

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
155 South 11th Street
El Centro, California 92243
(442) 265-1818**

**AGENDA
April 24, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

- I. Comments on Previous Meeting Minutes

- II. New Business from General Public

- III. Old Business
 - A. McCabe School Traffic Congestion
 - B. Caltrans Updates
 - C. County Limits Signs
 - D. Procedure for Malfunction of Traffic Signal Lights
 - E. School Zone Signs – McCabe School and Dogwood School
 - F. Off Highway Vehicle Use Request

- IV. New Business
 - A. Law Enforcement Agencies
 - B. Engineering Agencies

- V. Next Meeting – June 26, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
155 South 11th Street
El Centro, California 92243
(442) 265-1818**

**MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

Attendees

Imperial County Public Works:	David Dale, Francisco Olmedo, Naomi Robles
Imperial County Sheriff Office:	Moises Badena, George Figueroa
California Highway Patrol:	Ernesto Ruedas, Jose Serrano
Imperial County Board of Supervisors:	John Hawk – District 5
Public:	Bob Hill, Steve Sharp, Mary Helen Dollente, Douglas Wisdom

I. Previous Meeting Minutes

No comments were received.

II. New Business – Traffic Concerns from General Public

Mrs. Dollente asked for an update on Nimura Road. She mentioned this road is only approximately an eighth of a mile and is filled with potholes and in bad shape. Mr. Dale stated that the segment is currently on the list of roads to be repaired, and it has been elevated to the top of the list.

Mr. Hill stated that more stop signs needed to be added along Orchard Road because people continue to run the stop sign at Orchard Road and Nimura Road. Sgt. Ruedas stated that adding more stop signs will not stop the problem. Mr. Olmedo continued that the Department cannot arbitrarily install stop signs. Mr. Olmedo mentioned that the installation of stop signs would have to be supported by warrants but that the Department could look into installing flashing beacons and rumble strips to warn traffic of the stop-sign ahead. The only downside to rumble strips would be the noise for surrounding residents. Mrs. Dollente stated that rumble strips could work and that the noise wouldn't be any worse than the noise caused by truck traffic they currently experience. Mrs. Dollente mentioned that she would like to see Orchard Road with a 35 mph speed limit and stated how disappointed she was that the area didn't qualify as a "residential district" according to the law. Mr. Olmedo clarified that it was previously conveyed to the group that Orchard Road missed the "residential district" designation by a couple of houses but in actuality the area was off by approximately 7 to 8 houses. Mrs. Dollente requested that another traffic study be completed for the area since there continues to be an

issue with truck traffic. Mr. Hawk stated that restricting truck traffic may not be successful because the City of Holtville has designated 4th Street onto Orchard Road as a truck route. Mr. Ruedas stated that realistically there is nothing that can be done about restricting truck traffic and that the area has been experiencing this issue for at least 12 years.

Mr. Wisdom stated that there are two options to access the I-8 as a traveler on northbound SR-7 and asked if it was legal for northbound traffic on SR-7 to use the right turn lane for southbound Orchard Road to access I-8 Westbound On-Ramp. Mr. Serrano stated that this issue is currently being looked into and that he would be reaching out to Caltrans as it's currently not illegal to make a left turn.

Mr. Hawk inquired about the McCabe Road and Bowker Road intersection. Mr. Hawk mentioned how dangerous the intersection was since it's currently only a 2-way stop intersection and asked if the Department could install the stop signs with flashing red lights similar to what City of Imperial had done. Mr. Olmedo stated that the Department had received the completed traffic analysis from the traffic engineer consultant. The intersection warrants a 4-way stop due to traffic collisions, and that the Department is pending signing and striping plans.

III. Old Business

A. McCabe School Traffic Congestion

Mr. Olmedo stated that the traffic engineer had drafted the reports for the area, since the location was part of the County's rural schools project, and that he'd be taking some time to review the information.

B. Caltrans Updates

Caltrans was not present at the meeting. No updates were presented.

C. County Limits Signs

Mr. Olmedo mentioned that the City of Imperial had installed the signage for the recently annexed intersection of Worthington Road and Nance Road. The Department is currently working on the installation of signage at Calexico City Limits along Jasper Road at Scaroni Road, Yourman Road, and about 1 mile east of SR-111.

D. Update on Procedure for Malfunction of Traffic Signal Lights

No updates were presented.

E. Update on School Zone Signs at McCabe School and Dogwood Schools

Mr. Olmedo reiterated that these locations were part of the County's rural schools project and that he'd be reviewing the reports.

- F. Off Highway Vehicle Use Request
 - No updates were presented.

- IV. New Business
 - A. Traffic concerns from Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Mr. Serrano stated CHP would be reaching out to Caltrans to review the left turn access to the I-8 Westbound On-Ramp for northbound traffic on SR-7.

 - B. Traffic concerns from Engineering Agencies
 - Mr. Olmedo stated that the Department is looking into using LED stop signs similar to those installed at the Dogwood Road and Willoughby Road intersection. Two intersection candidates for LED stop signs are Holt Road and Norrish Road and Evan Hewes Highway and Bennet Road.

- V. Next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.