

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

July 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, by Chairman Blackstock, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Martha Maes, Commissioner; Doug Blackstock, Chairman; Bill Durney, Commissioner; and Ray Leone, Commissioner

Commissioners absent: Robert Berkstresser, Commissioner; Nick Ponce, Commissioner; and Omar Dayani, Commissioner.

Staff present: Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer; Homi Namdari, Assistant City Engineer; Officer Skaja; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Blackstock, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. "Printing Solutions" – Visibility concern "Red Curbing" request on Hale Avenue.

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended supporting the request to paint red curbing to increase the sight distance to provide clear space for visibility of the exiting vehicles on the north side of Hale fronting on 431 and 423 Hale Avenue.

Commissioner Maes asked if parked vehicles would create visibility issues as well. Mr. Shahzad replied in the negative.

Commissioner Durney noted that the business owner was the requesting party, noting he concurred with staff's recommendation.

Chairman Blackstock noted that the portable advertising signs were blocking visibility as well. Mr. Shahzad concurred and noted that the business owners had been notified about this.

ACTION:

Moved by Chairman Blackstock, seconded by Commissioner Leone, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

2. "All-Way Stop Sign" request on Country Club at Village Drive and at North Iris Lane. Authorization from Community Safety Commission (TCSC) requested if further traffic analysis needs to be done.

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended supporting the request to further study the intersection for a warrant analysis which included the collision history, and consider the warrant analysis as the final decision for the recommendation.

Jack Shoemaker, Escondido, provided his background as a retired police commander and director of traffic data center who was responsible for working with the police department and traffic engineers. He noted that very few individuals drove the speed limit in the subject area, noting that the fatality accidents were with speeds in excess of 70. He was concerned for the safety of the pedestrians and children in the area and asked that the Commission support the request.

ACTION:

Moved by Chairman Blackstock, seconded by Commissioner Dumey, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

3. "No Parking Anytime" south side of Rincon Road, east of Chestnut Street.

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended supporting the request to post signage for "No Parking Anytime" for fire access on the south side of Rincon Road, east of Chestnut Street.

Commissioner Dumey asked if the residents had been notified about the subject proposal. Mr. Shahzad noted the residents would be notified. Mr. Namdari noted that the proposed request would help provide emergency access.

Chairman Blackstock noted that the neighbors would need to trim their vegetation in order to see the signage.

ACTION:

Moved by Chairman Blackstock, seconded by Commissioner Maes, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

4. School Zones – As needed improvements at school zones at various locations.

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended supporting the request to further study, review and recommend various improvements along the school zones along Via Ranch Parkway and Bear Valley Parkway. He stated that staff would forward potential changes to the Commission so they could provide input.

Commissioner Maes suggested sending potential suggestions to Gina Manusov at the School District.

The consensus of the Commission was to provide input to staff and that the needed improvements be done administratively.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Project Status Update - An overview of various projects involving the City.
 - a. Traffic Signal System/TLSP Center City Timing Plans
 - b. General Plan Update
 - c. Rapid Bus Route 350 "Escondido Breeze Rapid"
 - d. City Council/Transportation Commission Action Plan
 - e. Status of items previously brought before the commission

Mr. Shahzad provided the updates to the Commission and requested input.

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY

1. Discussion of pedestrian and vehicular issues

Mr. Shahzad and Mr. Namdari provided a brief update on the striping plan for Deodar and noted it had been finalized.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Future Agenda Items – A briefing of future agenda items proposed to be presented to the Transportation Commission.

Mr. Shahzad noted that future agenda items included the school zones along Via Rancho Parkway and Bear Valley Parkway as well as a warrant analysis for an all-

way stop along Country Club Lane.

Commissioner Leone expressed his concern for the brightness of the flashing stop sign on Grand Avenue and asked if the frequency and brightness could be reduced. Mr. Shahzad noted he would look into this. Chairman Blackstock asked if the accident history had been reduced due to the flashing light. Mr. Shahzad noted that he would review the accident history.

Commissioner Leone asked if Caltrans controlled Centre City Parkway south of Citracado, noting his concern with the area needing to be maintained. Mr. Namdari replied in the affirmative and noted that the City was in the process of installing a major gateway art piece in this area.

COUNCIL ACTIONS – Previously discussed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Blackstock noted that the landscape at Fire Station 1 needed to be mowed. He also stated that the irrigation on East Valley Parkway and Citracado was watering the road.

Sergeant Sams asked staff to review the timing for the traffic signal at Second and Quince. Mr. Shahzad concurred and noted that staff was working on this.

Sergeant Sams also noted an issue with the timing for the traffic signal at Broadway and El Norte Parkway as well as the signal at Mission and Centre City Parkway.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Blackstock adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held on October 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk