

Committee Members:

Charles Ebeling, Director of Public Works, City Engineer
Paul Medel, Public Works Supervisor
Silvia Echeverria, Code Compliance Supervisor
Lt. Mike Perkins, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
Barnaby Gloger, Carpinteria Unified School District



**CITY OF CARPINTERIA
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
City Hall, Council Chamber
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013
Thursday, February 25, 2016.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a time for public comments on matters not otherwise on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Traffic Safety Committee.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Cravens Lane On-Street Parking and Sight Distance Concerns

F. NEW BUSINESS

2. Discuss Request for Permit Parking on Ash Avenue
3. Carpinteria Avenue at Palm Avenue Crosswalk Concerns

G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF CARPINTERIA
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013



Traffic Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Ebeling, Director of Public Works, City Engineer
Albert Torres, Code Compliance Officer
Matt Maechler, Public Works Civil Engineer
Det. Jeff DeOrnellas, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
Barnaby Gloger, Carpinteria Unified School District

ABSENT: Student Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Angeles, Engineering Technician

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda approved 5-0. Minutes tabled due to a lack of quorum.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report on.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Allow Neighborhood Electric Vehicles to Operate on City Roadways with Speed Limits Above 35 Miles Per Hour

Ryan Tully, Facilities Manager for Procore Technologies, stated that Procore would like the City to consider passing an ordinance or resolution to allow Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV's) to operate on City roadways with speed limits above 35 miles per hour. He stated that the reason for their request is because they have an electric vehicle that they would like to use to shuttle employees around from one building to another but would need to travel on Carpinteria Avenue to access their secondary driveway. Because Carpinteria Avenue has a speed limit set at 35 miles per hour, California Vehicle Code prohibits NEV's to operate on that roadway. He said that he would like to know if the public is interested in an ordinance of this type and how long it would take to move forward. He added that Procore also has the option of purchasing a truck if passing an ordinance is not feasible at this time.

Civil Engineer, Matt Maechler, asked if there is an alternative such as modifying the parking lot to allow the NEV to travel on private property. Code Compliance Officer, Albert Torres, agreed with Matt. Mr. Tully replied that the layout of the parking lot would not allow for an easy modification.

Officer Jeff DeOrnellas said that he is concerned about the NEV's traveling on the wrong side of the road and asked if City laws can trump California Vehicle Code.

Public Works Director, Charlie Ebeling, said that it would take a lot of funds to process an ordinance due to the required staff and City Attorney time.

Carpinteria Unified School District Representative, Barnaby Gloger, said that he has observed NEV's being illegally driven around town and dropping off students at the High School. He said that maybe others would be interested in this matter as well.

Charlie Ebeling suggested to Mr. Tully that he attend a City Council meeting and bring up this request during the public comment period.

The Committee tabled this item to allow the City time to work with the public to obtain City Council interest in pursuing this matter.

2. Cravens Lane On-Street Parking and Sight Distance Concerns

Villas of Carpinteria resident and Home Owners Association President, Suzanne Defriez, said that she and other residents of the Villas would like to have the on-street parking near the driveway entrance removed and the red curb extended on both sides of the driveway to increase the sight distance. She said that there is a lack of parking turnover and the area is very congested.

Charlie Ebeling mentioned to Ms. Defriez that the City Council has approved the removal of the red curb on the opposite side of Cravens Lane to allow for the installation of additional parking stalls.

Albert Torres said that once parking is added, it will resolve the issue in front of the Villas. He went on to explain the 72 hour parking code.

Charlie Ebeling explained how the sight distance calculation works and stated that he would be happy to run the exercise again and include the public. He also asked the Committee if there is another solution rather than the removal of parking spaces such as the installation of a bike lane or fog line.

Matt Maechler said that a fog line would be a good idea but suggested that chevron striping be installed along with the fog line to prevent motorists from assuming it is a second driving lane due to the width of the road.

Officer Jeff DeOrnellas commented that there is not much room for a bike lane past the Sandpiper Mobile Home Park and staff would have to figure out a way to end the bike lane prior to that point.

Casey McCann, owner of McCann Mini Storage, stated that he would not have a problem if the City decided to remove parking on Cravens Lane. He mentioned that the 2 hour parking time limit has been

effective in front of his business and suggested that timed parking be installed on the opposite side of Cravens Lane when the additional parking spaces are installed.

