CITY OF ESCONDIDO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION

July 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation and Community Safety Commission was called to order at 3:05 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2019 by Chair Spoonemore, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners Present: Chair Spoonemore, Vice Chair Mc Manus, Commissioner Kassebaum, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Durney.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Korbecki & Commissioner Thornburg.

Staff present: Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; Owen Tunnell, Assist. City Engineer, Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer, Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Engineer I; and Kimberlianne Miller, Minutes Clerk.

Staff absent: Christopher Leso, Traffic Sargent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT ITEMS: None

ACTION: None

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Kassebaum, Seconded by Commissioner Durney, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2019 Traffic Management Project List (TMPL) List of Projects

Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and indicated that a new project, new street light on Eucalyptus Ave, was added for ranking and consideration. Staff recommended the Commission approve the top three ranked projects for implementation.
Commissioner Durney indicated that lighting should have been placed by the developer and would have been placed across the street if they are to be staggered. Adding the light could be a concern to the homeowner at the end of the street.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Timothy Kohl, Escondido, resident of 2203 Eucalyptus Avenue, spoke in support of the new street light at the end of Eucalyptus Avenue. He indicated that the light would be for public safety; the gate at the end of the street has been hit by cars. He mentioned that the street light was not installed by the developer and he was told a few years ago that it was because the homeowner at the end of the street requested the streetlight be eliminated. He stated that his neighbor did not request the light to be eliminated.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the staff member recommendation by Commissioner Spoonemore, Seconded by Commissioner McManus, Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Speed Survey, Various Locations Citywide**

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the following:

Commissioner Kassebaum asked staff about the speed limit in the County portion of E. 17th Avenue. Mr. Shahzad noted that the county limit was within 5 mph speed of the City's 35 MPH posted speed limit and that he will ask the County's Traffic Engineer to post the speed limit on their segment of 17th Avenue in their Jurisdiction.

Commissioner Durney - asked staff if it was okay to approve 11th Avenue, if one (1) segment is 35 and adjacent segment is 40 mph. Mr. Shahzad noted that a 5 MPH speed differential is not a speed trap and in compliance the California Vehicle Code.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the staff recommendation by Chair Spoonemore, Seconded by Commissioner Durney, Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) signals activated.

b. School area safety: Escondido High School will implement drop off and pick up improvements for the new school year.
c. Del Dios Academy – Escondido Union School District has submitted concept striping plan on 9th Avenue.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Durney recommended that the new street light request at Eucalyptus Avenue and Gamble Lane be included on the Traffic Management Project List (TMPL) for next year, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Spoonemore adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission will be held October 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer

Kim Miller, Minutes Clerk