

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 8**

**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (08/17/2022 - ADOPT  
RECOMMENDATIONS; 08/31/2022 - SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE)  
(DISTRICTS: 2 & 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) is part of the Department of Public Works (DPW) traffic engineering program. TAC was established by the Board of Supervisors (Board) in the 1960s to provide traffic regulations and recommendations within the unincorporated areas of the county. To be effective, TAC proposes policies that will enhance safety, reduce congestion and be legally enforceable so that the majority of motorists will comply. The TAC meets every six weeks to review proposed additions, deletions, or changes to regulatory traffic control devices such as speed limits, stop signs, traffic signals, and parking regulations on County of San Diego (County) maintained roads. Upon receipt of a request or recommendation for a traffic regulation in unincorporated areas of the county, the TAC reviews and investigates the requested item, including engineering and traffic condition studies. TAC recommendations are provided to the Board for consideration.

The TAC recommends the Board act on two items from the March 11, 2022, TAC meeting agenda:

| <b>Items from the 03/11/2022 TAC Meeting</b> |             |                                       |  |
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| <b>District</b>                              | <b>Item</b> | <b>Location</b>                       | <b>Action</b>  |
| 2  | 2-A         | Euclid Avenue,<br>Granite Hills       | Recertify the 40 MPH speed limit                       |
| 5  | 5-A*        | Nordahl Road,<br>San Marcos/Escondido | Reduce the 35 MPH speed limit<br>to 30 MPH and certify |

\* Indicates second reading of ordinance is required.

Approval of Item 2-A on Euclid Avenue in Granite Hills and Item 5-A on Nordahl Road in San Marcos/Escondido would support speed enforcement which increases roadway safety and retains an efficient use of roads for the movement of people and goods. Properly posted speed limits provide feedback to drivers to improve traffic safety, reduce the number and severity of collisions, and allow for fair enforcement.

The Board's action on Item 2-A on Euclid Avenue in Granite Hills does not revise the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances and therefore does not require a second reading of an ordinance. Board direction on August 17, 2022, would allow implementation by DPW.

The Board's action on Item 5-A on Nordahl Road in San Marcos/Escondido would introduce an ordinance to amend a speed limit zone. This action would revise County Code and require two steps. On August 17, 2022, the Board would consider the TAC items. If the Board takes action as recommended on August 17, then on August 31, 2022, a second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending County Code would be necessary to implement the Board's direction.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**District 2:**

Item 2-A. Euclid Avenue from the El Cajon city limit (at Granite Hills Drive) to Valley View Boulevard in Granite Hills - Recertify the 40 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.

**District 5:**

Item 5-A. Nordahl Road from the Escondido city limit (near El Norte Parkway) to the San Marcos city limit (at Knob Hill Road) in Escondido/San Marcos - Reduce the existing 35 MPH speed limit to 30 MPH and certify the new speed limit for radar enforcement.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed action involves minor alterations of existing public facilities relating to regulatory traffic control on County maintained roadways, resulting in negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
2. Adopt the Traffic Advisory Committee's recommendations.
3. Approve the introduction, read title, and waive further reading of the following Ordinances:  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 72.161.63. OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE  
RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS IN SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY (Item 5-A).**

If, on August 17, 2022, the Board takes action as recommended, then, on August 31, 2022:

Consider and adopt the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 72.161.63. OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE  
RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
(Item 5-A).**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The review of traffic signs and roadway markings supports vehicle safety on County-maintained roads. The transportation system must be safe for all road users, for all modes of transportation, in all communities, and for people of all incomes, races, ethnicities, ages, and abilities. Understanding travel patterns, where fatal and serious injury crashes are occurring and the disproportionate impacts on certain communities will allow the Department of Public Works (DPW) to identify actions to address the underlying factors and causes and improve safety.

DPW's Local Road Safety Program reviews fatal and severe injury collisions along road segments within the unincorporated areas of the county and utilizes the Healthy Places Index and CalEnviroScreen to ensure underserved populations are prioritized. The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) relies on the Local Road Safety Plan and performs reviews of regulatory traffic control devices such as signs and markings. While adherence to sign and marking standards developed by the California Department of Transportation is crucial to obtaining the compliance of most drivers, the TAC also relies on various community engagement methods such as the Tell Us Now! mobile app, toll-free hotlines, and a customer service request program to intake reports on a wide variety of traffic concerns and ensure the concerns are addressed.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Department of Public Works Road Fund. The funding source is State Highway User Tax Account. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on August 31, 2022.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**

by Andrew Potter