The Committee tabled this item to allow Public Works to perform the sight distance exercise with the public.

3. Santa Monica Road Vehicle Speeds

Santa Monica Road residents Kevin and Michelle Duggon stated that they are concerned about excessive vehicle speeds on Santa Monica Road from vehicles coming from Foothill Road towards Via Real. Mr. Duggon said that if the City moved towards installing speed humps, he would be concerned about the loud sound trucks and vehicles would make when downshifting to slow down. He said that he observed that there is only one speed limit sign and the City should look into installing additional signs.

La Quinta Drive resident, Diane Huerta, said that she is constantly telling vehicles to slow down and agrees that there is a problem with vehicle speeds on Santa Monica Road.

Jesse Perez, resident at 1367 Santa Monica Road, wrote a letter asking the City to consider installing speed humps to control vehicle speeds. He is concerned that vehicles speed on the street, creating a hazard for residents trying to exit their driveways as well as children playing and pedestrians.

Charlie Ebeling recommended to the Committee that they start with increased law enforcement presence and request that the speed radar trailer be placed on the street for a few days. He added that the overgrown hedge at 1385 and 1389 Santa Monica Road needs to be removed to increase visibility of the speed limit sign. He said that because the homes are in the County but the hedge is in the City, the City may be responsible for the removal; therefore, he will talk to the City Attorney to determine who is responsible.

Matt Maechler said that the City will have to work with the County to improve the sign package in this area.

The Committee made a motion to recommend that Public Works evaluate the sign package on Santa Monica Road and request that the Sheriff's Department temporarily place their speed radar trailer in this area. Motion approved 5-0.

4. Mark Avenue Speeds Concerns

An email was received from a Mark Avenue business employee, AJ Dax, requesting speed humps on Mark Avenue to control vehicle speeds. His concern is that it is difficult to cross the street and back out of parking spaces due to vehicles speeding towards Via Real.

Officer Jeff DeOrnellas said that he received similar complaints from the homes at Lagunitas and placed the speed radar trailer in the area and has also issued citations due to motorists running the stop sign.

The Committee requested that the City start with more law enforcement presence and possibly a mailer to the businesses on Mark Avenue requesting that employers talk to their employees about obeying all traffic laws.

The Committee made a motion to recommend that the Sheriff's Department temporarily place their speed radar trailer in this area and Staff send a mailer to Mark Avenue businesses reminding them to obey all traffic laws. Motion approved 5-0.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business to report on.

H. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

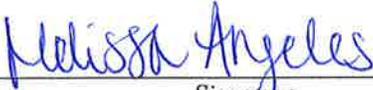
MEETING DATE: February 25, 2016

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

Cravens Lane On-Street Parking and Sight Distance Concerns

Action Item: Non-Action Item: X

Report prepared by: Melissa Angeles
Department of Public Works



Signature

Reviewed by: Charles W. Ebeling, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer



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I. RECOMMENDATION

That the City of Carpinteria Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) take public comment and discuss this item.

II. DISCUSSION

A request was received by the Department of Public Works to consider removing existing on-street parking spaces north and south of the driveway entrance at 1260 Cravens Lane due to the difficulty seeing on-coming traffic on Cravens Lane. The concern is that there is limited sight distance due to large trucks and vehicles parking too close to the driveway.

The Traffic Safety Committee discussed this item at its meeting on November 19, 2015 and tabled the item to allow Public Works to perform a sight distance demonstration with the public. On December 21, 2015, Public Works met with Cravens Lane residents to perform the demonstration.

