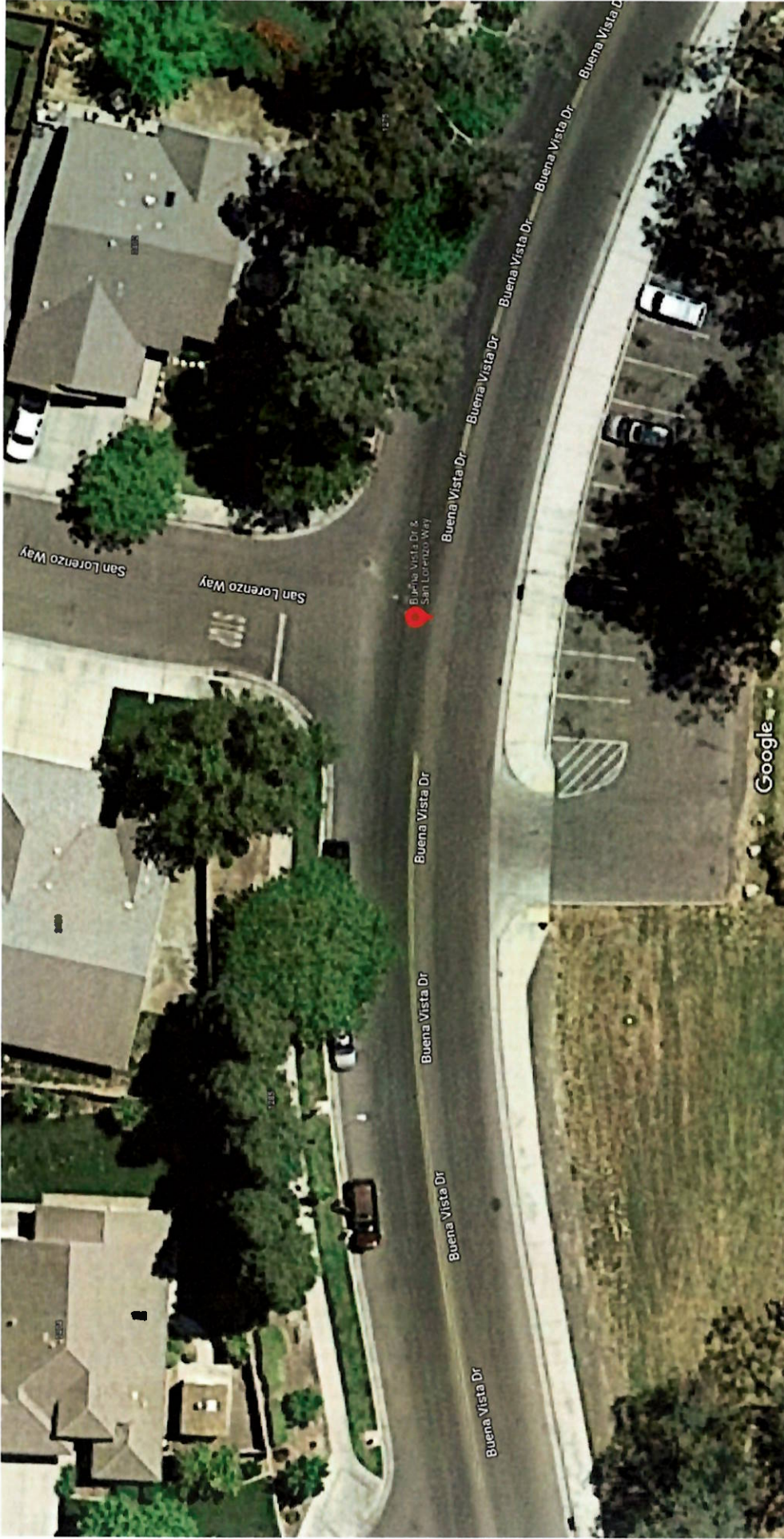


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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

2. SUBJECT: Request #22-012 – Requesting Stop Signs at the Intersection of 20th Street and T Street (Dan Cresci)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen is requesting to add stop signs on 20th Street and T Street in the north and south direction to slow traffic down.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #22-012
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 22-012

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Dan Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 4-27-22

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

20th & F St.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Slow traffic down on 20th St. Stop signs needed @
N/S intersection

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Field Inspection Results: _____

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Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee _____

Date _____

DIAGRAMS

General Diagram



Location of Concern



T St.

Stop signs already in place
on T St.

10 20th St.



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

2. SUBJECT: Request #22-013 – Requesting No Parking Signs on Whitewater Way Between Explorador Drive and Vaca Way (Dan Hicks)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states Whitewater has No Stopping Fire Lane signs on both sides except for the section between Explorador Drive and Vaca Way. This side of the block is regularly used for street parking effectively reducing Whitewater Way to a single lane creating bottlenecks early in the morning and when people are returning home in the evening.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #22-013
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 22-013

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Dan Hicks Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 9 May 2022

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

Northernmost block of Whitewater Way, immediately south of the intersection with Explorador Drive. On the attached map, blue indicates the area of concern. Red highlights indicate sections of Whitewater with parking restrictions. Attached photo shows the area of concern on 8 May 2022 at 5pm.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

Whitewater Way runs north-south on the west end of this development, providing a primary access route. North of the intersection with Pacheco Drive it narrows significantly, to only about 20 feet wide. This makes it a two-lane street with no space for street parking, especially when encountering delivery vans or other larger vehicles. For most of its length, Whitewater has No Stopping: Fire Lane signs on both sides. However, on the northernmost block between Vaca Way and Explorador Drive, the east side of the street does not have parking restrictions (other than a fire hydrant near the corner with Vaca). Consequently, this side of the block is regularly used for street parking, effectively reducing Whitewater Way to a single lane. This can create bottlenecks early in the morning and when people are returning home in the evening, and can lead to very tight turns if garbage cans are out for pickup on Explorador. If there were a fire on Explorador, I'm not sure whether a ladder truck from the McKee fire station would be able to navigate the north end of Whitewater Way.

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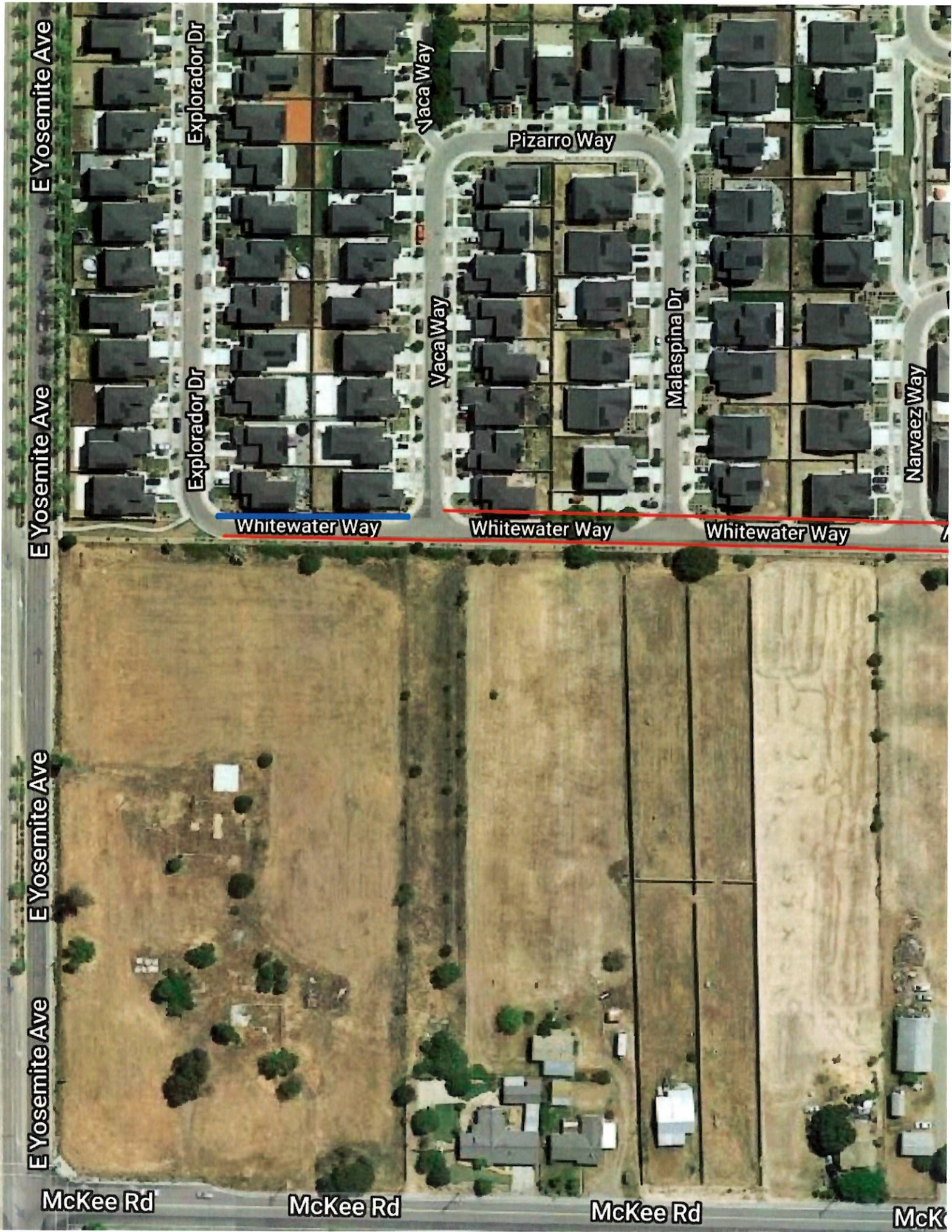
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Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date





