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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 – 6:00 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

TELECONFERENCE REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE

Recommend consideration of requests received for remote teleconference meeting participation made by members of the City’s legislative bodies, as permitted under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, Government Code Section 54953, and the City of San Fernando adopted Resolution No. 8215, effective March 1, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommend that the Transportation and Public Safety Commission approve the agenda as presented.

DECORUM AND ORDER

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be disposed of by a single motion to adopt staff recommendation. If the Transportation and Public Safety Commission wishes to discuss any item, it should first be removed from the Consent Calendar.

1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:

July 5, 2023 – Regular meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) NOTABLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 2023

Recommend that the Transportation and Public Safety Commission receive and file this informational report.

3) DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL TRAFFIC STUDY ON JESSIE STREET BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND FOURTH STREET

Recommended that the Transportation and Public Safety Commission provide direction to staff regarding potential traffic study on Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street

STAFF COMMUNICATION

a. Infiltration Project Updates

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COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING

Commissioner(s) may request to agendize an item for discussion at a future meeting, subject to approval by the Commission. Requests should align with the commission's scope of responsibility, adhere to City Council policies, and consider the availability of staff resources and budget constraints.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting will adjourn to its next regular meeting.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Maria Padilla

Executive Assistant

Signed and Posted: July 27, 2023 (11:00 a.m.)

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**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 5, 2023
ZOOM MEETING STREAMED ON YOUTUBE**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION. VIDEO AND AUDIO OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING AT: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityOfSanFernando>

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Adriana Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Executive Assistant, Maria Padilla, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Chair Adriana Gomez, Vice Chair Rudy Trujillo, Commissioners Victoria Garcia and Nicole Mohr (6:04 p.m.)

ABSENT:

Commissioner Ivan Gonzalez

ALSO PRESENT:

Assistant to the City Manager Carlos Hernandez, Management Analyst Kenneth Jones, Sergeant Brian Woodward, Civil Engineering Assistant II Manuel Fabian, and Executive Assistant Maria Padilla

TELECONFERENCE REQUEST/DISCLOSURE:

Commissioner Garcia motioned to approve Commissioner Nicole Mohr's teleconferencing request. Vice Chair Trujillo seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following votes:

AYES:	V. Garcia, A. Gomez, N. Mohr, and R. Trujillo - 4
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	I. Gonzalez - 1
ABSTAIN:	None

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gomez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Garcia motioned to approve the agenda for the July 5, 2023 Transportation and Public Safety Commission meeting with correction to her name. Commissioner Mohr seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following votes:

AYES:	V. Garcia, A. Gomez, N. Mohr, and R. Trujillo - 4
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	I. Gonzalez - 1
ABSTAIN:	None

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Jacynda Rodriguez (Resident Services Coordinator – 101 Park Ave.) – Stop sign request on Jessie and First Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Garcia motioned to approve the Consent Calendar approving the Minutes of the June 7, 2023 Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting. Vice Chair Trujillo seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following votes:

AYES:	V. Garcia, A. Gomez, N. Mohr, and R. Trujillo - 4
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	I. Gonzalez - 1
ABSTAIN:	None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. **NOTABLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE 2023** – Sergeant Woodward presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Commission.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

1. **ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATES** – Manuel Fabian provided updates and responded to questions from the Commission. Phase II of Slurry Project is wrapping up.

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2. INFILTRATION PROJECT UPDATES – Mr. Fabian provided updates. Contractor is doing the final cap of asphalt. Chair Gomez would like to have date on when park will reopen and would like to see area surrounding the project to be maintained.

3. GLENOAKS BRIDGE UPDATES – Mr. Fabian provide updates. Fence project is complete.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING

Commissioner Mohr has been working with SFPD to discuss possibility of closing Orange Grove on Halloween. A meeting to discuss the impact of the street closure is scheduled for August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Rudy Ortega Park. Staff will be delivering flyers to residents in the area. Commissioner Mohr agenzied update/Police plan to the Commission at the September meeting.

Vice Chair Trujillo spoke in regards to traffic issue on Jessie Street and traffic signal timing. Chair Gomez motioned to agendize exploring traffic calming measures on Jessie Street between First and Fourth Street.

The motion carried with the following votes:

AYES:	V. Garcia, A. Gomez, N. Mohr, and R. Trujillo - 4
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	I. Gonzalez - 1
ABSTAIN:	None

Commissioner Garcia provided feedback on process of agendizing items a month ahead, traffic signal timing and condition of wayfinding signs on Maclay Ave.

Chair Gomez mentioned green bins dropped off by Republic without pick-ups schedule and instructions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation and Public Safety Commission meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

To: Chair Adriana Gomez and Commissioners

From: Fabian Valdez, Chief of Police

Date: August 2, 2023

Subject: July 2023 Notable Police Department Events and Activities

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Transportation and Public Safety (TPS) Commission receive and file this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

Each month at the City of San Fernando Transportation and Public Safety Commission meeting, the Police Department submits and provides the governing board a brief overview of the previous month's community engagement activities, noteworthy incidents, and proactive enforcement.

ANALYSIS:

The San Fernando Police Department (SFPD) has recently heightened and further integrated its community profile in three major areas: Community Engagement, Proactive Enforcement and Quality of Life Enhancements.

For the month of July, the SFPD has the following activities and incidents to report:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**1. Chat-with-the-Chief**

On Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 6 PM, Chief Valdez hosted his monthly Chat-with-the-Chief at Bodevi Espresso and Wine Bar. The Chief responded to questions from the audience and discussed their issues of concerns including traffic enforcement and park safety.

2. Scam and Fraud Prevention Workshop

On Friday, July 14, 2023, Chief Valdez facilitated a "Scam and Fraud Prevention Workshop" with seniors at Las Palmas Park. The topics of discussion included how to

identify commonly used scams, dating scams targeting seniors, IRS scams, utility/constructions scams and ways to prevent from becoming a victim.

3. Outdoor Market

On Saturday, July 22, 2023, SFPD provided security at the San Fernando Outdoor Market.

4. Business Watch Meeting

On Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 12PM, the Police Department hosted its regular Business Watch Meeting at Pinnacle Designs, 615 Eighth Street. The topics of discussion included answering questions and listening to concerns of business located in the immediate area.

5. Meeting with Los Angeles School Police Chief

On Wednesday, July 26, 2023, Chief F. Valdez met with Los Angeles School Police Chief S. Zipperman to discuss school safety for the upcoming school year and opportunities to partner with SFPD to support school safety.

6. Neighborhood Watch Meeting

On Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 6 PM, the Police Department hosted its regular Neighborhood Watch Meeting. The topics of discussion included current crime trends, needs of the business community in the area, and safety.

7. Church Leadership Outreach

On July 27, Chief F. Valdez and LAPD Chief M. Moore met with church leaders from the San Fernando Valley to discuss issues of concern and current events important to them and their congregations.

8. San Fernando Middle School Meeting

On July 31, Chief F. Valdez met with representatives from San Fernando Middle School to discuss how the Middle School and the Police Department can strengthen their relationship and the possibility of having SFPD presence on campus.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS:

1. On Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 7:30 PM, SFPD officers responded to a possible assault-in-progress near the intersection of Orange Grove Avenue and the Bike Path. Officers detained two male subjects who had fled eastbound on the bike path. During their investigation, officers learned that the suspects had assaulted and robbed the victim, and had attacked him because of his sexual orientation. The suspects were later arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, and committing a hate crime.

2. On Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 12:55 PM, SFPD officers responded to a report of a possible gang fight in the 300 Block of San Fernando Mission Boulevard. The reporting party advised SFPD Dispatch that the group involved in the fight drove away in a white Nissan Altima. When officers arrived, they saw a vehicle matching the description leaving the location and initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the vehicle. The subjects inside the vehicle were interviewed and identified as four Pacoima gang members. No arrests were made.
3. On Saturday, July 8, 2023, at approximately 2:50 AM, SFPD officers responded to a call of shots fired with one possible victim in the 700 Block of Pico Street. Officers arrived on scene and learned that a 14 year-old female juvenile was grazed in the lower back by one of the fired bullets and transported to the hospital. Retrieved video footage of the incident showed that a grey four-door hatchback fired between 10 to 12 rounds at a residence and then fled from the area. Officers recovered additional evidence from the location and the investigation is currently active.
4. On Friday, July 14, 2023, at approximately 3:15 AM, SFPD officers responded to a report of at least one homicide victim in the 1300 Block of Keweenaw Street. When officers arrived on scene, they discovered one deceased gunshot wound victim inside the home. LASD Homicide and SFPD Detectives identified at least one person of interest in the homicide and later arrested two adults in connection with the incident. The investigation is still ongoing.
5. On Friday, July 14, 2023, at approximately 3:25 PM, SFPD officers responded to a call-for-service involving a subject brandishing a knife in the 1000 Block of Truman Street. Officers learned that the suspect had threatened to stab at least one person at the scene. The suspect was arrested for brandishing a weapon and making criminal threats.
6. On Friday, July 21, 2023, at approximately 8:00 PM, SFPD officers responded to the 400 block of San Fernando Mission Road, (WSS) on reports that two subjects who were suspiciously gathering a large amount of merchandise in an attempt to fraudulently purchase the items. During their investigation, officers determined that the subjects were attempting to purchase the items fraudulently and subsequently arrested them for fraud, providing false information to police officers, and outstanding warrants.
7. On Saturday, July 22, 2023, at approximately 11:00 PM, SFPD officers responded to the area of Hubbard St. and Glenoaks on reports of a possible street takeover. Officers arrived on scene and dispersed a crowd that had begun to gather in the area.
8. On Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at approximately 5:00 PM, SFPD officers responded to 1400 block of Truman St. on reports a person experiencing homelessness was causing a disturbance in the area. Officers recognized the person experiencing homelessness as his

possible burglary suspect from a previous incident and brought him to the station for an ID booking.

QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCEMENTS:

1. Saturation Patrol, Crime and Gang Suppression

From July 6, 2023 to July 20, 2023, several allied law enforcement agencies including Pasadena PD, Bell Gardens PD, the LADA's Office, and LA County Probation assisted the San Fernando Police Department with enhanced crime and gang suppression operations.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact associated with receiving this informational report and providing comment to the City Council.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Transportation and Public Safety Commission receive and file this informational report.

To: Chair Adriana Gomez and Commissioners

From: Kenneth Jones, Management Analyst
By: Manuel Fabian, Civil Engineering Assistant II

Date: August 2, 2023

Subject: Discussion of Potential Traffic Study on Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Transportation and Public Safety (TPS) Commission provide direction to staff regarding potential traffic study on Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street.

BACKGROUND:

On July 5, 2023, the TPS Commission received public comment seeking potential traffic control devices be installed on Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street.

ANALYSIS:

At the July 5, 2023 TPS Commission Meeting, Staff received a public comment expressing their concern about speeding vehicles on Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street. The installation of traffic control/calming devices were requested as part of their public comments.

Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street

At the meeting of July 5, 2023, a public comment was provided requesting that a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Jessie Street and First Street. Additionally, it was requested that potential traffic control measures be considered on Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street. The individual stated that the intersection has a high traffic volume and rolling stops.

Staff has evaluated the location for the possible installation of a stop sign and it does not meet the minimum qualifying criteria. The intersection of Jessie Street and First Street does not qualify for a stop sign due to the close proximity of the existing traffic signal at Truman Street and Wolfskill Street. The existing traffic control devices are 350 feet from the area of concern. In order to have an effective calming device installed a distance of 600 feet between traffic control devices

is required. Additionally, there is a potential for traffic congestion at the railroad crossing. The criteria for speed humps in the Citywide Traffic Calming Study and Master Plan restricts traffic calming devices, such as speed humps, to be installed on established transit routes.

Existing conditions along Jessie Street between First Street and Fourth Street include a stop sign at the intersection of Jessie Street and Third Street, School Area Signs to warn motorists of the crossing at Jessie Street and First Street, and Traffic Control Devices for Railroad Grade Crossing to warn motorists of the crossing at Wolfskill Street (Jessie Street becomes Wolfskill Street at the intersection of First Street) south of First Street.

Staff previously evaluated the location as part of the Safe and Active Streets Implementation Plan. As part of this study conducted in July 2021, the project team completed an in-person walk audit assessment of potential safety improvements for consideration. The design consultant developed conceptual plans for improving safety at this intersection which included high-visibility crosswalks, rectangular rapid flashing beacons to support people crossing the street, curb extensions to narrow the profile of roadway, and significant bike improvements to support crossings from the Mission City Trail to First Street (Attachment "A"). These efforts serve to support crossing First Streets and to help reduce speeding, particularly in the southbound direction. The Safe and Active Streets team then hosted second walk audit and discussion with residents at the site with the proposed concept design plans. The Safe and Active Streets Implementation Plan was adopted by City Council on March 7, 2022. City staff will continue to seek funding sources to complete full design and construction of safety improvements at this intersection.

BUDGET IMPACT:

If directed by the TPS Commission to perform traffic study for a stop sign, staff will have the Traffic Engineer evaluate the location. The fee for the Traffic Engineer to perform the study is \$275/hr. The average for this type of study would cost approximately \$3,000. If staff is successful in obtaining grant funding for the improvements outlined in Attachment "A", no additional budget impacts are anticipated.

CONCLUSION:

The TPS Commission directed staff to bring these items for discussion at its August meeting. Based on review that forms part of the Safe and Active Streets program for this intersection, it is recommended that the TPS Commission receive and file this report.

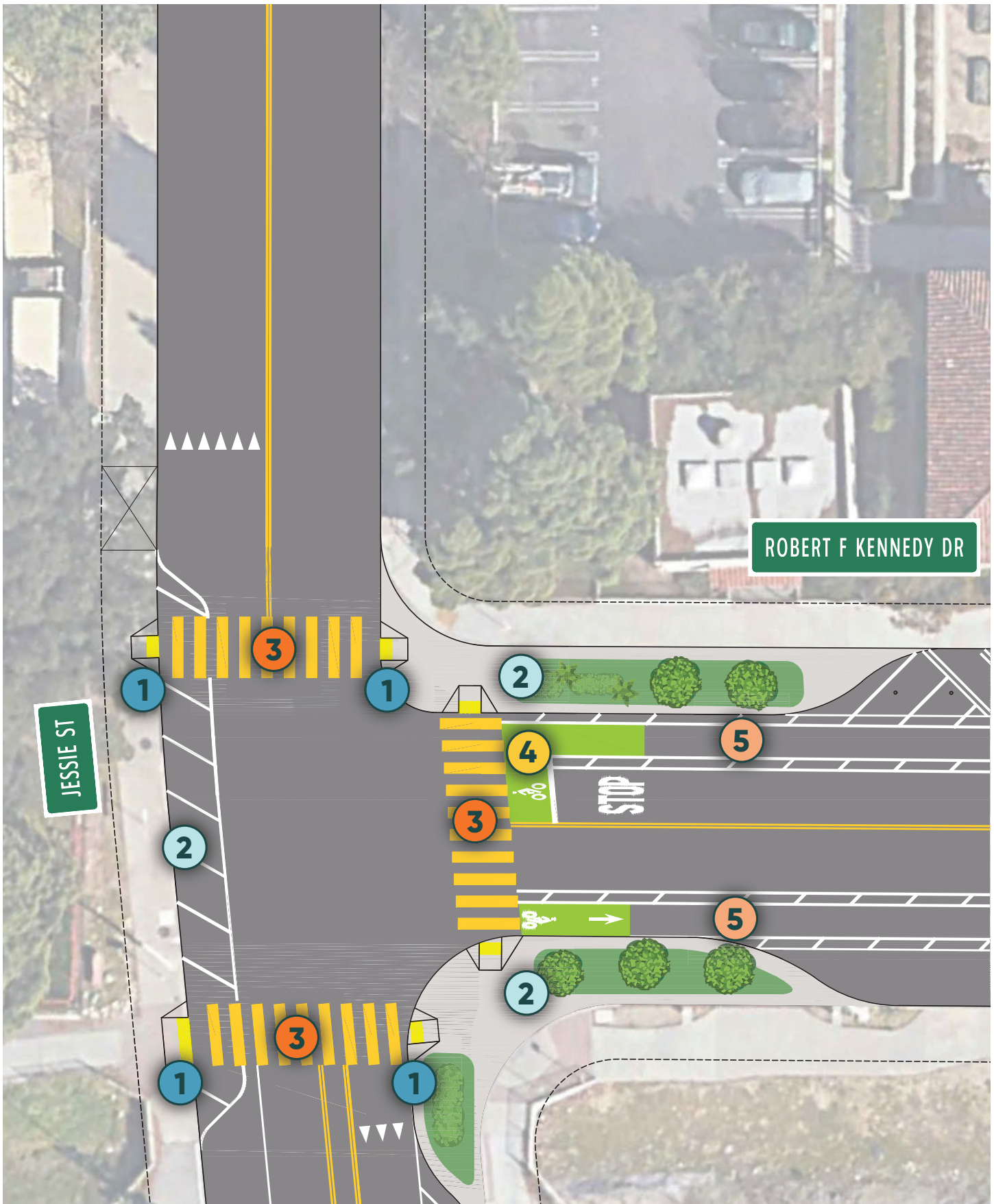


Figure 7: Jessie Street at Robert F. Kennedy Drive

Jessie Street at Robert F. Kennedy Drive

This location was flagged as a priority during a walk audit due to its proximity to San Fernando Middle School, San Fernando Recreation Park, the Cesar E. Chavez memorial, senior residential housing, and the Mission City Trail (multi-use path). The proximity to the rail tracks and the signalized intersection at Jessie Street and Truman Street creates barriers in this key area and encourages speeding in the southbound direction. Creating improvements and connections for pedestrians and bicyclists to destinations in this area is a priority for this plan.

Recommendations:

- 1 **Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)** improve visibility for people crossing the street.
- 2 **Concrete and painted curb extensions** reduce crossing distances and provide space for trees and landscaping.
- 3 **Continental crosswalks** improve visibility for people crossing the street.
- 4 A **bike box** increases visibility for people riding bikes and minimizes conflicts between drivers and bicyclists.
- 5 A **buffered bike lane** is more comfortable for less confident riders and provides additional distance between people biking and people driving.