AGENDA ITEM #3 T/T MTG: 7/23/2024



## TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JULY 18, 2024

TO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

**MEETING** 

DATE: JULY 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 April 17, 2024, and July 17, 2024:

- 1. Las Virgenes N/O Parkmor (NB): November 22 Current
- 2. Old Topanga at Wrencrest (SB): September 7 Current
- 3. Paul Revere at Meadowlark (WB): January 30 Current

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. Las Virgenes N/O Parkmor (NB)	45	32.09	0.3
2. Old Topanga at Wrencrest (SB)	40	39.36	3.6
3. Paul Revere at Meadowlark (WB)*	25	19.1	0.1

<sup>\*</sup>Location 3 is on a curve that requires vehicles to slow to 15mph

## LASD Meeting

On July 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.

Staff reported that due to school being out of session and a lack of mobility of the radar signs and trailer, there were no priorities to report to LASD. Staff reported discussions about safety corridors and a potential corridor plan for Lost Hills Road. Staff also reported that the existing radar signs and trailers would be moved to new locations based on reports by the public. LASD reported that we have new Calabasas-dedicated motorcycle deputies who have been enforcing areas previously identified. LASD also reported that the Flock system was utilized in identifying a vehicle that has been seen numerous times by residents doing donuts at Old Topanga Road and Wrencrest Drive. Finally, Staff and LASD will meet the week before school starts to discuss enforcement priorities and strategy as we enter a new school year and again next quarter prior to the October TTC Meeting.

#### 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 Data (4/17/24-7/17/24)