

ACONA Meeting Notes - November 27, 2012 - Altadena Library Community Room

After introductions, the following topics were discussed.

Traffic in Altadena - Paul Barbe, Civil Engineer, LA County Dept. of Public Works Traffic and Lighting Division

Responsible for traffic design, systems (traffic signal timing), investigations, studies; street lighting.

Traffic investigations: traffic control devices, pedestrian facilities (crosswalks, beacons), parking, speeding, elementary school crossing guards studies. Phone number to make a request: 626-800-4709.

Traffic Safety Toolkit is posted on ACONAOnline.org.

ACONA survey questions.

Speeding down Glenrose (local street) and Fair Oaks (major street). Addressing these issues.

Who is in charge of traffic in Altadena? Depends on what you mean by who's in charge. Law enforcement: CHP. Traffic signs/signals, crosswalks, etc.: LA County.

Speed humps: Only installed on local, residential streets. Volumes of 500-2000 vehicles/day. 85th percentile speed greater than 35 mph (even though limit is 25 mph). Must be straight alignment and a grade of 8% or less.

Speed cushions: divided to allow fire engines to move quickly. Speed humps where there is no curb or gutter.

Stop signs: not used for speed control. Traffic volumes for multiway stops (flow close to equal in both directions). Look at collisions.

Traffic signal: look at traffic volumes, collision history, pedestrians, whether a signal will cause delays.

Capt. Strull, CHP

Altadena HP office has the largest patrol footprint of any office in the county. 8-15 officers on per shift, covering from 210 at Michillinda to the 134, and 210 out to 118, foothills to Glendale. ID one-two cars per day in Altadena.

Introduced his community enforcement team. CHP has the primary responsibility for enforcing traffic laws, but other law enforcement agencies can also do that.

CHP works cooperatively with Sheriff's station so that if a call comes in to one, both respond.

Enforces but does not make the regulations, but county can get recommendations based on data collected from traffic reports.

SWITRS (State Wide Integrated Traffic Records System) State traffic accident reporting system. Runs 12 months behind. URL: <http://www.chp.ca.gov/switrs/>

County has five years' worth of hard copies of collision reports from the CHP.

DUI checkpoints are grant-funded and the data from DUI collisions is used in the grant application.

Fire Safety - Stephanie English, Community Services Liaison, Division III Fire Station 73 & Battalion Chief Mario DeFina

Altadena to Agua Dulce and part of Chatsworth is Division III's area. County fire dept. budget is just under 1 billion.

www.fire.lacounty.gov

Showed a video regarding the importance of fire and evacuation readiness.

Ready, Set, Go! handouts provided. Reference to the web page is on ACONAOnline.org, for a downloadable PDF.