



CITY of CALABASAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2023
TO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRA'A BEZDECNY, ASSISTANT ENGINEER
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

**MEETING
DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2023**

BACKGROUND:

The City contracts with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) for law enforcement services, including traffic enforcement in general and around local schools. Public Works coordinates these efforts with LASD; however, they were not formalized and generally took place with email notification.

DISCUSSION:

On October 12, 2023, Staff met with LASD Sergeant Arens in an effort to open more formal communication between the City and Traffic Enforcement; this meeting was the first of what will be quarterly meetings. With regular meetings, Staff will be able to better develop enforcement strategies with the LASD and provide the Commission and City Council quarterly reports based on those activities

Initial items to be discussed will focus on:

- Placement of the City's portable speed radar signs and trailers and collection of data,
- school area traffic, and
- traffic incident and citation trends.

The City's speed radar signs and trailers can be moved around based on increased reports of speeding in certain areas, and data can be sent by the City to the LASD in order to focus speeding enforcement efforts to those particular areas. LASD provides an officer for school areas every day and can discuss trends in driver behavior and traffic. Finally, LASD provides the City with a list of traffic incidents and citations. This intelligence can highlight trends and support the deployment of enforcement activities to areas that see increased violations.

For this initial report, Staff is utilizing the Sheriff's Crime Report (Attachment A) presented to City Council on October 11th, 2023 give an idea of the type of data included in future quarterly reports. In August there were 11 total collisions and 114 citations, most frequently being unsafe speed. The report does not show where these violations are concentrated; however, location information will be one of the data points included in the quarterly meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The City contracts with LASD for law enforcement services. The quarterly meeting of Staff and LASD to discuss traffic violations and strategies for enforcement does not have a fiscal impact on the budget.

REQUESTED ACTION:

This is an informational item only and requires no action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Sheriff's Crime Report – August 2023