

Draft Minutes
Advisory Traffic and Safety Board
November 10, 2009

TCOs

2009-0477 TM-27.1 “NO LEFT TURN” from southbound Old Perch onto eastbound Ansal Drive at their intersection from 7 AM to 8 AM – School Days Only”

Paul G. Shumejko gave the background on the matter.

At the September 8, 2009 Advisory Traffic & Safety Board (ATSB) meeting, staff presented a letter regarding a proposed traffic study concerning the West Middle School’s ingress and egress. The study included the implementation of a temporary traffic control order (TCO) restricting the southbound Old Perch turning movements onto eastbound Ansal Drive during the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on school days only. Staff indicated they would report back to the ATSB after a cursory traffic field study was performed.

A traffic study was recently completed on October 15th to review the traffic circulation along Old Perch during the a.m. student arrivals and p.m. dismissal times. The a.m. study was performed by City staff in cooperation with Mr. Dave Allyn, Traffic Engineer from the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA). A copy of TIA’s review letter is attached for your reference. The follow-up p.m. study was performed by City staff. Based upon the findings, the following recommendations are made:

- Allow **TCO TM 27.1 “NO LEFT TURN” from southbound Old Perch onto eastbound Ansal Drive at their intersection from 7 AM to 8 AM – School Days Only** to remain in effect and be adopted by City Council.
- No traffic conflicts were identified for this turning movement during the p.m. school dismissal hours. Therefore, staff does not recommend implementing the left-turn restrictions in the afternoon.

Chairperson Colling asked if the left turn prohibition was because drivers were turning onto Ansal Drive and using it for a drop off point, and Mr. Shumejko responded that was correct. Prior to this study Staff went out to review what was occurring in the a.m. hours, and identified that because many parents were turning onto Ansal to drop off their students and allow them to cross Ansal with the crossing guard, it was creating a lot of conflicts. You had parents coming in the other way and turning onto Old Perch, and because there is not a passing lane there the vehicles that were heading southbound on Old Perch were getting queued up waiting for those turning left to find a gap from the northbound traffic. Based upon the preliminary study we instituted a temporary TCO. In our field meeting review with TIA we verified that drivers were adhering to the turn restriction and it helped with the situation at the intersection with Ansal and Old Perch. In the afternoon hours only one or two vehicles made that turning movement, and it

wasn't a problem. As part of the study we looked at the traffic circulation at West Middle School. Many of the issues out there are associated with the lack of storage on site. As parents pull into the school's parking lot the tendency is for them to wait and not drop off their child until they reach the front door, which slows things down. The overall situation lasts for probably 20-25 minutes in the morning. Because there is not enough stacking storage onsite some of the cars get queued up on Old Perch north of the school's driveway. Without the school doing some onsite improvements to improve the onsite traffic flow there are no easy recommendations for staff to make to help the situation. But for what we can control in our right of way, as a result of the study we believe that enacting TCO 27 permanently would help to alleviate the situation.

Chairperson Colling asked if there was any discussion by members of the Board. Hearing none, he asked if anyone would like to make a motion.

Motion by Moore, second by Hunter, to support having **TCO No. TM-27.1** remain in effect, and that the City Council approve this TCO until rescinded or superseded.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Franklin, Schneck

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