

## **CITY OF ESCONDIDO**

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

**April 11, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation Commission was called to order at 3:05 p.m., Thursday, by Vice-chairman Durney, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

**Commissioners present:** Ray Leone, Commissioner; Sherri Sarro, Commissioner; Robert Berkstresser, Commissioner; Omar Dayani, Commissioner; and Bill Durney, Vice-chairman.

**Commissioners absent:** Doug Blackstock, Chairman; and Martha Maes, Commissioner.

**Staff present:** Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer; Eric Skaja, Lieutenant; Julie Procopio, Assistant Director of Public Works, Homi Namdari, Assistant City Engineer; Beth Kassebaum, Department Specialist; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.**

#### **MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Sarro, seconded by Commissioner Berkstresser, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Schedule of Stop Signs – Review and approve the updated and Electronic Schedule of Stop Signs, as required in the City's Municipal Code.

Ms. Kassebaum referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval of the Electronic Schedule for Stop Signs.

Commissioner Leone asked how the signs were maintained. Ms. Kassebaum noted that the Public Works Department maintained the signs.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the City approval process for stop signs.

Vice-chairman Dumey asked if damaged signs would be included in the database. Ms. Kassebaum noted she would check on this and report back to the Commission.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Sarro, seconded by Commissioner Berkstresser, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Bear Valley Parkway Speed Radar Signs – Efficacy Study**

Ms. Kassebaum referenced the staff report and requested input from the Commission.

Commissioner Dayani asked if the City had portable radar signs. Mr. Shahzad replied in the affirmative.

**3. Bear Valley Parkway & Sunset – Design plan for restripe**

Ms. Kassebaum referenced the staff report and requested input from the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding possible future striping for southbound Bear Valley Parkway.

**4. School Safety – Funding of vests for safety officers**

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report recommended the Commission approve funding from the School Safety account for the purchase of ANSI 107-2004, Class 2 safety vests by Northern Safety & Industrial. The district's request for six (6) lime color vests as the base color vests for each of the 23 sites. This would be a total of 138 vests with "EUSD Safety Patrol" printed on the back.

Commissioner Sarro asked if wearing the vest would be mandatory for all safety patrol officers. Mr. Shahzad replied in the affirmative.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Sarro, seconded by Commissioner Berkstresser, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Mission Corridor Timing – Implementation of new timing plans**

Ms. Kassebaum referenced the staff report and recommended the Commission approve Valley Parkway as the next corridor-timing project.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Dayani, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Radar Speed Signs – Establish minimum thresholds for consideration – “Policy for schools areas only”**

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission approve the guidelines for installation of electronic speed display signs and purchasing the six (6) SpeedCheck signs. Staff also recommended adopting an addition to existing school zone Policy #10.

Vice-chairman Durney asked if the non-functioning signs could be repaired. Mr. Shahzad noted that the subject signs could be used as a trade in for the new signs.

Commissioner Dayani asked if the subject signs would be installed in residential areas. Mr. Shahzad noted that the subject signs were only for school zones.

Commissioner Dayani asked if the subject signs operated 24-hours a day. Mr. Shahzad noted that the signs operated 30 minutes before and after school.

Commissioner Leone suggested illuminating the signage with red lights.

Discussion ensued regarding programing the signs at ten (10) Miles Per Hour above 25 MPH WCAP during school hours.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Berkstresser, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Via Rancho Parkway & I-15 Signage – Change turn restrictions at two locations**

Ms. Kassebaum referenced the staff report and recommended the Commission approve the change to the signage on Via Rancho Parkway at Lomas Serenas and at the Westfield Mall exit and confirm the recommendation that the left-turn restriction at Plaza Del Lago Center shall remain in effect.

Commissioner Dayani suggested extending the left-turn pocket on Via Rancho Parkway to access the freeway.

Commissioner Berkstresser and Ms. Kassebaum discussed the crash history for the left turn at Via Rancho Parkway at Lomas Serenas. Commissioner Dayani

suggested staff re-review the subject turn. Commissioner Berkstresser felt the subject turn might have site distance issues.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Chairman Durney, seconded by Commissioner Dayani, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sarro was absent from this vote.

**Commissioner Leone left the meeting at this time.**

**8. Sunset Truck Parking – Truck Parking Restriction**

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission approve the installation of the "No Parking Any Time Vehicles with GVW over 10,000 Lbs. or Unattached Trailers" per Escondido Municipal Code Section 28-168 on Sunset Drive.

Commissioner Shahzad and staff discussed the activity occurring in the open field.

**Ronald Paul, Escondido**, noted he was a volunteer for the San Dieguito River Park. He stated that the empty lot was owned by the San Dieguito River Park where the trucks were parking. He stated that the subject location was visited by between 200 and 300 individuals a weekend enjoying the trails, noting that the subject trucks had adverse impacts. He asked that the Commission approve staff's recommendation.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Sarro, seconded by Commissioner Berkstresser, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. Ayes: Sarro, Dayani, Berkstresser. Noes: None. Abstained: Durney. (3-0-1)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Project Status Update - An overview of various projects involving the City.
  - a. Traffic Signal System/ICM Stage 3 ITS Strategy – Consultant's Work-In-Progress, test roll-out expected this spring.
  - b. Traffic Signal Priority List – TCSC approval and report at April 17, 2013, City Council meeting.
  - c. Escondido Transit Center Modifications – Consultant's Work-In-Progress
  - d. Traffic Calming on Juniper Street – Field Engineering obtaining Bids
  - e. Roadway improvements on County Club Lane between Broadway and Centre City Parkway
  - f. Chestnut Street – Traffic Calming (Edge line and New Speed Surveys).

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

Chairman Durney noted that traffic was moving slower on Juniper since the installation of the traffic calming measures.

#### **SCHOOL AREA SAFETY**

1. Discussion of pedestrian and vehicular issues.

Mr. Shahzad noted that school striping would occur during the summer.

Commissioner Berkstresser noted that some concerns had been made regarding the speeds of vehicles traveling on Old San Pasqual Road approaching the San Pasqual High School.

Commissioner Sarro noted that she had received complaints regarding students crossing El Norte Parkway east of Broadway not using the controlled intersection. Sergeant Skaja noted that he would look into this.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

**COUNCIL ACTION:** None.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Scott Davis, Escondido,** noted that he had spoke with City Council regarding limiting the tonnage for the trucks traveling down Citrus to the Vons on Valley Parkway. He then asked for the installation of a flashing stop sign at Citrus and Mission Avenue.

Mr. Shahzad noted that the approach and stop sign at Citrus and Mission would be updated in the near future. He also stated that the Police Department would be looking into oversized vehicles traveling down Citrus as well as considering signage for Citrus.

Mr. Davis noted that three city council members had visited the sites and were aware of the subject issues.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:**

Vice-chairman Durney noted that he had witnessed many individuals looking for the hospital on the east end of Citracado, noting his view that signage should be

installed indicating that Citracado was not a through street. Staff noted that they would look into this.

Commissioner Dayani suggested posting directional signage for the hospital. He asked for a report at the next meeting regarding the mitigation measures being taken to ensure individuals had adequate directions to the hospital.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-chairman Durney adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held on July 11, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.

  
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Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer

  
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Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk