



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Communications (September 12, 1991 through September 25, 1991)

MEETING DATE: October 2, 1991

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

AGENDA ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

J-2a

As deemed appropriate by the City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The attached communication was received between the dates of September 12, 1991 and September 25, 1991.

From Tamara Bauer, 1029 Yuloni Drive, Lodi. Ms. Bauer's letter (see Exhibit A attached) expresses concerns regarding Turner Road just west of Highway 99 as it pertains to posted speed, signage, etc.

FUNDING: None required.

Alice M. Reimche
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APPROVED. _____

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



Sept. 7, 1991

Dear City Councilmembers,

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1991 SEP 11 AM 10:44

ALICIA M. REAGAN
CITY CLERK
CITY OF LODI

An 8 year old child was hit in the Coloma Street crossing on Turner Rd. just west of Highway 99. This happened on Friday, September 6, 1991 shortly after 4:00 pm.

After one driver stopped for her, she naturally expected all the cars to stop. An 8 year old child does not understand that a car traveling 45 mph cannot stop on a dime to miss her. Luckily, she was able to walk away after being knocked to the street.

The speed limit on Turner Road is an unsafe 45 mph from Stockton Street to Cluff Avenues. Please Slow it Down! This may be a safe speed (according to the state) for automobile traffic, but there are people who travel on foot or bicycle that are in danger if they try to cross

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Every morning, other parents and I cross our Lawrence School children at this Coloma Street crosswalk from Mokelumne Village. One car out of the fifty cars, trucks, and school busses that rush by on Turner Road may stop. Usually, we wait for a break in traffic, then walk - fast.

One of our daughters could have been hit in the same way as the 8 year old child. This almost happened on the same Friday at 8:00 am. One westbound car stopped for us to cross the children, but the one behind it swerved around to the inside lane and kept driving. If we had not stopped our daughter, she would have walked in front of that second car. Honestly, pedestrians seem to be invisible to most of these drivers.

- ① May we please have better signs?
Possibly school crossing signs?
- ② May we please have the crosswalks
painted with diagonal lines like the
one near Lodi Lake?
- ③ May we please have the signal light
at Stockton Street and Turner Road
installed as soon as possible? I
would make ~~no~~ our children use it, even
though it is a little farther to walk.

I am aware of the budget problems
in this city and state, but please show
the citizens of Lodi that their elected
leaders are interested in the safety of
all of us.

This is my second letter concerning
this problem. Mr. Prina phoned me after
receiving the first one, ^{dated July 30, 1991} expressing his concern.
I have seen no changes since then. Please
do something! I would appreciate an answer soon

Sincerely,

Temera Bauer

1629 Yuloni Dr.

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Ms. Tamara Bauer
1029 Yuloni Drive
todi, CA 95240

SUBJECT: Turner Road - Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

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The installation of diagonal lines through crosswalks is designed to provide added visibility for drivers approaching the crossing. However, due to the height of the driver's eye above the roadway (approximately 3.5'), the added visibility provided by diagonal striping is minimal. This type of improvement is better used with pedestrian warning controls such as a flashing beacon.

◦ Traffic Signals

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list. A traffic signal provides a higher degree of safety for pedestrians, however, accidents still occur at signalized locations, possibly due to the added impression of safety perceived by pedestrians at these locations.

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◦ Multi-Way Stop Signs

State guidelines are also used to determine the need for multi-way stop controls. Stop signs are used where right-of-way control is necessary and are not to be used for speed control. Studies indicate that stop signs have little or no effect on reducing overall vehicle speeds, except at the immediate vicinity of the stop sign. In many cases, speeds will increase on segments adjacent to stop signs as drivers will attempt to "make up" travel time after having to stop at an unnecessary stop sign. In addition to a possible increase in speeds, unneeded stop signs may increase accidents (particularly rear-end accidents), waste time and energy, create air and noise pollution, and encourage noncompliance at needed stop signs. Stop signs can also reduce the number of "gaps" in traffic. These "gaps" generally occur in free-flowing traffic and provide openings for drivers attempting to enter the roadway from side streets and driveways. With a stop sign, the vehicles leave the intersection at regular, closely spaced intervals.

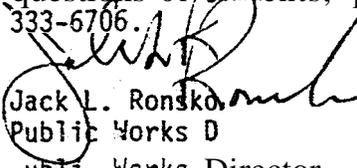
◦ Sight Distance at Camino Real (Casa de Lodi)

To improve sight distance, the City has installed "no parking" zones adjacent to the Casa de Lodi access at Camino Real. In a more recent check of the area for sight obstructions, Public Works staff observed that bushes and trees east of Camino Real appeared to be creating a sight obstruction. The City has contacted the manager of Casa de Lodi

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requesting that these bushes and trees be trimmed to improve sight distance. Public Works staff has observed some minor bush trimming has been performed.

Thank you again for your interest in these matters. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Paula Fernandez or Rick Kiriu at 333-6706.


Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Council
Police Chief ✓
City Clerk ✓
Assistant Civil Engineer - Traffic

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VELOCITY STUDY

Location: Turner E/Beckman

Count Date: Oct 12-17,1991

Direction: Eastbound

DAY	SPEED(MPH)												TOTAL
	1-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	>60	
Sat	3	7	2	24	98	265	298	147	38	10	2	0	900
SUN	4	3	2	23	69	212	224	99	30	6	3	0	687
Mon	5	4	11	42	144	340	449	206	39	4	2	2	1248
Tues	5	8	13	41	144	421	491	200	44	6	4	0	1337
Wed	5	4	6	46	136	369	456	212	53	7	4	0	1299
Thurs	6	2	12	51	162	403	458	201	49	7	2	1	1354
TOTAL	29	28	58	227	753	2010	2376	1065	253	40	17	3	6859
AVG	5	5	10	38	126	335	395	178	42	7	3	1	1143

Direction: Westbound

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Mon	8	2	16	28	123	350	428	202	46	1	0	1	7205
Tues	6	3	6	42	180	395	438	180	44	8	0	0	1302
Wed	4	3	11	29	132	343	463	216	50	10	2	0	1263
Thurs	6	5	17	56	154	361	440	186	49	4	0	0	1278
TOTAL	35	16	64	210	790	1862	2237	995	264	36	4	1	6514
AVG	6	3	11	35	132	310	373	166	44	6	1	0	1086

Location: Turner E/Stockton

Direction: Westbound

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Sun	0	0	3	34	88	287	640	442	129	23	4	1	1651
Mon	1	1	3	28	99	287	852	689	181	25	2	1	2169
Tues	1	1	4	36	102	325	928	698	186	32	2	1	2316
Wed	1	1	11	29	118	390	924	690	191	27	2	0	2384
Thurs	0	0	8	45	112	387	952	708	185	31	5	0	2433
TOTAL	3	3	34	208	604	1964	4983	3686	1008	153	21	4	12671
AVG	1	1	6	35	101	327	831	614	158	26	4	1	2112

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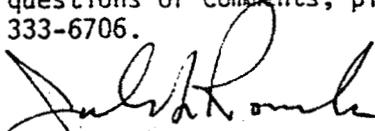
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