

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
(06/25/2025 - ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING INTRODUCING AN
ORDINANCE; 08/27/2025 - SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE, UNLESS
ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) AND CEQA
EXEMPTION FINDING (DISTRICTS: 2, 3, 4, & 5)**

OVERVIEW

On June 25, 2025 (05), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on August 27, 2025.

The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) supports the Department of Public Works (DPW) traffic engineering program. The TAC was established by the Board of Supervisors (Board) in the 1950s to provide traffic regulations and recommendations within the unincorporated areas of the region. To be effective, the TAC proposes policies that will enhance safety, reduce congestion, and be legally enforceable. The TAC meets every two months 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 the implementation of a traffic safety measure in unincorporated areas, the TAC reviews and investigates the requested item, including engineering and traffic condition studies. The TAC recommendations are provided to the Board for consideration.

The TAC recommends the Board act on nine items from February 7, 2025, TAC meeting agenda:

District. Item	Description
2. 2-A	Single Oak Drive and Rockcrest Road in Lakeside. Review requested by residents. Establish an all-way stop intersection.
2. 2-B	Oro Street and Persimmon Avenue in unincorporated El Cajon. Review requested by residents. Establish an all-way stop intersection.
2. 2-C*	Arnold Way from Harbison Canyon Road to Tavern Road in Alpine. Review requested by DPW staff. Reduce the 40 MPH speed limit to 35 MPH and certify for radar enforcement.
3. 3-A*	Elfin Forest Road from Harmony Grove Road to San Marcos city limit (near Camino Cielo Azul) in Elfin Forest. Review requested by DPW staff. Reduce the 45 MPH speed limit to 40 MPH and certify for radar enforcement.
4. 4-A	Central Avenue and Lamar Street in Spring Valley. Review requested by residents. Establish an all-way stop intersection.
4. 4-B*	Avocado Boulevard from the El Cajon city limit (at Dewitt Court) to Madrid Way in unincorporated El Cajon. Review requested by DPW staff. Reduce the 45 MPH speed limit to 40 MPH and certify for radar enforcement.

5. 5-A	Old Highway 395 and Canonita Drive/Stewart Canyon Road in Monserate. Review requested by residents. Place the intersection on the County's traffic signal list for design and construction.
5. 5-B	Main Avenue and Elder Street in Fallbrook. Review requested by DPW staff. Establish an all-way stop intersection.
5. 5-C	Main Avenue and Ivy Street in Fallbrook. Review requested by DPW staff. Establish an all-way stop intersection.

Approval of Item 2-A on Single Oak Drive and Rockcrest Road in Lakeside (District 2), 2-B on Oro Street and Persimmon Avenue in unincorporated El Cajon (District 2), 4-A on Central Avenue and Lamar Street in Spring Valley (District 4), 5-B on Main Avenue and Elder Street in Fallbrook (District 5), and 5-C on Main Avenue and Ivy Street in Fallbrook (District 5) would enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists by assigning a full stop to all vehicles approaching the intersections. Properly posted intersection stop controls reduce the number and severity of collisions by assuring reasonable drivers enter intersections at a low speed and have more time to take heed of the traffic situation.

Approval of Items 2-C on Arnold Way in Alpine (District 2), 3-A on Elfin Forest Road in Elfin Forest (District 3), and 4-B on Avocado Boulevard in Mount Helix/Calavo Gardens (District 4) would support speed enforcement which enhances roadway safety. Properly posted speed limits inform drivers on safe speeds, reduce the number and severity of collisions, and allow for enforcement.

Approval of Item 5-A on Old Highway 398 and Canonita Drive/Stewart Canyon Road in Monserate (District 5) will add the intersection to the County's traffic signal installation or modification list. The County's Traffic Signal List allows staff to seek funding for subsequent design and construction. Traffic control signals will provide safety enhancement measures for pedestrians, bicyclists, and all other road users. Properly designed traffic control signals help manage intersections safely and efficiently by coordinating vehicle and pedestrian movement.