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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

2. SUBJECT: Request #22-014 – Requesting a 3-Way Stop at the Intersection of Whitewater Way and Mariner Way (Robert Yuen)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states when traveling westbound on Mariner Way, it is near to impossible to see the oncoming traffic from the right on Whitewater Way. During heavy usage it is extremely dangerous because of the children that cross this street as well combined with the excessive speed through this intersection.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #22-014
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 22-014

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Robert Yuen Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 5/13/2022

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

Intersection of Mariner Way and Whitewater Way.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

When traveling Westbound on Mariner Way, it is nearly impossible to see the oncoming traffic from the right (southbound) on Whitewater Way when there are vehicles parked on the east side of the Whitewater Way. During heavy usage such as 8 am and afternoons, it makes it extremely dangerous because of the children that cross this street as well. To compound these problems, vehicles going to or coming from the Moraga subdivision on Whitewater Way speed excessively through this intersection. I am asking to see if this intersection could become an all way (3-way) stop before there are accidents including pedestrians. Because of the curvature of Whitewater Way, north of the intersection, it makes seeing any traffic near to impossible.

Included on map are red "x" to suggest stop signs. Red arrow represents the traffic in excess of allowed speed and which also can not be seen by traffic represented by blue arrow.

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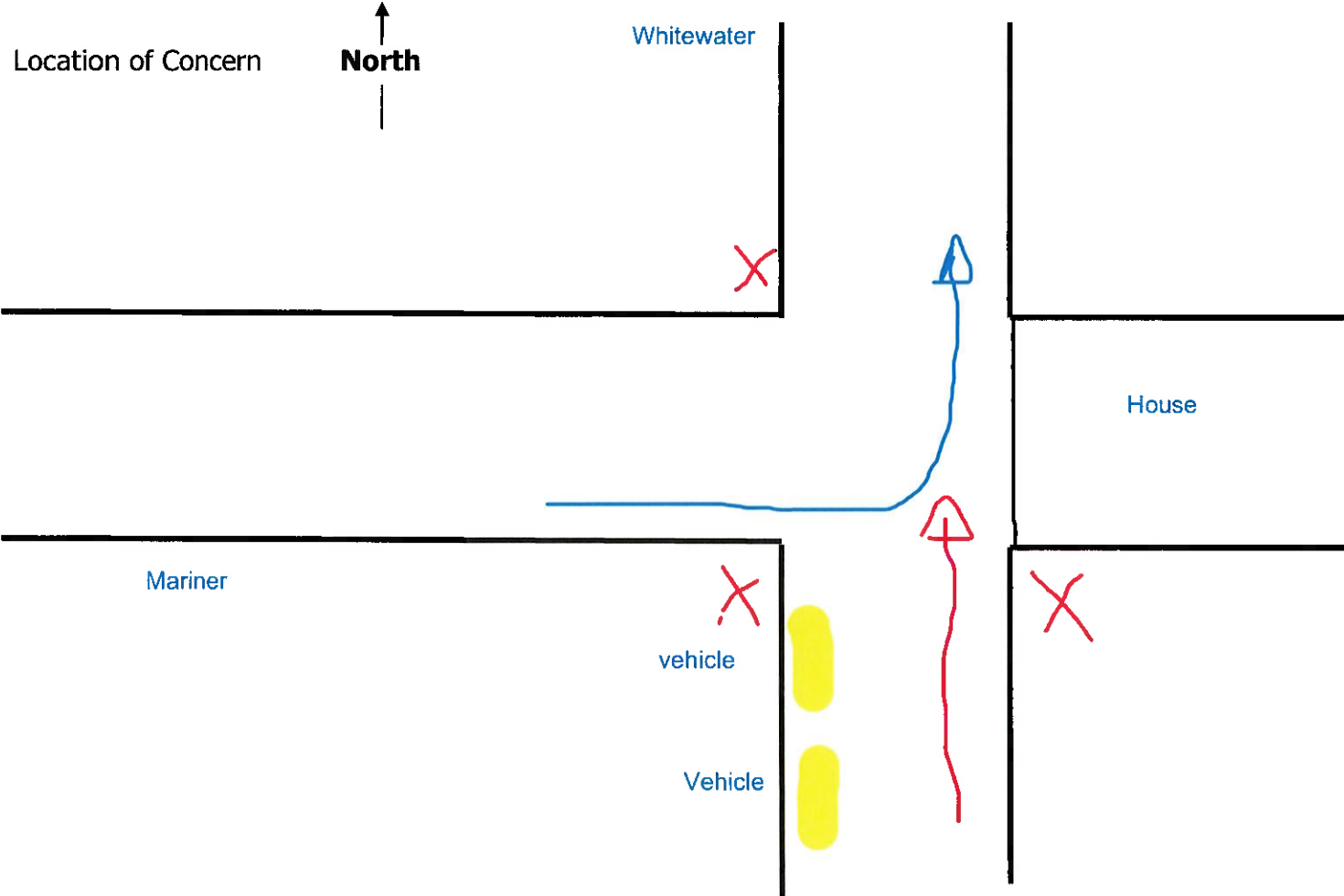
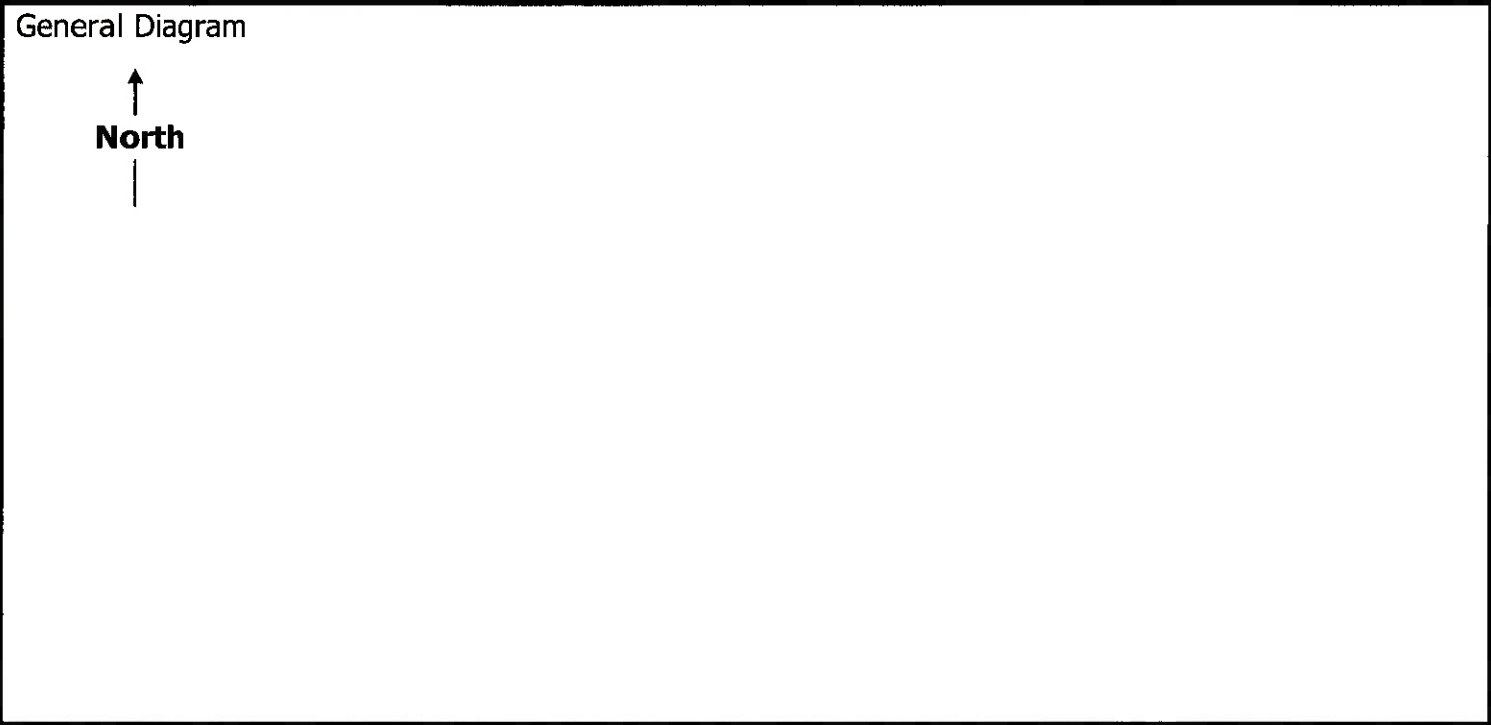