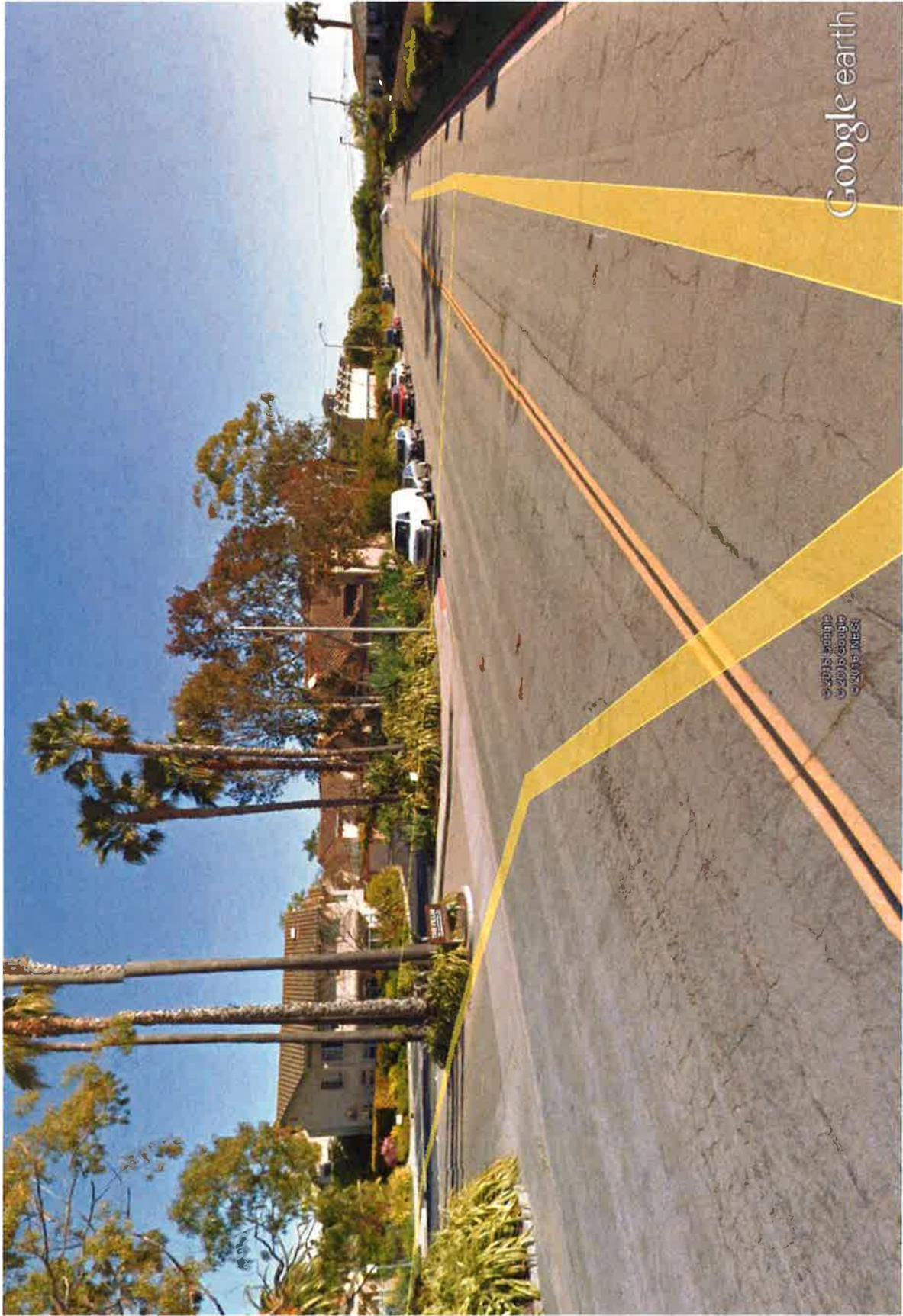
The City follows the State standard regarding the provision of minimum stopping sight distances. Based on the existing speed limit of 35 MPH, the minimum stopping sight distance is 250 feet. Using this criterion, the Department of Public Works conducted a field review to determine if there was a need to adjust the existing red curb and found that the existing on-street parking does not impede the view of on-coming traffic.

The Department of Public Works is bringing this item to the Committee for further discussion.

