

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
155 South 11th Street
El Centro, California 92243
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**AGENDA
June 25, 2025
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
 - G. Heber Avenue and Correll Road
- IV. New Business
 - A. Law Enforcement Agencies
 - B. Engineering Agencies
- V. Next Meeting – August 27, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

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**MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

Attendees

Imperial County Public Works:	Francisco Olmedo, Naomi Robles
Imperial County Sheriff Office:	Mike Mistriel, Jesus Lara
California Highway Patrol:	Jose Serrano
General Public:	Martha Cardenas-Singh – BOS District 2, Juan Cruz and Lizzie Cardenas - Heber Elementary School District, Gail Overton, Mary Helen Dollente, Hector and Elani Trejo

I. Previous Meeting Minutes

No comments were received.

II. New Business – Traffic Concerns from General Public

i. Heber Avenue and Correll Road

A request for Stop Signs at Heber Avenue and Correll Road was made by Heber Elementary School District Staff. Mr. Cruz stated that the Correll Road segment between Dogwood Road and Heber Avenue was concerning for the Heber Elementary School District, as the road begins as two-lane road and then suddenly merges to a one-lane road just before the Heber Avenue intersection. The main concern though is that there is no stop control on Correll Road, and that there have been a lot of near-misses on at the Correll Road – Heber Avenue intersection. Obstructed visibility to cross into Correll Road from Heber Avenue seems to be the issue. Mr. Cruz stated that there is a crosswalk at this intersection. Crossing guards with paddles control traffic for pedestrian crossing. Mr. Cruz stated that, even though he was requesting stop signs at this location, he wasn't really sure if there was some other improvement that could be completed that he'd be open to. Ms. Cardenas-Singh recommended completing a walking assessment.

Mr. Olmedo explained that the installation of stop signs requires certain criteria to be met through traffic studies before installation could occur, but that there are some existing issues with the intersection that the Department has noticed that include line of sight obstructions. He continued that the Department currently

had a project to relocate the existing crosswalk further west within the frontage of the school grounds.

ii. Request for Flashing Beacons on SR-86

Mr. Cruz stated that he had requested flashing beacons for pedestrian crossing at the intersection of SR-86 and Heber Avenue; however, Caltrans stated that they were unable to install flashing beacons until the traffic signal at SR-86 and Dogwood Road was completed. Mr. Cruz continued that the crosswalk is faded and requested if there was some way to get that restriped. Mr. Olmedo stated that a customer service request could be completed through Caltrans website, but he stated that the website does not provide the opportunity for dialogue if there is a problem with the work or if further clarification of the request is needed. Mr. Olmedo offered to provide a link for the Caltrans website after the meeting.

Ms. Cardenas-Singh stated that there is an issue with semi-trucks still parking in areas with newly installed sidewalks in Heber. Even though these areas are considered as No-Parking Zones, they are working to educate the public and curb behavior.

Ms. Overton stated that she was there to discuss Ogilby Road. She noted that the Department had completed improvements along a segment of the road and was thankful for that; however, she requested traffic counters be installed to see how much offroad traffic uses the segment. Ms. Overton continued that there are several areas that have severe bumps across the road surface that are worse than potholes, specifically the areas of Ogilby Road just north of Frontage Road, Evan Hewes Highway by Sidewinder Road, and Winterhaven Drive and Araz Road.

Ms. Dollente requested that Orchard Road be restriped and more law enforcement be present as vehicles are not stopping at the stop sign located at the intersection of Orchard Road and Nimura Road. Mr. Serrano stated he would put in a request to have more patrolmen in the area.

Ms. Trejo inquired about the status of the improvements on Nimura Road and asked how the Department prioritizes projects. Ms. Trejo stated that she had already completed a Road Condition Report. Mr. Olmedo stated that calling in and reporting the road conditions should draw the Department's attention to prioritizing repairs on a road. Reaching out to the Board of Supervisor of that area should also help.

III. Old Business

A. McCabe School Traffic Congestion

Mr. Olmedo stated that the traffic safety studies completed at county school sites offer some improvements that may help, but some of them such as 15-Minute

Parking Zones will require going through the process of revising county ordinance.

B. Caltrans Updates

No updates were presented.

C. County Limits Signs

No updates were presented.

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

See Item III.A.

F. Off Highway Vehicle Use Request

Mr. Olmedo stated that Public Works had received a letter from the California Highway Patrol in 2019 with recommended improvements. He continued that more clarification was needed to ensure that the recommendations from back then were still good to date and no other improvements are required.

G. Forrester Road and Andre Road

Mr. Olmedo stated that he had looked into the accident history and determined that there was not enough collision data to support stop signs. Mr. Olmedo also mentioned that he checked sight distance at the road crossing and found no issues. This item is to be removed from the meeting agenda.

IV. New Business

A. Traffic concerns from Law Enforcement Agencies

Mr. Serrano asked what the process was for State Limit Signs similar to the County's "County Limit Signs" as there have been several issues in determining jurisdiction when accidents occur.

B. Traffic concerns from Engineering Agencies

Mr. Olmedo stated that the Maggio Road and SR-7 intersection was expected to be open within the near future as the developer is currently working on the improvements. The group discussed California Highway Patrol's current methodology for traffic during peak hours for border crossers.

V. Next meeting: June 25, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.