

Date Assigned: 01/24/08

Assigned Officer: Officer A. Carlos

NARRATIVE:

On January 23, 2008, I observed an unsafe/traffic hazard area at the Palomar College, San Marcos Campus. The traffic hazard is located at the intersection of Northbound Comet Circle to West/East Comet Circle. The exact location is where the two Comet Circles meet making a "Y", North of the NS building and South of Lot # 9. The area is unsafe for pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Four points of concern:

- No crosswalks
- No stop signs
- No warning signs for PED XING
- No speed bumps

SURVEY:

I conducted a survey at the location and noticed large amount of students walking from Lots # 9, 8 and 5 and crossing Comet Circle to the NS building. At the same time vehicles are traveling North on Comet Circle from the parking lots located at the East side of the campus and from Mission Road. Vehicles traveling North on Comet Circle to East Comet Circle (toward Borden) do not stop because there is no stop sign and there is no crosswalk lines. There are no crosswalk lines at any of the areas.

Recommendation:

1. Crosswalk from the middle of the "Y", (Diamond shaped area) to the NS building.
2. Warning sign "XING PED AHEAD" for vehicles traveling north on Comet Circle.
3. Crosswalk from the Southwest corner of the exit in Lot # 9 to the diamond area.
4. Stop sign at the South/West corner of the exit in lot # 9.
5. Stop signs for vehicle traffic traveling North on Comet Circle to Eastbound on Comet Circle to Borden (See markings on attached map for specific details).
6. Speed bumps on East Comet Circle in the area in front of the NS building and towards the "Y" intersection.

Opinion and Conclusion:

The installation of the above signs and crosswalks will prevent the following:

1. Prevent anyone from getting injured.
2. Prevent traffic accidents.
3. Reduce liability against the college.

Respectfully,

Officer A. Carlos

