



CITY of CALABASAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: APRIL 18, 2024

TO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

**MEETING
DATE:** APRIL 23, 2024

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. In October 2023, Public Works Staff and LASD began having quarterly meetings to discuss enforcement priorities, notable incidents, and other valuable information. In August, Public Works began deploying speed radar feedback signs and trailers and have been utilizing the data to help guide speeding enforcement.

DISCUSSION:

Speed Radar

The City purchased and deployed trailer-mounted speed radar feedback signs and trailer in 2023. These signs collect data about the speed of the vehicles which allows Staff to see motorist data including vehicle speed broken down by time of day and traffic volume. The report will cover the sites that were active between August 21, 2023, and April 17, 2024:

1. Adamsville at Cairnloch (NB): October 24 – January 3
2. Las Virgenes at Saddleridge (NB): October 19 – November 22
3. Las Virgenes N/O Parkmor (NB): November 22 - Current
4. Mullholland at Declaration (WB): August 21 – October 24
5. Old Topanga at Wrencrest (SB): September 7 - Current
6. Paul Revere at Meadowlark (WB): January 30 – Current
7. Parkway Calabasas (WB): January 3 – January 30

Attachment A contains the data collected for these locations. The data provided is the Compliance and Risk Report and the Extended Speed Report, generated by the software system utilized by the trailers, All Traffic Solutions. The Compliance and Risk Report shows the compliance of drivers grouped by different levels of risk (speed limit and below is compliant, + 1 to +10 mph is low, + 11 to 20 mph is medium, + 20 is high). The Extended Speed Report allows Staff to determine the percent of drivers who are violators and the average speed of all roadway users. This data is summarized in the below table.

Site	Speed Limit	Average Speed	Violator %
1. Adamsville at Cairnloch (NB)	25	20.4	0.7
2. Las Virgenes N/O Parkmor (NB)	45	32.3	0.3
3. Las Virgenes at Saddleridge (NB)	45	33.1	0.7
4. Mullholland at Declaration (WB)	40	33.3	3.4
5. Old Topanga at Wrencrest (SB)	40	39.7	3.2
6. Paul Revere at Meadowlark (WB)*	25	19.0	0.1
7. Parkway Calabasas (WB)	45	44.4	5.7

*Location 6 is on a curve that requires vehicles to slow to 15mph

LASD Meeting

On February 22, 2024 and April 18, 2024 Staff met with LASD Sergeant James Arens and discussed enforcement priorities based on the speed radar data, school area traffic, traffic incident and citation trends, new and upcoming vehicle code changes, and upcoming grant applications.

In February, Staff reported that Parkway Calabasas is an enforcement priority (Attachment B). There was nothing considerable to report for school area traffic. Based on received collision reports, there was no identifiable trend, but Las Virgenes Road had the most incidents. Staff and Sgt. Arens discussed Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), Active Transportation Program (ATP), Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grants and the upcoming Complete Streets Safety Assessment (CSSA), all of which Staff will work with LASD as a stakeholder to receive their input and potential collaboration on OTS and demonstration projects.

In April, Staff reported received complaints at a few locations throughout the City for enforcement prioritizing. LASD reported that they are close to having a full patrol of Calabasas-dedicated motorcycle deputies for the community to better target off-peak times.

FISCAL IMPACT / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The City purchased the speed feedback signs and trailers in 2023, their only fiscal impact after purchase is any future maintenance. Staff is still determining the maintenance budget required because the signs are relatively new and staff has limited experience with them.

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:

Attachment A – Speed Radar Data (8/21/23-4/17/24)

Attachment B – Enforcement Priority (8/21/23-2/22/24)

Attachment C – Enforcement Priority (2/22/24-4/17/24)