

Roads Advisory Committee Meeting
January 6, 2020
Summary

The Roads Advisory Committee had a traffic calming discussion item on their agenda at their January 6, 2020 meeting. The Committee's traffic calming discussion included the following:

- The direction provided by the City Council to place Stop signs at the intersections of Reposado Drive/Hacienda Road and Avocado Crest Road/Hacienda Road. City staff can place the Stop signs and appropriate striping at Reposado, but not on Avocado Crest. Los Angeles County owns the northbound lane of Hacienda Road from the area in front of City Hall to the middle of Avocado Crest. Los Angeles County also owns the eastbound lane of Avocado Crest. Due to the ownership of the road, the City is not able to place a Stop sign in the County's jurisdiction. Staff met with LA County representatives and requested the Stop sign at the intersection, but due to a study conducted for placement of a Stop sign at this intersection in 2017, the results of the study showed that a Stop sign was not warranted. This means that the number of cars required by state law for placement of a Stop sign was not met. The County does want to work with the City. The County will conduct a study for a traffic signal 2 months after the opening of Hacienda Road. This will allow for what would be considered, normal traffic, to return to the intersection.
- Legal requirements for new traffic devices, such as Stop signs, speed tables and/or humps, striping, etc. When a traffic device is proposed for a certain intersection or area, it legally requires a professional study to verify that State required numbers are met. A recommendation without a warrant study does not justify placement of a new traffic device. There are traffic devices that are placed without meeting required warrants, but unwarranted traffic devices can potentially increase accident rates and create other negative effects for residents in the area and commuters. Unwarranted traffic devices can also place additional liability on the City.
- Recommending approval to the City Council to contract with General Technologies & Solutions (GTS), a company which provides transportation planning, traffic engineering, and technology solutions for public agencies in Southern California. GTS submitted a proposal for a Traffic Mitigation Study in the amount of \$31,800. The Committee requested that staff ask GTS the following questions:
 - Are warrant analyses included in the proposal's scope of work? If not, what would be the cost to add to the scope of work?
 - Is Operations a service provided by GTS? If yes, is it provided by in-house staff or contracted out?
 - Does GTS offer operational analyses? If yes, what would be the cost to add to the scope of work?
 - When should a traffic study be performed? Before opening Hacienda Road or after?

The Proposal will be presented to the City Council at the January 13, 2020 City Council meeting with the additional information requested by the Roads Advisory Committee. The Roads Committee recommended that the City Council review the proposal and either approve or deny, or direct the item back to the Roads Committee for further discussion.

- Traffic Calming studies usually take one to two years to complete. The City of La Habra takes about one year to complete a traffic calming study in a designated neighborhood. Los Angeles County just completed a traffic calming study for the unincorporated areas, and the study took two years to complete. The City of Malibu conducted a traffic calming study for the area of Point Dume, which also took over a year to complete. City staff is recommending working with a consultant, such as GTS, to provide a Citywide Traffic Calming study and implementation plan.
- The Roads Committee also appointed two members, Glen Pedersen and Don Struble, as representatives at the Traffic Calming Community Meeting being held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at City Hall.