



Public Comment

Item 3

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Dear City Council Members and City Management,

I am writing to request a clear update and immediate action regarding the long standing traffic safety concerns at the intersection of Rockport Road and Gandy Dancer Lane where they connect with South Tracy Boulevard. This is the same location where two children were struck by a vehicle on Halloween, an event that has deeply affected many families in our community. What makes this incident even more painful is the fact that this intersection had already been identified as unsafe a year prior given a completed traffic study that illustrated the flow of traffic on S Tracy Blvd, as well as an access point for two major elementary and middle schools for Tracy utilize this intersection, and is in need of improvement (well before this tragedy occurred).

Last year, Nov 20th 2024, a formal request was submitted through the GoTracy system for a traffic light and a marked crosswalk at this location (go tracy ticket 8599618). Staff reviewed the request and stated improvements were appropriate and confirmed a plan for a traffic light had been developed and only required funding. This information was shared verbally at the City Council meeting last week. Residents were told that the project required funding and that the next step was approval from the City Manager, to propose to City Council. Unfortunately, the project did not proceed, and the intersection remained unchanged. The result is an avoidable situation in which our community continues to face an unsafe condition, and ultimately two children were harmed.

After the most recent City Council meeting, I was informed by city leadership that the City Manager, Midori Lichtwardt, would be contacting me to discuss the matter further. To date, no communication has been received. This absence of follow through has become a common concern among residents who attempt to use the proper channels, submit requests, and work with the city in good faith. There are multiple pending GoRequest submissions from residents who are seeking assistance and who are waiting for action. These are not small issues. They reflect the growing belief that accountability is lacking at a time when community members are asking for swift action.

I am submitting this message as an additional formal follow up and as a direct appeal to city leadership. The installation of a traffic signal and a clearly marked crosswalk at South Tracy Boulevard and Rockport and Gandy Dancer is not only reasonable, it is necessary. The safety concerns have been documented. The community has spoken repeatedly. Staff has already indicated that the improvements have been studied and planned, only requiring a green light.

It is concerning that the current City Council agenda includes items related to “palm reading” and “massage therapist” permits, while this urgent public safety issue, which affects hundreds of residents, remains unaddressed. This raises an important question for all of us: In what way

are we prioritizing the safety and well being of the people who live here? Our residents should not have to question whether their concerns matter. They should not have to experience silence when they are trying to work with the city responsibly and respectfully.

The situation demands attention. It demands leadership. And it demands timely action when the city staff formally states says it should and can be done.

I respectfully ask the City Council and City Management to communicate a clear plan regarding the installation of the traffic signal and crosswalk at this intersection. To bring this back as an agenda item to approve construction on consent as the study and planning has already been completed by staff. The community deserves transparency, accountability, and visible progress. We cannot allow another preventable incident to occur when the need for safety improvements has been formally evident for more than a year. It creates a liability for the city given it has already formally acknowledged a safety requirement for it to be completed.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to serving our community. I look forward to a timely and direct response.

Sincerely,
Harres Magee