



**TRAFFIC, SAFETY AND PARKING COMMISSION**  
**Unapproved Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2025**

*The meeting minutes are intended to provide a high-level summary and action items. The official record is the meeting recording, which can be found on the City's website or the City's YouTube Channel:*

<https://www.burlingame.org/201/Traffic-Safety-Parking-Commission>

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cauchi, Israelit, Johnson, Martos

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brown

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) April 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – To be Approved at the June TSPC Meeting

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA**

None.

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

The Commission agreed to hear item 6.b first to allow Commissioner Israelit time to arrive and weigh in on the Hillside Drive item.

a) Proposal to Implement Pedestrian Improvements along Hillside Drive (Alvarado Avenue to Vancouver Avenue)

Mr. Wong provided a presentation regarding the proposal to implement pedestrian improvements along Hillside Drive. He went over the evening goals including next steps, background, project parameters, collision history, speed and volume data, pedestrian gap

analysis, and proposed improvements along Hillside Drive.

In summary, the proposed improvements include:

- Enhancement of the westernmost unmarked crosswalk on Hillside Drive at Cabrillo Avenue with a high-visibility crosswalk and quick-build bulbouts. This work would include striping, signage, and delineator posts. A phase 2 improvement to further enhance this crossing would be the installation of a “rectangular rapid flashing beacon” (RRFB).
- To assist on reducing vehicular speeds along this section of Hillside Drive, Traffic Enforcement’s radar trailer would continue to be rotated along Hillside Drive. During the radar trailer’s recent deployment along Hillside, results showed a significant speed reduction, between 8-10 MPH. Similarly, funding for permanent driver feedback signs could be sought as part of a phase 2 improvement.
- Staff does not recommend stop signs or speed cushions at this time. After coordinating with CCFD, speed cushions are NOT being recommended along Hillside Drive as it is a running route for Fire Station No. 35 (Hillside) as well as an arterial roadway.

Please refer to the [presentation](#) for additional details.

The commissioners asked clarifying questions before Chair Martos opened the public comment period.

Ms. Louis stated she is a resident in the area and shared that her daughter was hit five years ago crossing Hillside at Alvarado. She shared details of the collision and extended her thankfulness to the Commission for considering the improvements. Based on their family’s experience, Ms. Louis suggested another indicator that there is someone in the crosswalk—perhaps a flashing light—would be a good enhancement.

Lucas, a local student in Burlingame, inquired about the consideration of another four-way stop in the seven-block stretch between Vancouver and Alvarado.

Chair Martos acknowledged the five public comments received via email from Brian Benn, Michael Clay, Ed Barisone, Jan Robertson, and Manito Velasco.

After various questions and careful considerations by the Commission, the following motion was made by Commissioner Israelit and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Move to approve staff’s recommendations for phase 1 and phase 2 with the understanding of taking a look at Carlos versus Castillo and to move forward with the recommendations this evening.

The motion passed 4-0.

b) Citywide Bicycle Boulevard Project (Carmelita)

Mr. Wong provided an update on the Citywide Bicycle Boulevard, specifically the speed cushions along Carmelita Avenue. He went over the locations of the speed cushions to be removed, additional enhancements to the existing speed cushions, and the schedule of when work is anticipated to be completed.

In summary, 4 speed cushions will be removed, leaving 8 total over the 12 blocks and the work is anticipated to be complete the week of May 12. For more details, please review the [official record](#).

Commissioner Israelit and Chair Martos asked clarifying questions.

Chair Martos opened the public comment period.

Lucas, a student in Burlingame, inquired about the purpose of the original installation. Mr. Wong summarized it is part of a traffic calming effort to slow vehicles speeds and make safer spaces for cyclists through bicycle boulevards.

No formal action was taken; this was an update to the Commission and an opportunity for additional public feedback.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Public Comments Related to Informational Items

No comments.

b) Community Group Updates

No update.

c) Police Department Reports

Corporal Thompson reported 16 collisions for the month of April. Of the 16 collisions in the report, he said 12 collisions involved another motor vehicle, 2 were with a fixed or other object, 1 involved a pedestrian, and 1 involved a bicyclist. He did indicate 1 of the collision's resulted in a fatality. Corporal Thompson stated the primary collision factors for the 16 collisions were unsafe turn movements, right-of-way violations, and unsafe speed. Please see the [collision report](#) for details.

d) TSPC Chair/Commissioner's Communications

Chair Martos shared a short summary of the community meeting he attended for the California Drive Class I Bicycle Project.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) Public Comments Related to Committee Reports**

No comments.

### **b) Hillside Drive Safety and Traffic Calming (Israelit/Johnson)**

No update.

### **c) Key Performance Indicators (Brown/Cauchy)**

Vice-Chair Cauchy stated the report is ready to be presented. With her upcoming departure, she said the tentative special meeting date is May 14, 2025.

### **d) ECR Renewal (Brown/Israelit)**

No update.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- City Thread (AMP) efforts
- Vision Zero

In closing Chair Martos and Commissioners Johnson and Israelit thanked Vice-Chair Cauchy for her dedication and hard work on the Traffic Safety and Parking Commission.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**      8:46 p.m.

Traffic Safety and Parking Commission

**Public Comments**

May 8, 2025

**From:** [Brian Benn](#)  
**To:** [GRP-TSP Commissioners](#); [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Comments and Questions re: TSPC May 8 Agenda Item 6: Pedestrian Improvements along Hillside Dr (Alvarado to Vancouver)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:58:56 PM

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Dear TSPC Commissioners:

Thank you for your consideration of much-needed pedestrian improvements along Hillside Drive between Alvarado and Vancouver.

As a senior-pedestrian who crosses Hillside Drive usually twice a day, around Columbus or De Soto, I offer the following comments:

1. I **support** staff's recommendation to install a high-visibility crosswalk and quick-build bulbouts at Castillo Avenue, but suggest putting the crosswalk on the **east-side** of the intersection where visibility is better to downhill traffic;
2. **Include Rapid Flashing Beacons at Castillo (and add such beacons at Vancouver and Alvarado)** which are essential for drivers to anticipate pedestrians, given the high speeds of downhill vehicles; please do not defer installation of beacons as recommended by staff.
3. **Add an In-Street Pedestrian Sign at Castillo (and add such signs at Vancouver and Alvarado)** which also help with driver awareness;
4. Add similar improvements at **Columbus Avenue, too**, which is a pedestrian and cyclist **route for points north** including other schools (Mercy, Lincoln and BIS) via Adeline/Bernal; and
5. Do **not** continue the radar trailer or add permanent driver feedback signs, and **instead put funds toward beacons and in-street signs** which are more useful for pedestrian safety, since speed-feedback signs may slow traffic but not enough to make pedestrians safe (consider being hit at 30mph instead of 40mph).

Questions:

- The staff report refers to funding needs but does not appear to include

cost estimates. What are the estimated costs of the various alternatives, and what has the City currently budgeted for such pedestrian improvements?

- The report states that the 85th percentile eastbound speed was measured at 36mph, and that speeds were reduced by 8 to 10mph with use of the radar trailer. Was the 36mph measured with or without the trailer in use? What were the highest speeds measured?

Respectfully yours,

Brian Benn

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**From:** [Michael Clay](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Pri Carr \(Jon & Jasper\)](#); [EDWARD BARISONE](#); [Ellen Kraska](#); [Jeremi McManus](#); [Jonathan Carr](#)  
**Subject:** Hillside Drive & Safety Feedback  
**Date:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:33:29 PM

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Hi TSCP & Hillside Subcommittee Neighbors,  
Thanks again for all your help and support across Burlingame and specifically on Hillside Drive. While I won't be able to attend your meeting on Thurs May 8, I wanted to provide some local feedback.

I live at [REDACTED] and am mainly concerned with the safety at the intersection of Hillside & Alvarado, where my kids cross Hillside to & from Hoover Elementary. Thus, here are my suggestions below...

**Intersection of Hillside & Alvarado:**

- 1. Crossing Guard** = Support from the police dept? I can work with Hoover's Principal Kraska and the Burlingame school district to see if there are ways to pay for our portion of a Crossing Guard.
- 2. White Posts** = Possibly install some white posts on corners of Hillside & Alvarado and between lanes to give kids & pedestrians some protection on the corners and in-between lanes.
- 3. Speed Reduction** = Stop sign at Carlos or Castillo (approx half-way). There are currently 5 Stop Signs/Lights on Hillside for 7 cross-streets between El Camino and Vancouver (1.4 streets per stop). However, there are currently 2 Stop Signs on Hillside for 8 cross-streets between Vancouver and Alvarado (4 streets per stop).
- 4. Stop Sign Adjustment** = Maybe move the downhill Stop Sign at Hillside & Alvarado 25 ft closer to the intersection, as it's currently set 25 ft back from the intersection.

Again, thank you for all your help TSCP & Hillside Subcommittee! Special thanks to Andrew Wong for all his help as well.

Thanks & best,  
Michael Clay

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**From:** [EDWARD BARISONE](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Traffic, Safety, & Parking Commission - Hillside Drive Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 5:17:41 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Ed Barisone. I live on [REDACTED] one house down from the corner of Hillside and Alvarado. I have lived here since 1982. This has always been a dangerous corner with cars both coming up West on Hillside Dr. at excessive speed and cars coming down East on Hillside Dr. at excessive speed. Over the years, I have had two visitors to our home have their cars crashed into by cars coming down Hillside, losing control as they make the turn onto the straight part of the street, and crashing into their vehicles parked in front of our house. Stop signs were installed some years ago, but I can attest to the fact that a good percentage of drivers ignore those signs. As I often walk my dog across the street at Alvarado, I never assume that a driver is going to stop there and will not step out until I make eye contact with the driver, because even if they slow down, they are often not looking, cruise through the stop and speed up again. This behavior is also true at the stop sign installed above the intersection on Alvarado. As you know, Hillside is a thoroughfare between El Camino and Skyline Dr. that people use to go to work or bring their kids to school and are often in a hurry.

I would welcome enhanced stop signs both coming up Hillside at Alvarado and also enhanced for the stop sign on Alvarado coming down Hillside just before turning onto the straight part of Hillside. I would also welcome another stop sign on Hillside somewhere between Alvarado and Vancouver. This is preferable to me as the speed bumps are harder to see and can cause damage to our vehicles. Also, Hillside is a wider street than others in the neighborhood and I can envision drivers swerving around the bumps in a reckless manner.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and I look forward to something being done to address the problem here!

*Ed Barisone*

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**To:** [GRP-TSP Commissioners](#); [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comments and Questions re: TSPC May 8 Agenda Item 6: Pedestrian Improvements along Hillside Dr (Alvarado to Vancouver)  
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Dear TSPC Commissioners:

Thank you for your consideration of much-needed pedestrian improvements along Hillside Drive between Alvarado and Vancouver.

As a senior-pedestrian who crosses Hillside Drive usually twice a day, around Columbus or De Soto, I have the following comments:

1. We absolutely need a **Stop Sign at either Carlos or Castillo**. Every day I see the cars racing up Hillside after they stop at Vancouver. There is no break in the 'straight-away' from Vancouver to Alvarado, and drivers take advantage of this to put 'pedal to the metal' and go as fast as possible. Good luck to any pedestrian trying to cross Hillside in that stretch – rarely does anyone every stop to let pedestrians cross!
2. We also need to have **Crosswalks with Flashing Lights at Columbus and either Carlos or Castillo**. By Flashing Lights I mean a system (like on California) where pedestrians can trigger the lights by pressing a button when they want to cross. Otherwise, just painting crosswalk lines on the road does very little to improve safety for pedestrians nor does it slow down the traffic! This is especially true at busy times of day (morning, late afternoon) and at night when cars can't see pedestrians. And of course, seniors and disabled people need more time to cross safely.

***Please don't wait until a pedestrian is hit & injured or killed to act and implement these needed traffic safety changes to the busy Hillside stretch between Vancouver & Alvarado!***

Thanks for your consideration of my comments.

**Jan Robertson**



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [GRP-TSP Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** RE: TSPC Agenda Packet - May 2025 (Item 6a Hillside)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 3:05:35 PM

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Good Evening Commissioners,

Thank you for looking into safety improvements on Hillside.

I appreciate very much the thought put into this, especially the recommendation not to add STOP signs but to consider other measures instead.

Two thoughts:

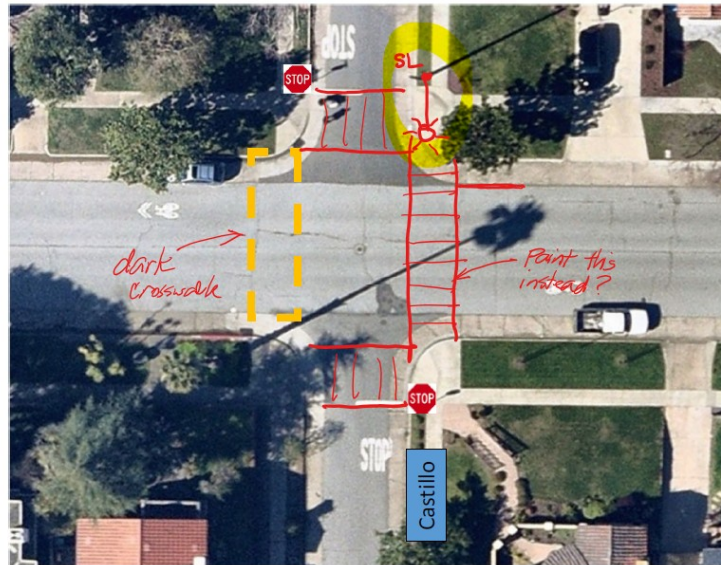
1. Hillside/Castillo – I ask that you consider painting the crosswalk crossing Hillside on the east side of the intersection, rather than the one shown in the presentation. The one in the presentation is dark, with no lighting whatsoever. Whereas the east side is where the lone streetlight is at that intersection. That would give the best chance of drivers seeing pedestrians crossing at night. It would be great if you would consider painting the crosswalks along Hillside, across Castillo to make the pedestrian paths of travel here clear.
2. Hillside/Vancouver – please consider painting the missing 4<sup>th</sup> crosswalk at that all-way STOP. For some reason, that crossing is not marked even though from observations half the people who cross Hillside here at night cross there. It is an all-way stop already as compared to others. Since this intersection is also on a grade, it would improve pedestrian safety if the 20' daylight red zones were painted approaching the crosswalks for clarity. It's not just the grades here that obstruct visibility but the large and tall pickup trucks can also hinder driver and pedestrian mutual sightlines.

Thanks,

Manito

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## LOCATION: HILLSIDE AND CASTILLO



Hillside

Castillo