The Board's action on Items 2-A on Single Oak Drive and Rockcrest Road in Lakeside (District 2), 2-B on Oro Street and Persimmon Avenue in unincorporated El Cajon (District 2), 4-A on Central Avenue and Lamar Street in Spring Valley (District 4), 5-B Main Avenue and Elder Street in Fallbrook (District 5), and 5-C Main Avenue and Ivy Street in Fallbrook (District 5) does not revise the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances (County Code) and therefore does not require a second reading of an ordinance. Board direction on June 25, 2025 would allow implementation by DPW.

The Board's action on Items 2-C on Arnold Way in Alpine (District 2), 3-A on Elfin Forest Road in Elfin Forest (District 3), and 4-B on Avocado Boulevard in Mount Helix/Calavo Gardens (District 4) would introduce an ordinance to amend speed limit zones. This action would revise the County Code and requires two steps. On June 25, 2025, the Board will consider the TAC items. If the Board takes action as recommended on June 25, then on August 27, 2025, a second reading and adoption of ordinances amending the County Code would be necessary to implement the Board's direction. If the proposed ordinance is altered on August 27, 2025, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

District 2:

Item 2-A. Single Oak Drive and Rockcrest Road in Lakeside - Establish an all-way stop intersection.

Item 2-B. Oro Street and Persimmon Avenue in unincorporated El Cajon - Establish an all-way stop intersection.

Item 2-C. Arnold Way from Harbison Canyon Road to Tavern Road in Alpine - Reduce the 40 MPH speed limit to 35 MPH and certify the speed limit for radar enforcement.

District 3:

Item 3-A. Elfin Forest Road from Harmony Grove Road to the San Marcos city limit (-near Camino Cielo Azul) in Elfin Forest - Reduce the 45 MPH speed limit to 40 MPH and certify the speed limit for radar enforcement.

District 4:

Item 4-A. Central Avenue and Lamar Street - Establish an all-way stop intersection.

Item 4-B. Avocado Boulevard from the El Cajon city limit (at Dewitt Court) to Madrid Way in unincorporated El Cajon - Reduce the 45 MPH speed limit to 40 MPH and certify the 40 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.

District 5:

Item 5-A. Old Highway 395 and Canonita Drive/Stewart Canyon Road in Monserate - Place the intersection on the County's traffic signal list for design and construction.

Item 5-B. Main Avenue and Elder Street in Fallbrook - Establish an all-way stop intersection.

Item 5-C. Main Avenue and Ivy Street in Fallbrook - Establish an all-way stop intersection.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 72.161.45.1., 72.163.21., AND 72.169.98.2. OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (Items 2-C, 3-A, and 4-B).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The review of traffic signs, intersection controls, and roadway markings supports vehicle safety on County of San Diego 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 correctable crashes are occurring, and the disproportionate impacts on certain communities allows the Department of Public Works to identify actions to address the underlying causes, improve safety, and ensure there is justice in the enforcement of traffic regulations.

DPW's Local Roadway Safety Plan reviews correctable collisions along road segments within the unincorporated areas of the region and uses the Healthy Places Index (3.0) and CalEnviroScreen (4.0) to ensure that underserved populations are prioritized. The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) relies on the Local Roadway 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.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions have social, health and well-being, and environmental sustainability benefits. The Traffic Advisory Committee has made addressing sustainability a top priority by partnering with local communities and industry leaders in a public forum every two months to find timely, reasonable, and cost-effective in-road traffic solutions that reduce costly traffic delays, mitigate vehicle idling to reduce emissions, improve fire response times and regional readiness, and ensure justice in enforcement of traffic regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works Road Fund. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$24,542 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 for staff time, materials, and supplies. The funding source is the 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Ordinance No. 10952 (N.S.) entitled: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 72.161.45.1., 72.163.21., AND 72.169.98.2. OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (Items 2-C, 3-A, and 4-B).

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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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

AUGUST 27, 2025