



CITY of CALABASAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: APRIL 19, 2022

TO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF PARK SIENNA AT CALABASAS PARK

MEETING
DATE: APRIL 26, 2022

BACKGROUND:

At the January 25, 2022 meeting, Commissioners requested staff to investigate traffic safety concerns at the pedestrian crossing of Park Sienna at Calabasas Park. Staff reviewed collision history, recent changes to striping and signing, and discussed additional traffic control measures.

In March 2021, the crosswalk was restriped to include international crosswalk striping and to restripe markings on the hump, yield lines, and advanced warning legends. In May 2021 staff installed new "Yield Here to Pedestrian" signs at the striped yield lines per CAMUTCD and replaced existing pedestrian crossing sign with a fluorescent crossing sign, making the signs more reflective and easier to see.

DISCUSSION:

Current Condition:

The pedestrian crossing of Park Sienna at Calabasas Park is located between Park Aurora and Park Serena. It is a raised crosswalk which allows pedestrians to cross from the south side of Park Sienna to the north side where residents can then enter Lake Calabasas. Having a raised crosswalk allows pedestrians to cross the street above street level and is an additional traffic calming measure for the street. Park Sienna is a 35-mph street which connects Park Granada to Old Topanga Canyon Road, and many residents live in this area and drive the street daily. Driving both eastbound and westbound, the crosswalk is clearly visible, as are all signage and striping which alerts drivers that there is a raised crosswalk ahead.

Data:

A speed survey taken March 23, 2022 (Attachment A), shows that more than 75% of drivers are driving at or below the speed limit, indicating that speeding is not widespread on the street. The 85th percentile speed is 37 MPH which confirms validity of the posted speed limit. Setting realistic speed limits is important in inviting driver compliance, allowing effective enforcement, and reducing crash incidence.

Conclusion:

After reviewing conditions in the field and analyzing speed data, staff determined there were a few things that can help pedestrians feel safer while crossing Park Sienna at Calabasas Park. The first item is to restripe the existing crosswalk with thermoplastic striping. Thermoplastic contains glass beads and are reflective in day and night condition. Staff also discussed increasing the amount of red curb on the northeast side of the crosswalk to prevent cars from parking and providing more sight distance for drivers travelling westbound to see pedestrians approaching the crosswalk, and pedestrians will have increased visibility of oncoming vehicles. Lastly, staff considered re-implementing high-visibility flags for use as crossing aids. Pedestrians can take a flag from a container next to the crosswalk and carry them as they cross to gain more attention from drivers.

REQUESTED ACTION:

This is an informational item only and requires no action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Speed Survey of March 23, 2022