Attachment A: Site Photos

Attachment B: Sight Distance Exhibit

ATTACHMENT A



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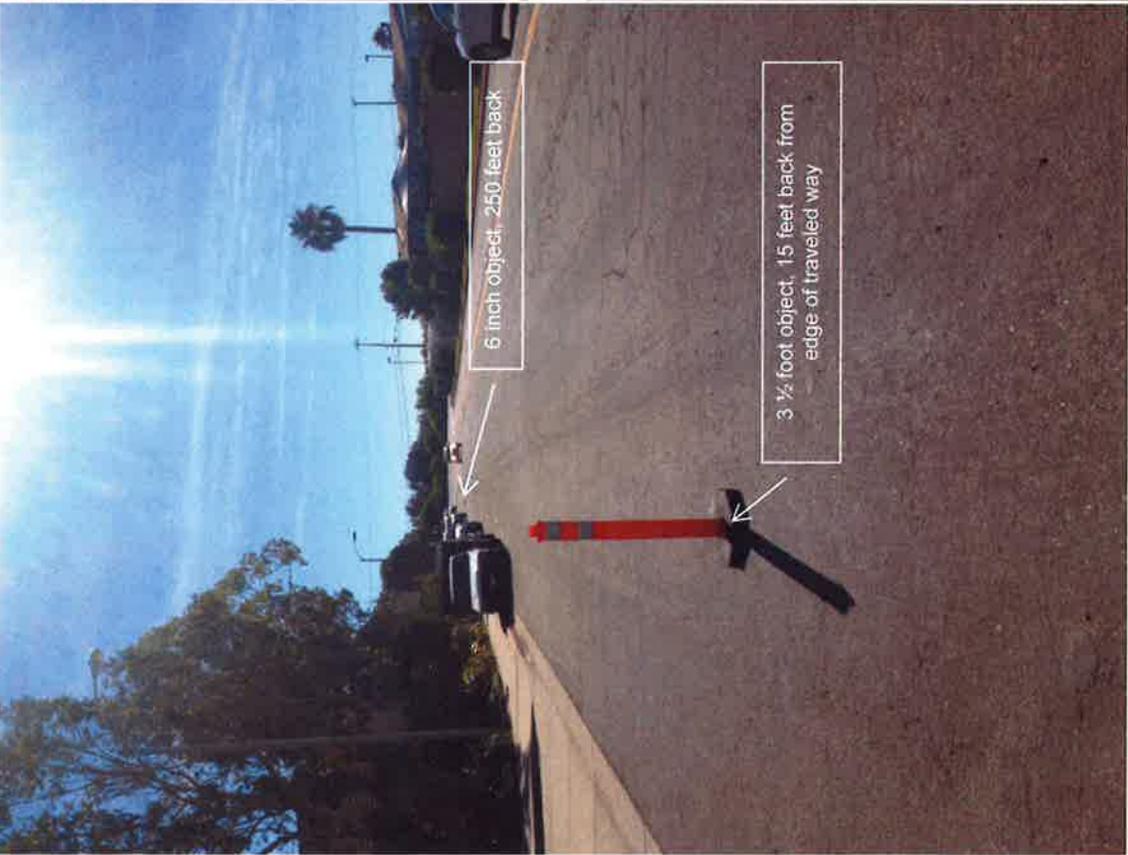
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ATTACHMENT B



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2016

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

Discuss Request for Permit Parking on Ash Avenue

Action Item: _____ Non-Action Item: X

Report prepared by: Melissa Angeles
Department of Public Works

Melissa Angeles
Signature

Reviewed by: Charles W. Ebeling, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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I. RECOMMENDATION

That the City of Carpinteria Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) take public comment and discuss this item.

II. DISCUSSION

A request was received by the Department of Public Works to consider converting the public parking area adjacent to the Silver Sands Mobile Home Park to resident or permit parking only. The concern is that residents find it necessary to park their large or extra vehicles on Ash Avenue, at times resulting in a parking citation for violating the 72-hour parking code.

It is important to note that the Silver Sands Mobile Home Park is located in the Coastal Zone. To be able to convert public parking to private parking, the City would be required to apply for a Coastal Development Permit through the Coastal Commission. The Coastal Commission typically does not allow permit parking programs in the Coastal Zone due to inconsistencies with provisions of the California Coastal Act that allow public coastal access.

The Department of Public Works is bringing this item to the Committee for public comment and discussion.

