

# CITY OF LAWNSDALE

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of January 19, 2023

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ahmad Ansari, Interim Public Works Director called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. in the Public Works Department Conference Room, 4722 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Lawndale, California.

Committee Members Present: Jared Chavez, Manager of Community Development; Michael Reyes, Director of Municipal Services Supervisor; Ahmad Ansari, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer; Sargent Justin Smith, LASD,

Committee Members absent: None.

Staff Present: Nick Petrevski, Associate Engineer  
Nabi Sidiqi, Assistant Engineer  
Grace Huizar, Administrative Analyst

Public present: Bernadette Suarez, Andrew Blackney, Jessicalina Blackney

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### 3. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

#### A. **Stop Sign Request for north and south bound traffic on Avis Ave. at 145<sup>th</sup> Street**

Nick Petrevski provided an overview of the area stating that there is no stop sign for the north/south direction making it difficult to turn left due to traffic congestion. Nick suggested moving the school loading zone in an effort to reduce the traffic congestion.

Ahmad Ansari physically visited the area and noted that continental crosswalks as well as other safety measures are in place. However, the request is valid, and therefore, a traffic count is required by a Traffic Engineer to perform a warrant study for the installation of a stop sign.

Michael Reyes has received traffic complaints and refers them to the Sheriff's Department.

Jared Chavez requested that alternative methods be researched. Ahmad suggested that adding a continental crosswalk may be a good alternative.

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Motion to implement a Traffic Count Study was made by Michael Reyes and second by Jared Chavez.

### **B. Request for the installation of a Speed Hump on 147<sup>th</sup> Street between Hawthorne Blvd. and Prairie Ave – Speed Concerns**

Ahmad Ansari presented the item in detail by explaining that he personally inspected the location and presented exhibits illustrating the various intersections on 147<sup>th</sup> Street from Hawthorne Blvd to Prairie Ave further stating that Avis Ave. to Larch Ave. is the critical section. Mr. Ansari further explained that 147<sup>th</sup> Street functions as a minor arterial/local collector street, and for that reason speed humps are not the appropriate traffic calming solution. There are other options to consider such as edge striping or rumble strips. Mr. Ansari recommends traffic calming efforts that include the Three E's; Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. The next steps will be to inspect the location to ensure proper signage and consider the possibility of adding continental crosswalks. There is also the possibility of implementing a Lane Diet, which will make the street appear narrower, after a traffic analysis of the average daily vehicles is performed.

Andrew Blackney presented a PowerPoint presentation with photos of 147<sup>th</sup> Street and videos illustrating car donuts, speeding vehicles, and vehicles running through the stop signs. There are frequent street takeovers and burnouts as well. This street has high pedestrian use due to the school nearby. Mr. Blackney was struck by a vehicle in January 2022, causing numerous medical surgeries and great hardship on his family. Mr. Blackney stressed the need for something to be done in an effort to improve safety.

Mr. Reyes stated that traffic enforcement is key. This will have a direct impact on the speeder and it can be implemented immediately.

Sargent Smith stated that 264 citations were issued and 90% of them were for running the stop signs. Additionally, he will assign the motor deputy to monitor this area daily from 8:00 am – 9:00 am and from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. The Sargent requested that calls be made to dispatch every time there is a street takeover or car donuts, The ;more calls they get, the more manpower they can assign to the area.

Ahmad made the Motion to not approve the speed humps, however, to perform a Traffic Study, and determine if additional continental crosswalks, pavement markers, and flashing stop signs should be installed. A close observation will be made into engineering, education, and enforcement for all possible solutions; Michael Reyes seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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## 4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Ahmad Ansari, Interim Public Works Director adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

/s/ Ahmad Ansari

Ahmad Ansari, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attest:

/s/Grace Huizar

Grace Huizar, Administrative Analyst  
Public Works Department