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AGENDA

PLANNING COMMISSION
 TRAFFIC COMMISSION
 REGULAR MEETING

200 West 9th Street
 IMPERIAL, CA 92251

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2020
 6:30PM

Members of the audience are invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda. If the item is an agenda item, you will be permitted the opportunity to address the Planning Commission when the matter is considered. If you wish to speak on a matter which is not on the agenda, you will be given the opportunity to do so at the Public Comment section. When wishing to address the Planning Commission, please rise and state your name and address for the record. The Chairman reserves the right to place a time limit on each person's presentation of five (5) minutes.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20

To protect our constituents, City officials and City staff, the City requests all members of the public to follow the California Department of Health Services' guidance and the County of Imperial Public Health Office Order for the control of COVID-19 restricting group events and gatherings and maintaining physical distancing. Additional information regarding COVID-19 is available on the City's website at www.cityofimperial.org

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2. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meetings via Livestream at the City of Imperial Facebook page.
3. Email public comments to cityclerk@cityofimperial.org by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Comments received by 5:00 pm will be read into the record.

TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020 and to the extent applicable Government Code Section 54953(b), this Planning Commission Meeting may include teleconference participation by the Planning Commission Members and City staff. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 teleconference locations utilized by Planning Commission Members shall not be accessible to the public and are not subject to special posting requirements.

The City of Imperial thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading the COVID-19 virus.

The Imperial Planning Commission meetings, including public comments, are being Livestreamed on the City's social media pages. By remaining in the room you are giving your permission to be recorded.

A. PLANNING COMMISSION CALL TO ORDER:

**ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2020 and July 8, 2020.

D. NEW BUSINESS: (DISCUSSION/ACTION –RECOMMEND/DENY)

D-1 Public Hearing, Discussion/Action: Conditional Use Permit (20-02): Applicant is requesting to allow the use of an Automotive Collision Repair Shop to be located at 423 W. Aten Road; Imperial, CA 92251.

1. Open Public Hearing
2. Staff Report
3. Public Testimony
4. Commission Discussion
5. Recommended Action: **Conditional Use Permit has been removed/withdrawn. No further processing/action needed.**

D-2 Traffic Commission- Discussion/Action: Proposed new four-way stop signs and crosswalks at the intersection of Canon Drive and Neckel Road; within the City of Imperial, CA 92251.

1. Staff Report
2. Commission Discussion
3. Planning Commission: Recommended Action:

E. REPORTS:

- E-1. Commissioners Report
- E-2. Staff Report

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING UNTIL NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

NOTE: Any documents produced by the City and distributed to a majority of the Planning Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available at the front counter at City Hall, located at 420 South Imperial Avenue, during normal business hours.



Staff Report

Agenda Item No.

D-1

To: City of Imperial Planning Commission

From: Lisa Tylanda, Planner

Date: October 9, 2020

Subject: Conditional Use Permit Request CUP (20_02)

Through further internal processing, it has been determined that the use will not require a Conditional Use Permit. The item has been withdrawn. No further processing/action is needed for this item. If there are any questions regarding this item, please contact Lisa Tylanda, Planner via email: ltylanda@cityofimperial.org or phone: 760-355-3326.



Staff Report

To: City of Imperial Traffic Commission

From: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Date: October 7, 2020

Subject: Proposed new four-way stop signs and crosswalks @ the intersection of Canon Drive and Neckel Road.

Background:

At a City Council meeting during reports, a council member requested an evaluation of the above reference location, be conducted in order to formulate possible mitigation measures regarding the rising safety concerns. The City of Imperial has received various concerns regarding pedestrian safety, speeding, and visibility from residents, at this intersection. The ideal mitigation for the residents, is the placement of a four-way stop.

Cannon Drive is controlled by stop sign while Neckel Road is uncontrolled. Sidewalks are provided at all approaches to the intersection, there are no marked crosswalks, and there are parking restrictions at the approaches of the intersection.

The item was reviewed by the Traffic Commission on July 22nd, 2020. The Commission requested staff additional information, including, other mitigation measures and cost estimate for review.

Analysis:

The Development Review Committee explored various traffic and safety mitigation measures regarding the intersection of Canon Drive and Neckel Road.

The following Development Review Committee members reviewed the item:

- Imperial Police Chief, Leonard Barra
- Public Services Director, Jackie Loper
- Parks Superintendent, Tony Lopez

- Imperial County Fire Representative, Andrew Loper
- Community Development Director, Othon Mora
- Planner, Lisa Tylanda

The Development Review Committee (DRC) has based the recommendation on the following guidelines from the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)” as follows:

Section 2B.04, “Right of Way at Intersections”, of the CA-MUTCD states that “In addition, the use of YIELD or STOP signs should be considered at the intersection of two minor streets or local roads where the intersection has more than three approaches and where one or more of the following conditions exist:

- The combined vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian volume entering the intersection from all approaches average more than 2,000 units per day.
- The ability to see conflicting traffic on an approach is not sufficient to allow a road user to stop or yield in compliance with the normal right-of-way rule if such stopping or yielding is necessary.
- Crash records indicate that five or more crashes that involve the failure to yield the right-of-way at the intersection under the normal right-of-way rule have been reported within a 3-year period, or that three or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period.
- Section 2B.07, “Multi-way Stop Application”, of the CA-MUTCD stipulates that multi way stops to be considered as an option on “Locations where a road user, after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop”.
- YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control.