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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2022

2. SUBJECT: Request #22-015 – Requesting a Review for Any Possible Enhancements for Safety at the Intersection of East 15th Street and D Street (Darlene Ingersoll)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there are frequent near miss accidents at this intersection and there isn't a stop sign on D St. heading south to the intersection of 15th Street. There is one east and west on 15h Street and at the entrance to the Merced County Warehouse Facility. Maybe make this intersection a 4-way stop.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #22-015
2. Location Map

City of Merced

RQ#: 22-015

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Darlene Ingersoll- Merced County Registrar of Voters Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 05/17/22

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

Intersection of D Street and E. 15th Street- Merced.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

This intersection is a safety concern and would like to request a review for any possible enhancements for safety. There are frequent near miss accidents. There are stop signs on E. 15th St. (East and West) but not a stop sign on D St. heading South to the intersection with E. 15th St. There is a stop sign at the Merced County Warehouse facility located at 250 E. 15th St. heading North out of the parking lot. So, traffic heading South on D Street that intersects with E. 15th St. doesn't have a stop sign. Maybe there needs to be larger signs or enhancements for public safety? Or make a 4-way stop intersection? Our department frequently uses this intersection along with delivery vehicles entering the Merced County Warehouse facility. Therefore, there is first hand knowledge of this intersection.

