

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

October 10, 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: Chairman Blackstock, Commissioner Maes, Commissioner Dayani, and Vice-chairman Durney.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Leone, Commissioner Sarro, and Commissioner Berkstresser.

Staff present: Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer; Paul Woodward, Traffic Lieutenant; Julie Procopio, Assistant Director of Engineering; Abraham Bandegan, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Sergeant Woodward, Escondido Police Department; Homi Namdari, City Engineer; Beth Kassebaum, Associate Engineer; and Liane Uhl, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Durney, seconded by Commissioner Dayani, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013, meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: Maes, Dayani, and Durney. Noes: None. Abstained: Blackstock. (3-0-1)

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Country Club Lane and Gary Lane: request for flashing stop signs – staff recommending alternative traffic calming

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval of stop ahead warning signs and pavement markings.

ACTION:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Speed Surveys – Approve new batch of speed surveys, including changes to posted limits.

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval of the following speed surveys: 1) Broadway - Washington Avenue to Grand Avenue – 35 MPH; 2) Broadway - Grand Avenue to 3rd Avenue – 25 MPH; 3) Broadway – 3rd Avenue to 5th Avenue – 30 MPH; 4) Grand Avenue – Valley Boulevard to Fig Street – 30 MPH; 5) Grand Avenue – Fig Street to Ash Street – 40 MPH; 6) Grand Avenue – Ash Street to Rose Street – 40 MPH; 7) Grand Avenue – Rose Street to Midway Drive – 40 MPH; 8) Grand Avenue – Midway Drive to Bear Valley Parkway – 35 MPH; 9) Juniper Street – 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue – 40 MPH; 10) Juniper Street – 9th Avenue to Chestnut Street - 40 MPH; 11) West Mission Avenue – Andreasen Drive to Rock Springs Road – 40 MPH; 12) Oak Hill Drive – Bear Valley Parkway to Citrus Avenue – 35 MPH; 13) Reed Road – Citrus Avenue to end – 40 MPH; and 14) Rock Springs Road – City Limits to Lincoln Avenue – 40 MPH.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the accident history for Mission Avenue.

ACTION:

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

2. Rural Residential Roadway Standards – to be recommended for approval to the City Council.

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval to City Council of the Rural Residential Roadway Standards.

Commissioner Dayani asked if the intention was to modify the General Plan. Ms. Procopio noted that goal was to create a new design standard for new developments and other areas that might annex into the City.

Commissioner Dayani asked if the Fire Department was in favor of staff's recommendation, with specially emphasis on the narrower streets with no parking. Ms. Procopio replied in the affirmative. Commissioner Dayani expressed his concern with enforcement being an issue.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Dayani, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to continue Item 2 for the purpose of obtaining information regarding enforcement procedures for no parking. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Traffic Impact Analysis Requirement Guidelines.

Mr. Bandegan referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval of the Traffic Impact Analysis Requirement Guidelines and Thresholds for Significant Traffic Impacts.

Maya Rosas, Walk San Diego, Bike Walk Escondido, noted that SB 743 had been passed that would not allow Vehicular Level of Service to be recognized as an environmental impact around transit priority areas and as such the State Office of Planning and Research had been directed to study an alternative to Vehicular Level of Service.

Commissioner Dayani and Mr. Namdari discussed lowering the standard for the Level of Service to help re-emphasize pedestrian and bike activity.

ACTION:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Truck Route signage – installation in progress
- b. San Pasqual School signage – Signs installed and changed after request from Monica Hoffsteder
- c. Escondido Transit Center Modifications – SANDAG indefinitely on hold.

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

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY

1. Pedestrian and Bike Safety – Students crossing mid-block on Broadway at Escondido High School – Report received from Bike Walk Escondido Committee.

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: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Durney noted that his vehicle was very light and did not trigger the photo enforcement at many of the intersections. Mr. Shahzad asked Commissioner Durney to forward him the intersections where he noticed issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Blackstock adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held on January 09, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk