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FINAL Meeting Minutes for
August 18, 2022

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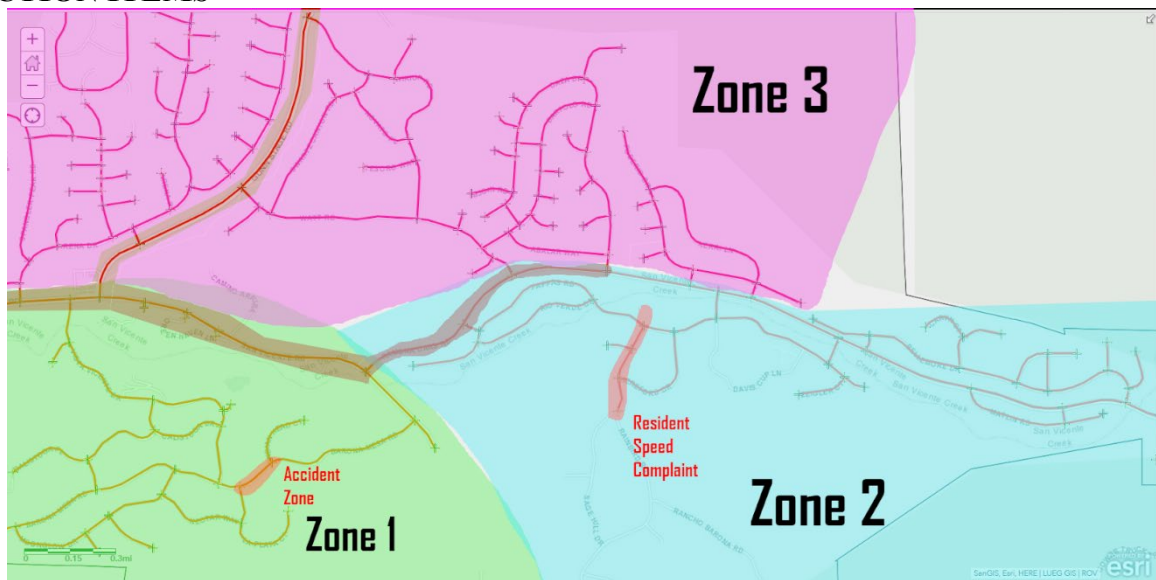
1. **CALL TO ORDER** – meeting called to order by Matt Rains at 7:06pm
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Lynn Hopewell
3. **DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT**
Attendees: Ken Brennecke, Rebecca Geiger, Lynn Hopewell, and Matt Rains
Absent: Dawn Perfect, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson
Consideration Will be Given to Members Who Have Missed Consistently. They Will Be Removed and Will Need to Reapply for Membership.
4. **CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL** of the 7/21/22 meeting minutes – motion made by Matt Rains, 2nd by Lynn Hopewell. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Dawn Perfect, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent).
5. **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**
Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda.
None
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
Matt reviewed plan where resident thought there would be a stop sign. We voted that the County reevaluate. The county will be doing that. Some are still being worked on to be enforced.

6. Updates on concerns and traffic calming for **Zone 1**

a. Calistoga Dr & Vista Vicente Dr



8. ACTION ITEMS



a. Continuation on Zone 3 - (Median Closure and Stop Signs)

1. Stop signs and median closure are required to be delivered together. The county has provided feedback and detailed reasons for median closure including county standards. We need to bring it to the public and see if there is any additional feedback.

Matt Rains said this is for the Arena and San Vicente road closure. This has been going on for some time, short of 8 months discussion. There was a boy skateboarding down the hill at the southeast section of SDCE and was hit and killed (down on Barona Mesa). This sparked a community outcry, petition was signed and brought to our attention. We reached out to the County and people have reached out for traffic calming. The original development was a retirement community with requirements required. It's now a commuter community, with families and children living there. The County made proposals for Zone 1, was approved and went to TAC and they

