

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2011**

ACTION MINUTES – These minutes are prepared to depict action taken for agenda items presented to the Traffic Safety Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: Police Chief Brizzee called the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting to order at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PRESENT: Mark Fachin, Public Works Director/City Engineer (Public Works Department); Chet Guintini, Fire Chief (Fire Department); Gary Brizzee, Police Chief (Police Department); Paula Fitzgerald, Planning Director (Planning Department); ABSENT: Norm Donovan, Planning Commissioner.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant City Clerk/Human Resources Technician Sousa; Police Officer Bayard; Police Officer Warkentin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Fitzgerald, seconded by Fachin to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Donovan absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Fachin, seconded by Fitzgerald to approve the October 5, 2010 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Donovan absent.

PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY ITEM OF PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY; INCLUDES AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO A FIVE (5) MINUTE PRESENTATION. No one came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAN LUIS STREET AND SNOW GOOSE DRIVE (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 5, 2010). Police Officer Warkentin provided the committee with photographs of the intersection and explained how during a recent traffic study it was evident that southbound traffic on SnowGoose did not have a clear view of oncoming east/westbound traffic on San Luis Street; he also noted there are painted crosswalks at this intersection where the proposed stop signs would be installed.

Motion by Fachin, seconded by Guintini to install stop signs on San Luis Street east and west bound to create a 4-way stop and to also add appropriate signage. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Donovan absent.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INTERSECTION OF B STREET AND PLACE ROAD.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin explained that crosswalks are not allowed to lead pedestrians onto a non-landing area, how currently there are three corners of this intersection that are not developed and the City does not have funding to develop these corners, explained that at the present time the stop signs are adequate controls for this intersection and that he and the Police Chief will be looking into possible funding through the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. Police Chief Brizzee stated he was recently made aware of a possible safety hazard which includes City trees near the stop light adjacent to the Panda Express building on Highway 152 and that he would soon be contacting CalTrans regarding the issue.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Gary Brizzee
Gary Brizzee, Chairman

ATTEST:

/ s / Jana R. Sousa
Jana R. Sousa, Assistant City Clerk