

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 8, 2015**  
**Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Baxter, TEC Chairman, Mendocino Transit Authority  
Roger Vincent, Public Representative  
Tim Eriksen, City Engineer  
Ben Kageyama, representing the City Manager  
Trent Taylor, representing the Chief of Police  
Darin Malugani, representing the Supervisor of Public Works  
Kevin Thompson, representing the Planning Director

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Lampi, Public Representative

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Maureen Mulheren, Ukiah City Council Member  
Kevin Slater, Eagle Distributing Company  
Mark Hilliker, Grove Avenue resident  
Sean Kaeser, Ukiah Police Department  
Andrew Stricklin, Public Works  
Lory Limbird, Public Works

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Traffic Engineering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Baxter at 3:02 pm in Conference Room No. 3, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11, 2015**

**Motion/Second:** Malugani/Thompson to approve August 11, 2015 minutes as written.  
Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

**3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

none

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

none

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and Possible Action regarding a Yellow Loading Zone on South Oak Street at Mill Street.**

**Member Eriksen** presented this item. A request was received from Mr. Kevin Slater of Eagle Distributing for a loading zone on South Oak Street at Mill Street. A loading zone would facilitate regular deliveries to the Prime Market store at this location. Drivers often have to park on the opposite side of the street and cross traffic with their deliveries. The Traffic Engineering Committee (TEC) is authorized to determine and mark loading zones without taking the item to the City Council.

**Kevin Slater, Eagle Distributing** remarked that the Prime Market store owner will not let delivery trucks park in the store's parking lot causing the truck drivers to cross the street several times with their deliveries.

**Motion/Second: Vincent/Taylor to approve the request for a yellow loading zone on South Oak Street at Mill Street.**

Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for 25 MPH Speed Zone Pavement Markings on State Street.**

**Member Eriksen** presented this item. A request was received from Council Member Maureen Mulheren for speed zone pavement markings for the downtown section of State Street where the speed limit is 25 mph. An Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) was completed on State Street from Gobbi Street to Norton Street on May 11, 2012. The results of the E&TS were consistent with the posted 25 mph speed zone on this section of State Street. The E&TS for City speed limits are completed every five years. Speed zone pavement markings may be used to supplement posted speed limit signs.

**Member Eriksen** added that Public Works does not own the equipment necessary to paint signs on the pavement. The speed limit signs that were painted on the pavement of Oak Street were accomplished with equipment borrowed from the county.

**Council Member Mulheren** stated she would like pavement speed signs located at the entry to the downtown corridor on State Street visible when driving north at Gobbi Street and when driving south at Norton Street where the speed limit changes to 25 mph.

**Resident Hilliker** suggested that if signs are desired where vehicles are entering the downtown corridor, signs should also be placed in proximity to where traffic enters State Street from Perkins Street going both north and south.

**Council Member Mulheren** remarked that the posted 25 mph sign is in the intersection at Norton Street, therefore the 25 mph pavement sign could not be placed close to the posted sign.

**Member Eriksen** stated he will have staff will look into thermoplastic application of speed signs to the pavement.

**Member Malugani** asked how a thermoplastic application of a pavement sign will stand out on concrete. He knows that thermoplastic works well on black top. He suggested that if thermoplastic is applied to concrete, it will need to be put on a black background so it stands out.

**Member Kageyama** added that the majority of drivers drive at a speed they think is safe by their perception of the environment. Signs on pavement will not have impact on drivers' speed.

**Motion/Second: Eriksen/Malugani to have the Public Works Department investigate the cost of thermoplastic pavement signs for State Street and for refreshing the existing signs on Oak Street as long as the total cost is less than \$2000 and report back to TEC.**

Motion carried by a majority voice vote of the members present with Member Kageyama dissenting.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

**Member Taylor** announced this is the last TEC meeting he will attend. He is planning to retire at the end of this year. Officer Sean Kaeser will assume his position representing the Chief of Police.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**Resident Hilliker** inquired why the speed limit on Grove Street is 30 mph. Grove Street is a residential area which should have a speed limit of 25 mph.

**Member Eriksen** replied the speed limit on Grove Street is 30 mph because the Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) determined 85% of drivers drive 30 mph.

**Officer Kaesar** stated Grove Street will be put on the speed radar trailer list.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

  
Lory Limbird, Recording Secretary