took care of issues. During that time another resident was killed at Arena Drive and Arena Way, going west where there is no stop sign, a driver ran the stop sign and hit his car and it was a fatality accident. Instead of working on Zone 2 the focus was changed to Zone 3. County didn't want to solve problem in a street by street but thought breaking down in zones would be better for the neighborhoods. Zone 1 was southeast, south of San Vicente Rd., Zone 2 is Ramona Oaks, Watt, and Rainbird, Zone 3 Gunn Stage is everything north and west. Since the second accident the focus was shifted and ultimately they gave us a proposal since January that has some stop signs throughout the area. Matt has some visuals he can share. Matt shared photos on his computer showing stop signs and what County is recommending. Jamie would like to know if they've done an assessment as to how this would affect emergency response. Concerned about the median cutting off response time of emergency vehicles. Matt said County said they'd make median, so it didn't impact emergency vehicles. Resident asked what the time element would be if emergency vehicles made a U-turn. Matt said they would cut the median. Resident said he didn't believe that emergency vehicles would cut the median. Resident said Matt's contention is that an ambulance driver with equipment in back will cut over the median. Residents question is, what do the studies show that to bypass the median and make a U-turn on Gunn Stage and the right on Arena. Matt said the emergency vehicles will cut the median. Resident said it'd be about 70 seconds to bypass the left turn, go to Gunn Stage and make a U-turn to make a right on Arena. Seventy seconds may not seem like a long time, but for someone having a heart attack that 70 seconds is a long time. Another resident said that with his truck he can't make a U-turn. Matt said that they're making the median so emergency vehicles can cross the median. Since there hasn't been an assessment done for emergency vehicles, he can't address that. Matt said the speed bumps has a history. His understanding is that prior to current speed bumps a resident put in the speed bumps and the County came out and repaired. What's County's answer to Arena and going West and East on San Vicente, adding an additional two stop signs, so citizens and residents can still make a turn onto Arena Dr. Matt said we did ask the question, but County said they're collector roads in that people use them to get into and out of an area. Resident asked what can be done to not have a median installed at Arena and San Vicente. Matt suggested reaching out to Joel Anderson who can help them avert the installation of the median. Peggy spoke to Morelli and it was her understanding that there was so much push back that the County was going to cancel that project, putting median in at San Vicente and Arena. Per Peggy, Morelli said another plan had to be made. But then all the engineers left. Matt shared that Joel Anderson can work with the DPW and may be able to make some changes. Matt said the person to contact is Edward Barkley. Charlie Maiaish has lived on Scarberry since 1993, has seen all the history play out. The SDCE community is asking that we put this on hold. Have an entire community come out and hear the assessment so they can decide on an action plan. A resident said she didn't even hear about the Transportation and Trails (TnT) meeting until last night, another resident said the same thing. Another resident stated that there are older residents that live in the area as well. Matt shared that there will be a third ambulance being brought in. Charlie shared that he'd been in two fires and that a median would close down an exit area. Resident shared that she read the January minutes and the primary concern is speed. She doesn't see the correlation between speed and closing off the left turn from San Vicente to Arena. Joe thanked all for coming to meeting after he posted on their community site. He shared that TnT would vote and that it would then go to the Ramona Community Planning Group for a vote. The next step

would be for residents to contact Joel Anderson. The residents can contact DPW, Joel Anderson and others to let them know that a median at San Vicente Rd. and Arena Dr is not a good idea. Matt said that Joe had a lot of good points. Matt asked to take a picture of the room to show how many people attended the meeting regarding this issue. Matt said the risk areas and why it's in red, the areas are similar when they're making a U-turn. You have a left turn from Vista Vicente, opposite of Arena Dr. When brought to county's attention they said that should have been closed off. You have the left turns and right turn onto Gunn Stage. When they did the speed study in the morning less people are going out then the number of people coming in. Their assessment is that people are using their area as a throughfare. They are trying to take that traffic and push it around. When the data was analyzed, and they make them go another way. Matt counted driveways and it's about 101 driveways. If you take 200 additional people x 101 driveways, that puts you into the 1000's of risk. That's why mathematically its reasonable. Resident asked if they talked to people that live in that area. After dropping off daughter she usually goes down Watt. Matt when talking to the public, he's one of the representatives to the County, that's who we are as a group. Peggy heard about little kids. She lives on Arena which is like a freeway, they're making a left and cars are speeding. She has to keep her door closed due to noise, there's a park across street and rarely sees people at it. That's why she got involved. Matt so there's math behind the study. Resident asked how many driveways on Gunn Stage. Matt said the numbers are 2/3'd of volume driving through that should be going down Gunn Stage. You have a few abusing. Resident wants to eliminate the left from San Vicente. Matt the only median affected is the San Vicente Rd-Arena Way median and that's due to the through traffic using Arena Dr. Matt shared that how they do speed limit is take the 80% of speed travelled which could increase the speed on a road. Resident asked if there's a way to access the data. Matt said they can give them their email and he can provide the data to them. Resident asked can someone come and explain what's happening to the residents. Matt said we've done it before and it's possible.

Motion made by Matt Rains to postpone Zone 3 to give community members time to digest the data and give the County time to provide an alternative solution and a solution for Zone 2, 2nd by Lynn Hopewell. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Dawn Perfect, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent).

- b. Zone 2, Ramona Oaks, and San Vicente Rd. (Jackie)



Motion made by Lynn Hopewell to table until the September meeting, 2nd by Ken Brennecke. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Dawn Perfect, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent).

- c. SB 743 & VMT - Working session to plan and understand how Ramona needs to handle this going forward. <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/SB743.html> Matt Rains shared information on what SB 743 and VMT involves. Some community members believe we're being unfairly targeted as we've reduced emissions. Why aren't they scaling this requirement proportionally. Another argument if were a transit destination then it excludes us from VMT. Make Ramona a transit destination which would keep us from being part of the VMT. Ken Brennecke asked who would use mass transit from Ramona since it'd take 2.5 hours to get to Poway. The bus schedules are that they run twice a day.

Matt Rains tabled as no one from public attended. Ken would like more specifics as to what VMT would be applied to.

Motion made by Ken Brennecke to request additional information on how the VMT would apply to our current Form-Based Code specifically, 2nd by Jackie Sedler. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Dawn Perfect, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent).

9. GROUP BUSINESS

Announcements and Correspondence Received - None

Next TAC Meeting is on 9/9/22 at 9am – Matt said nothing on agenda for us. Can log in and listen to what takes place. Engineers make recommendations to project.

10. Concerns of Members

Lynn Hopewell brought up that at 10th and Main St. asphalt has deteriorated and is uneven and at Hwy 78 and Haverford the road way is deteriorating going southbound.

11. Future Agenda Item

VMT moved forward

12. Next Meeting Date 9/22/22

13. ADJOURNMENT – Matt adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm

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