Attachment A: Site Photo

ATTACHMENT A



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2016

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

Carpinteria Avenue at Palm Avenue Crosswalk Concerns

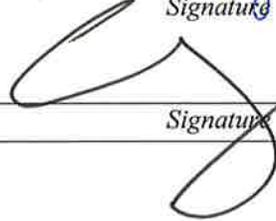
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Report prepared by: Melissa Angeles
Department of Public Works



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Reviewed by: Charles W. Ebeling, P.E.
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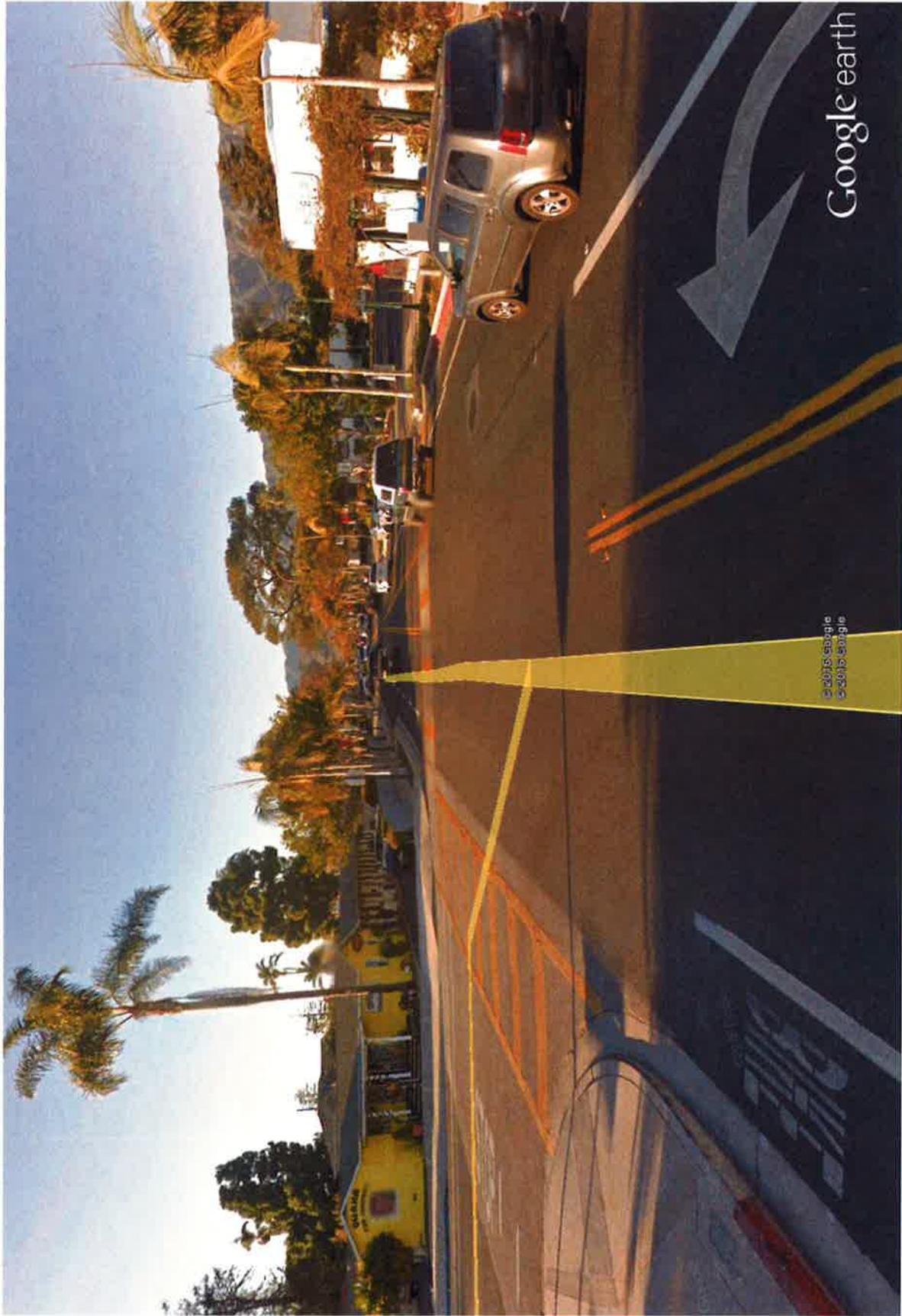
The Department of Public Works received a request from the Carpinteria Middle School to look into the movement of pedestrians in the crosswalks at the intersection of Carpinteria Avenue at Palm Avenue. The concern is that there is a rush of students using the crosswalks at the time of school dismissal and the school has observed several minor vehicle versus pedestrian accidents occur at this location. The school would like the Committee to explore options that will improve the safety of pedestrians and assist with the smooth flow of vehicular traffic.

