

## CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

**April 11, 2016**

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

**Commissioners present:** Chair Durney, Vice-chair Spoonemore, Commissioner Simonson, Commissioner Thornburgh, Commissioner McManus, and Commissioner Blackstock.

**Commissioners absent:** Commissioner Leone.

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

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Karen Ruiz, Escondido, Member of CX3,** thanked the City for the implementation of safe crosswalks around the City and especially around the schools. She stated that they felt crosswalks have a positive impact on the residents and community. She indicated that they supported the City's new policies for installing crosswalks at mid-block and uncontrolled locations as streets were being resurfaced. She asked that during any resurfacing project that the crosswalks be included and/or repainted.

**Yasmine Lopez, Escondido, Member of CX3,** thanked the City for the implementation of safe crosswalks. She asked that the City consider CX3's crosswalk advocacy when working on any street improvements or City improvements. She hoped funds would be made available in the future for the purpose of creating more walkability throughout the City.

**Brian Eveland, Escondido,** noted that as of today the speed measuring signs that were installed in March on Gamble were not operating, noting his concern for the length of time it was taking to get them operating. Mr. Namdari noted that the speed signs were being fixed and should be operational in two weeks. Mr. Eveland reiterated his concern with the signs taking 3 months to get up and running, noting that speeding was still occurring.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Blackstock, seconded by Commissioner Spoonemore, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. FY 15/16 Pavement Project Stripping cross-sections (7 segments)

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and recommended the Commission approve the new signing and striping for the FY 15/16 Citywide Pavement project as outlined in the staff report.

Commissioner Thornburgh requested that staff consider increasing the size of the bike lane at the El Norte Parkway - Nordahl Road to I-15 location.

**ACTION:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **High Visibility Crosswalks for Mid-Blocks**

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission approve the high-visibility ladder-type crosswalk marking style for mid-block and uncontrolled crossings.

Discussion ensued regarding the delineation of colors for crosswalks as well as what other jurisdictions were installing.

Commissioner Thornburgh felt the continental sidewalk style was more aesthetically pleasing than the ladder-type crosswalk.

Commissioner Blackstock asked if the crosswalk material would be thermal. Mr. Shahzad replied in the affirmative. Commissioner Blackstock felt the ladder style provided more visibility.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Vice-chairman Spoonemore, seconded by Commissioner McManus, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

## **2. Speed Surveys – Various Locations**

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission approve the updated speed surveys.

### **ACTION:**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. An overview of various projects involving the City
  - a. Gas tax funding reduction of \$1.6 M over last 3 years results in no funding for TMPL projects in FY 16/17.
  - b. North Bear Valley from Glenridge Road to East Valley Parkway – Traffic signal timing synchronization near schools – Will present before and after travel time report when Boyle/Bear Valley is operational.
  - c. Traffic Signal in Designs: El Norte/Fig & East Valley Parkway/Date – 100% complete to be submitted to Caltrans for review
  - d. 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 Centre City/Washington signal modification. Centre City/Mission signal modification. Emmanuel Faith Traffic Signal on Encino/17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. El Norte/Bike Path crossing near bridge over flood control channel. Under Construction: Harmony Grove/Citracado Parkway and County/City Signal on Boyle/Bear Valley Parkway. Work in progress
  - e. FY 15/16 TMPL Project Progress – Gamble Street Rad Signs, North Broadway Radar Sign. Lack future funding.
  - f. Centre City Parkway corridor and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor – Traffic signal timing synchronization.
  - g. Missing Link cycle track preliminary design by consultant (KOA)

Received.

**SCHOOL AREA SAFETY:** None.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Blackstock and staff discussed the new detour signage for I-15 on Centre City Parkway as well as the methods for publicizing the purpose for said signage.

Commissioner Blackstock questioned whether protected left turn phasing was slated east and west at 13<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues at Centre City Parkway, noting his concern for safety. Mr. Shahzad replied in the negative but noted that the timing for said signals was being adjusted.

Chairman Durney and staff discussed the concept, costs, and possible grant funding opportunities for roundabouts, with emphasis on the intersections of Juniper and Chestnut as well as Juniper and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Durney adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held July 14, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk