

SAPCC Transportation Committee

June 26, 2018

Notes (these are not minutes because we didn't have a quorum)

Present: Scott Jensen, Karen Nelson, Pat Thompson. Guests: Stephen Jensen (SAPCC intern), Patty George, Gail Brinkmeier

The members agreed to ask the SAPCC board to appoint Patty George as a member of the committee even though we don't have a quorum.

Como construction and detours

Our guest, Gail Brinkmeier, lives on Valentine, who came to talk about traffic levels and types. She has observed the traffic from her front yard for decades. After smart phones and Google maps (2007) and the 35W bridge fell, they have had much higher traffic and often people looking down at their phones.

This endangers children walking to Murray Field. There is also a lot of semi traffic, though it's posted as "not a truck route" (the sign at the 280 ramp is positioned such that truckers don't see it, Gail says). There is an alley on only one side of Valentine, so the people who live on the non-alley side all park on street.

In a 20-minute period midday, 2-3 cars RUN the stop sign at Brompton (not a rolling stop, or "stoptional" as she called it) because they are looking at their phones. Children cross there for the field.

Also Brompton has no stop sign between Como and Chilcombe... many near misses seen. Can there be a 4-way way stop at Brompton and Valentine? Karen suggested setting up a security camera to capture the stop-sign-running and near misses.

After the detour ends and Como reopens, how will we unteach drivers that Valentine is not a pass-through street? Through traffic is supposed to be on Como, which is built for that. The neighbors (30 homes on Valentine) want to have a NO LEFT TURN from Eustis to Valentine after the detour ends. Google Maps (and Wayze) send people down Valentine, but if the turn onto Valentine was illegal, that would change. Or possibly the west-most block of Valentine could become one-way west-bound?

A traffic count was done the day after Como reopened in 2017. The neighbors don't think that would represent the normal traffic level. But they would still like to see what those numbers are. TO DO: Committee to access the traffic count numbers.

Pat updated the group on the Como Ave. project generally. Phase 2 will start on July 9 if the weather allows asphalt after July 4, with sidewalks from Phase 1 still to be completed early in Phase 2. No word on tree status at this point.

Seal / SHIP update

Committee volunteers and Seal residents created four brightly painted tire stacks and placed them at the Seal intersection. A very successful Stop for Me event was held last Wednesday: the police officers present liked the tires! But now we have had a voice mail and email from Public Works telling us to remove them. (After the meeting, Scott, Pat, and Karen moved the tires up on to PHA property at the corner.) We hope to help the Seal residents organize a petition drive to get a three-way stop on Territorial at Seal.

Parking working group

Our committee has been charged by the SAPCC board with initiating a parking working group for both north and south SAP (see the attached overview Pat handed out at the meeting). Pat will check with Josh from PED about the parking study. The group will likely need at least monthly meetings; read reports on best practices, gather input from stakeholders, gather ideas and perhaps present the four top ideas. Membership:

- Transportation committee (identify 1 – 2 people)
- Residents (one from N, one S) – Keith Hovland for N [Karen to ask him]
- Businesses: Pat will ask Kat from Scarborough Fair, Patty will check with the owners/managers of Keys, Skon, and Succotash. Owner of Studio on Fire was also mentioned as a possibility.
- Parking lot owners: Pat will get contact info for Brad Johnson and Baker Court owners
- Commercial building owners: Pat will check with Sandy Jacobs of Update Co.

All of these people are to be asked if they are interested in being a nominee to the working group – told they are not on it definitely just because they were asked, since we may have more than one person from a category and need to decide among them. Find out what their availability is, realistically, as well.