Public Works has been monitoring the operation of this intersection and placed it on its list of studies to be performed. The study will be conducted as funding is available.

The Department of Public Works is bringing this item to the Committee for further discussion.

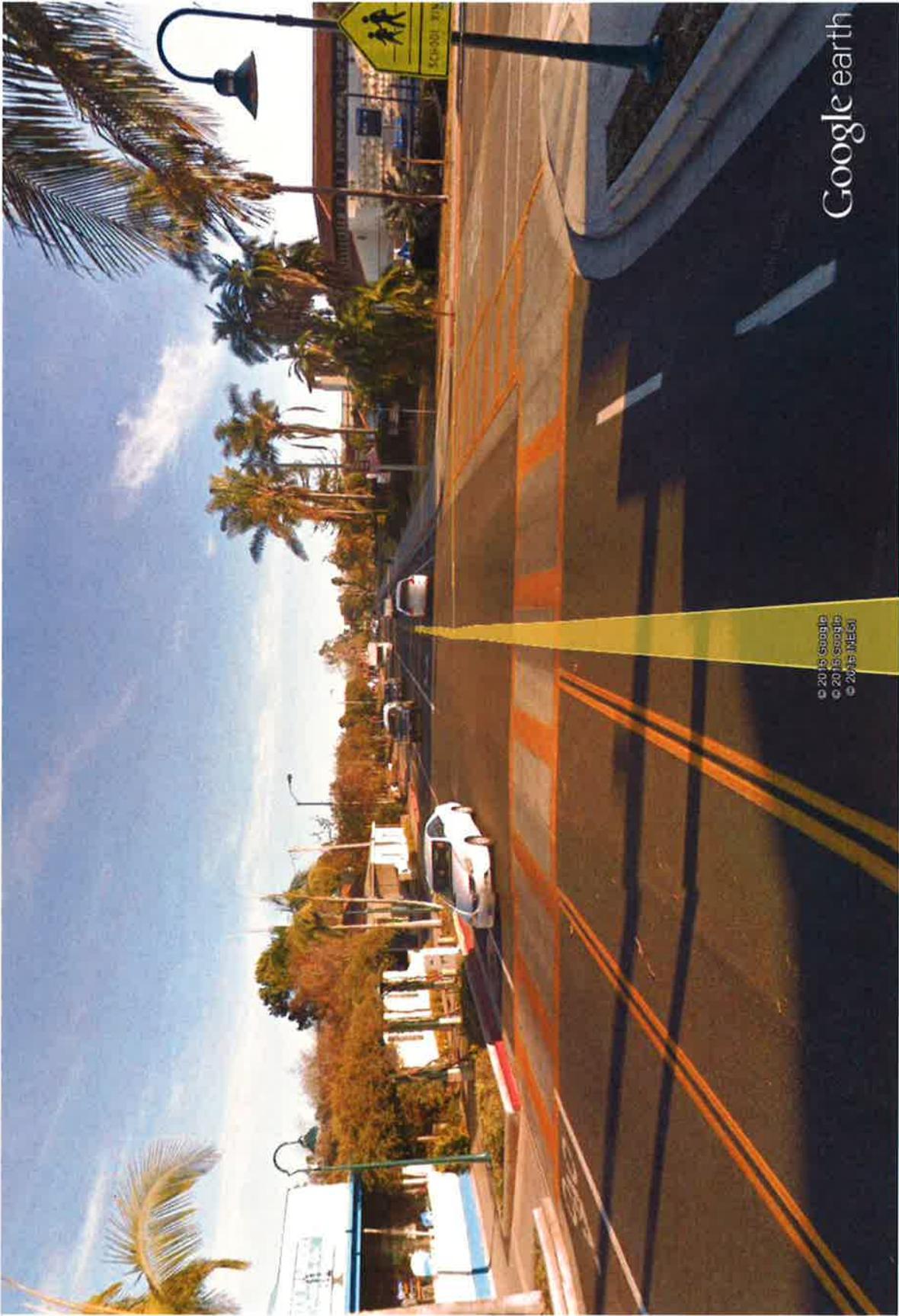
Attachment A: Site Photos

ATTACHMENT A



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