

**CITY OF SONOMA  
Traffic Safety Committee  
Emergency Operations Center, 175 First Street West  
October 04, 2016**

**MINUTES**

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the agenda for this meeting was posted on Friday, September 30, 2016 on the bulletin board outside the front of Sonoma City Hall, No. 1 The Plaza, and on the City of Sonoma website. Chair Woodcock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center, Sonoma Police Department 175 First Street West.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Woodcock, Members Bowers, Zimmermann, Parmelee  
Camus (Alternate)

Absent: Sutcliffe

Present: Police Chief Sackett, Public Works Director Takasugi,  
Operations Analyst Trent Hudson, Administrative Assistant  
Pratt

Chair Woodcock opened the public hearing.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No comments

**Item 1 – Public Hearing – Follow up meeting to discuss the installation of stop signs on Second Street East at Patten Street, Chase Street and France Street**

**Contact: Sid Hoover**

There were approximately five residents from the Second Street East neighborhood who spoke in favor of installing stop signs on Second Street East due to the speeding cars who use their street as a thoroughfare. Some residents suggested speed bumps.

Public Works Director Takasugi gave a report showing that State Vehicle Code 21401 requires the City to follow the State standards that would justify any new traffic control, such as a 4-way stop intersection. Those State standards are contained in the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). None of the 3 intersections meet the criteria of MUTCD Section 2B.07, based on vehicle speed, accident data, or volume of traffic. Therefore, installing new 4-way stop signs would go against well-established State standards and be acting contrary to the State Vehicle Code.

Chief Sackett reported that a Stealth radar box had been installed at the 700 block of Second Street East and that measuring the speed of 8,847 cars, the average speed was determined to

be 19 mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 27 mph, which would reaffirm the existing prima facie speed limit of 25 mph.

Director Takasugi recommended against new 4-way stop intersections along Second St. East.

**Committee Discussion:** The committee decision was made to install a stop sign at the corner of Patten Street and Second Street East only. Public Works Director Takasugi commented that the Committee's decision may need to be taken to the City Council for final approval.

**Recommendation to Staff:** Motion to approve a 4-way stop at Second St. East and Patten Street - 3 Yes (Bowers, Zimmerman, Parmelee) 1 No (Woodcock)