

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

January 14, 2016

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

Commissioners present: Chair Dumey, Vice-chair Spoonemore, Commissioner Simonson, Commissioner Dayani, and Commissioner Blackstock.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Leone and Commissioner Sarro.

Staff present: Julie Procopio, Assistant Director of Engineering; Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Abraham Bandegan, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist, and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Blackstock, seconded by Commissioner Spoonemore, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY 15/16 Traffic Management Project List - Gamble Street Traffic Calming

Abraham Bandegan, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission authorize staff to continue implementing the approved traffic calming measures and allow staff to monitor the condition and report back to the Transportation Commission in six months.

Commissioner Blackstock expressed his concern with left turns eastbound on Lincoln and Gamble creating congestion during peak hours.

Commissioner Dayani and staff discussed the status of the speed and volume

surveys as well as conducting speed surveys before and after additional enforcement.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the methods used for determining cut-thru traffic.

Brian Eveland, Escondido, stated that he was happy with the signs and radar that had been installed. He felt traffic volume was not the issue, noting it was the high speeds of vehicles. He stated that drivers were aware that the area was residential due to the area having only residential. He expressed his concern with left turns eastbound onto Lincoln on Gamble creating congestion. He also felt more citations should be issued in the subject area.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the radar location and types of radar signs being used.

ACTION:

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

2. New City of Escondido Crosswalk Policy

Abraham Bandegan, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission approve the new City of Escondido Crosswalk Policy.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of Treatment Measures 1-5 as outlined in the staff report.

Chairman Durney questioned whether unique crosswalks with painted designs would be allowed. Mr. Bandegan replied in the affirmative and noted that multiple alternative patterns would be provided at a future meeting.

Steve Reyes, Escondido, Member of CX3, noted that he was a student advocate for the Mission Park area's residents and students. He stated that he supported safe midblock crossings for Escondido Creek, noting that many pedestrians and bicyclists used this area and were using unsafe crossing areas. He also stated that higher visibility markings were more likely to be seen by drivers. He encouraged the City to implement high visibility crosswalks.

Axel Cojulun, Escondido, Member of CX3, was in favor of implementing high visibility crosswalks, noting this created safer streets and promoted more residents to be active. He stated that he supported safe midblock crossings for Escondido Creek, noting that many pedestrians and bicyclists used this area. He

also stated that higher visibility markings were more likely to be seen by drivers. He encouraged the City to implement high visibility crosswalks.

Commissioner Dayani thanked staff for a job well done.

ACTION:

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

3. Traffic Management Project List 2014 - Effectiveness

Abraham Bandegan, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and requested input.

Chairman Durney felt traffic patterns on Eucalyptus Avenue had improved but felt more should be done in the future. Mr. Bandegan noted that the Police Department was still doing additional enforcement and were aware of the current situation.

4. Speed Surveys – Various Locations

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist, provided the staff report and recommended the Commission approve the speed surveys for Segments 1-19 as outlined in the staff report.

Chairman Durney and staff discussed the speed survey for Via Rancho Parkway from 1-15 to the west City limits.

ACTION:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City
 - a. North Bear Valley from Glenridge Road to East Valley Parkway – Traffic signal timing synchronization near schools – Will present before and after travel time report in April
 - b. Traffic Signal in Designs: El Norte/Fig & East Valley Parkway/Date – Work in Progress
 - c. Traffic Signals – Private Development in plancheck: North Ash/Vista Avenue, North Ash/Sheridan Avenue, El Norte/Vista Verde Way and Hotel Traffic Signal on La Terraza Boulevard Under Construction:

- Harmony Grove/Citracado Parkway and County/City Signal on Boyle/Bear Valley Parkway. Work in progress
- d. FY 15/16 TMPL Project Progress

Received.

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY

- a. School Safety Evaluation with EPD and Escondido Union School District (EUSD)
- b. High visibility crosswalks at 5 intersections

Report received.

COUNCIL ACTION:

- a. Truck Route Modification

Report received.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

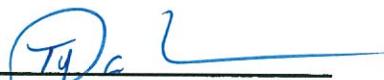
Commissioner Blackstock and staff discussed vehicle drop-off activities for car dealerships and schools taking up the public right-of-way.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Durney adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held April 14, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk