

Per Ms. Anderson's request, Kelly Heimgartner, MNA Board Sponsor of the Traffic Safety Special Committee emailed the following on 10/21/2020 to Karen Anderson, Executive Assistant at the Rio Rancho Police Department who shared this with Sgt. Brian Thacker and his supervisors in the Traffic Unit (also on 10/21/2020).



Traffic Safety Concerns in Mariposa

Thank you for being responsive to our neighborhood's concern. As this is such a huge problem, I reached out to the neighbors to see if they could give me real specifics. I have included some direct quotes from them in my descriptions below (set off by bullet points).

1) Speeding

A. Excessive speeds on Blue Grama Drive

This roadway is marked 30 mph for all but the very south end where it turns to a dirt road. This main road is an undivided, 2 lane road with many curves and hills. Once you turn off of Mariposa Parkway onto Blue Grama, there is only one stop sign along its course. However, there are 11 intersecting roads along its 1.7-mile length. Here, while some drivers adhere to the 30 mph limit, many drive 10-15 mph over the limit. And though it is a double yellow stripe its whole length, drivers cross over due to going too fast around the curves, and drivers pass those of us who are going 30 mph.

- I've had many near misses with drivers who are over the center line coming around a blind curve on one of the hills.
- I'm also very glad something is being resolved with this issue, having a daily walk can sometimes be scary when cars are racing through the neighborhood. One didn't even have the patience to wait for me and my dog to safely cross the crosswalk. Honked and revved up their engine!

B. Excessive speeds on Mariposa Parkway

This roadway is marked 35 mph, but it is rare for drivers to adhere to that limit. It is common for drivers to consistently drive 10-20 mph over the limit.

- Mariposa Parkway from the Redondo Sierra Vista intersection up to the Blue Grama intersection sounds like a highway many to most days. Sometimes it seems nonstop. The construction vehicles, even the large ones, seem to speed up from the Redondo

Sierra Vista intersection up to the Blue Grama intersection. Residential vehicles do as well

C. Excessive speeds on Redondo Sierra Vista

This roadway is marked 35 mph and many do adhere to that limit. However, as three neighborhoods empty into this very short stretch of 0.4 miles those drivers traveling at 40-45 mph still create hazardous situations especially paired with the fact that there is a lot of running of stop signs along this stretch. It is my understanding that the S.T.O.P. vehicles only captures those going over 11 mph above the posted limit. Is that true?

D. Excessive speeds on the residential streets aka 25 mph zones. within the neighborhoods

- In the Vista de Santa Fe neighborhood, on Redondo Santa Fe (south side), many vehicles rush through this neighborhood at very excessive speeds.

2) Running Stop Signs

This is a neighborhood-wide concern.

- This issue is getting so bad that over the last 3 weeks I have seen several vehicles doing 40+ mph through the sign heading west on the Mariposa Parkway at Sierra Redondo.
- My son and I almost got hit by someone running the stop sign at the Mariposa Parkway and Sierra Redondo.
- I have sat at that stop sign and in an hour had only 1 car actually attempt to make a stop.
- Some people refuse to stop at any stop sign in Mariposa, including the one on Unser.
- The main intersection of Mariposa Parkway & Redondo Serra Vista is a big problem. A large amount of drivers don't stop at the stop sign. See it all day from my backyard.

Enforcement

- If RRPD could create a plan and be present every week on random days for a month or two, just a few hours of that day, that would create a large impression and lead to a lot fewer issues, be it speed, stop sign running, or other violations.
- If a S.T.O.P. unit could be strategically placed on Blue Grama or Mariposa Parkway we feel that could help as well.