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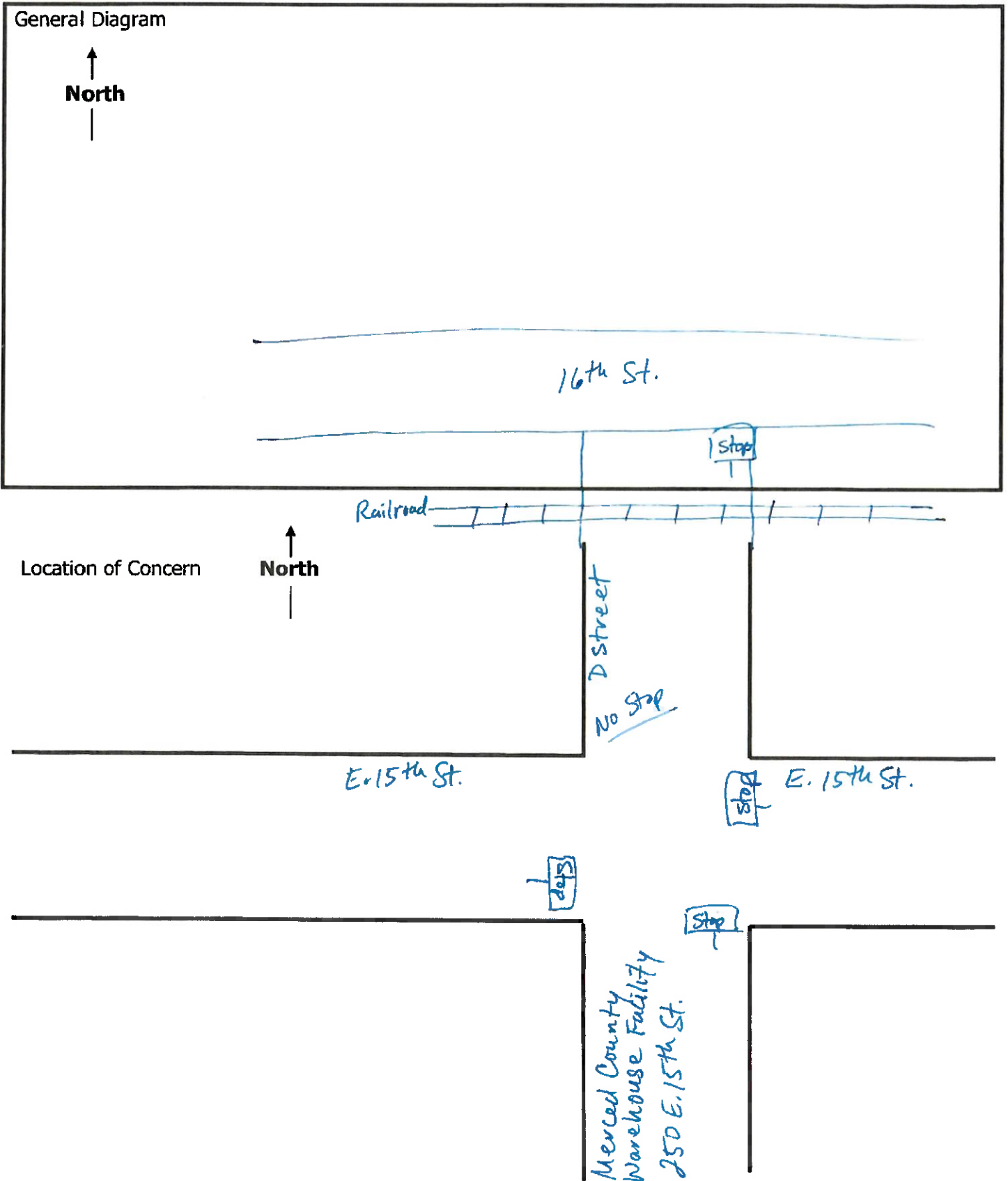




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REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states there is no centerline striping on 15th Street between R Street and B Street. With increased traffic and truck parking, vehicles are put into a head on conflict.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #22-016

City of Merced

RQ#: 22-016

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Corey Plagenza Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 05/26/22

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

15th st from Rst to Bst

Describe Concerns At This Location:

there is no centerline on 15th st with the increased traffic and truck parking vehicals are put into head on conflict

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Field Inspection Results: _____



Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date



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REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizen states assigned speed limit is too high and poor planning of traffic control. No crosswalks or stops between G Street and Parson Avenue which makes most of the vehicles exceed the posted speed limit of 40 and have been the cause of more accidents after the one that affected his vehicle and home.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request #22-017

City of Merced

RQ#: 22-017

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: CESAR DE ALBA Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: _____

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 5-16-22

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

BETWEEN G ST. AND PARSONS AVE. ON OLIVE AVE.

Describe Concerns At This Location: _____

ASSIGNED SPEED LIMIT IS TOO HIGH & POOR PLANING OF TRAFFIC CONTROL. NO CROSSWALKS OR STOPS BEWTWEEN G ST & PARSON AVE, (APPROX. 1.2 MILES) WHICH MAKES MOST OF THE VEHICLES EXCEED THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 40 AND HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF MORE ACCIDENTS AFTER THE ONE THAT AFFECTED MY VEHICLE & HOME. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK TO HAVE A STOP ADDED AT A CONVENIENT CORNER TO MAKE VEHICLES SLOW DOWN AND ALSO A SPEED METER OR MORE PATROLLING TO PREVENT HIGH SPEED AND FUTURE ACCIDENTS.

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