Staff’s findings are as follows:

- The CA-MUTCD defines minimum requirements for traffic volumes, pedestrian volumes, and bicycle volumes to warrant an all-way stop controlled intersection. Based on field observations, the intersection of Cannon Drive and Neckel Road would not meet these minimum volume requirements. Currently, there is not a recent traffic study available for the area. IPD provided traffic counts and speed survey at this intersection (Please see attached data). Days and times that data was obtained by IPD were the following:
 - August 5, 6 and 7, 2020 (3 times each day)
 - 9:00am-10:00am
 - 12:00pm-1:00pm
 - 4:30pm-5:30pm
- Utilizing the Statewide Incident Traffic Reporting System and the City’s database, a review of the collision history at the intersection was conducted for a three-year period.

Reports show that there have been 2 collisions (1 property damage and 1 minor injury), 0 citations or traffic violations reported for that intersection.

- Based on field observations, there were not “visibility” obstructions at the intersection for drivers “stopping” on Cannon Drive.

Staff Recommendation:

Based on these findings, staff do not recommend installation of a four-way stop sign at Cannon Drive and Neckel Road.

Other Mitigation Measures Options and Cost:

Stop Signs \$8,414.00

RRPF (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons) Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems \$17,732

Asphalt Speed Bumps \$12,000.00

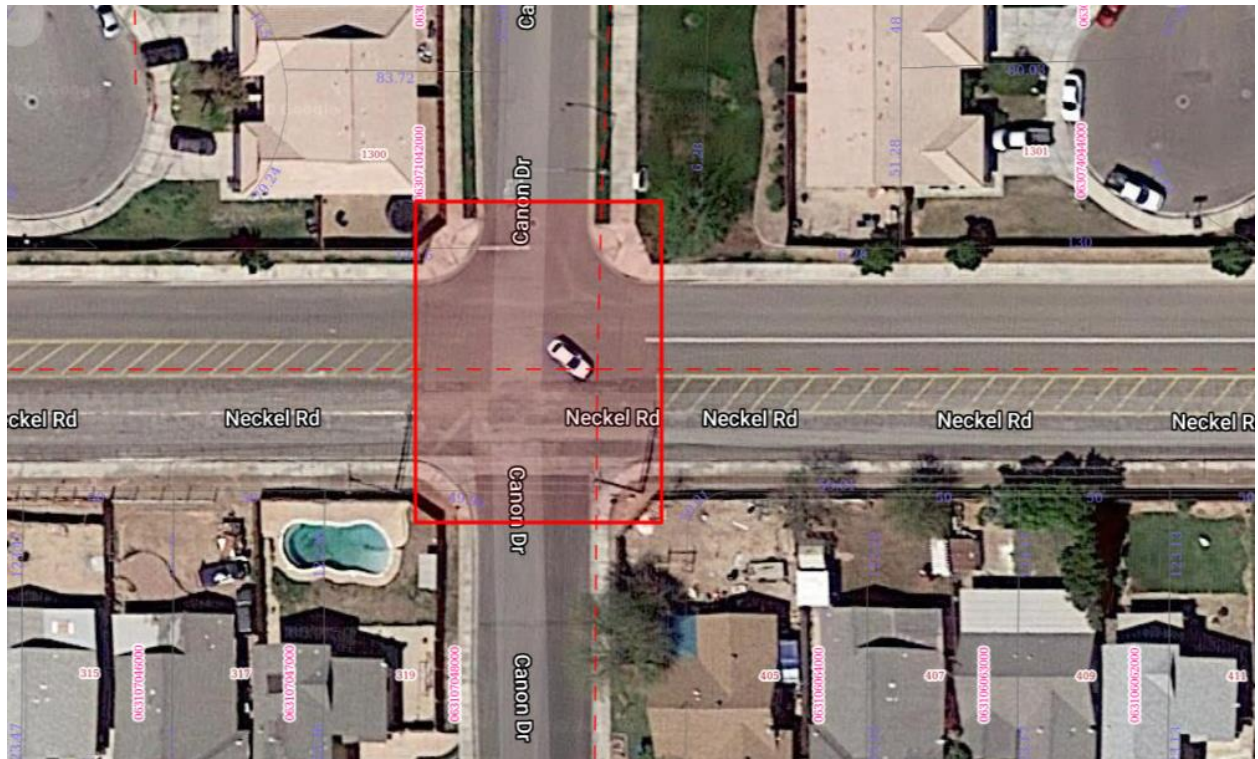
Asphalt Speed Humps \$15,000.00

Rubber Speed Bumps \$2,000.00

Rubber Speed Humps \$2,250.00

Speed Radar Signs \$29,500.00

Location Map:



**2) Proposed Stop Sign
Neckel @ Canon
Intersection**

**Proposed Location
for a new
"Stop Sign"**

**Proposed Location
for a new
"Stop Sign"**

RR Tracks



NECKEL AND CANON

Wednesday	MPH	Vehicles
	10	0
	15	1
	20	0
	25	16
	30	20
	35	5
	40	0
	45	0
	50	0
	55	0
Thursday	MPH	
	10	0
	15	0
	20	0
	25	12
	30	28
	35	11
	40	5
	45	0
	50	0
	55	0
Friday	MPH	
	10	0
	15	0
	20	7
	25	21
	30	18
	35	15
	40	0
	45	0
	50	0
	55	0

