

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

July 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation and Community Safety Commission was called to order at 3:02 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; Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer; Mark Peterson, Traffic Sergeant; and Eva Heter, Assistant City Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

William Nugent, Escondido, spoke in favor of bringing back an item the Commission considered in the past which involved the restriping and changing the configuration of Eucalyptus Avenue in order to slow traffic in the area. He stated that the traffic had increased in the area due to new developments along with the amount of vehicles speeding. He noted that he had been in touch with various departments at the City to address this issue to no avail. He asked the Commission reconsider a traffic management program for Eucalyptus Avenue. He stated that he had a PowerPoint he would like to show the Commission at a future meeting.

Chair Durney referred Mr. Nugent to staff.

Richard Conwell, Escondido, spoke in favor of implementing a traffic management program for Eucalyptus Avenue. He asked what the methodology and criteria was when residents were for or against a project, noting his concern with many of the speakers at the original hearing not living on Eucalyptus Avenue.

Chair Durney noted that if the item was placed on the agenda then speakers may be asked to mention the location of their residence to provide the Commission with a better perspective.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Thornburgh, seconded by Commissioner McManus, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Revised Crosswalk Policy for Mid-Block Crosswalks

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and recommended the Commission approve the Escondido updated Crosswalk Policy for Mid-Block Crosswalks.

Commissioner Spoonemore and Mr. Shahzad discussed the warrants and codes for illumination of adequate safety lighting. Additional discussion occurred regarding what constituted "Basic Warrants".

Commissioner Blackstock and Mr. Shahzad discussed the number of midblock crossings throughout the City.

Commissioner Thornburgh referenced Section 1.2 (Approach Speed Warrant) and suggested it be lowered to 35 mph or that it state that the posted speed limit must be equal to or lower than 35 mph, which he felt would make the matrix consistent.

Commissioner Thornburgh and Mr. Shahzad discussed Measure D as outlined in the matrix with regard to low speed roads with high volumes.

Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services, stated that staff applied what the City of San Diego's identified in their risk analysis and then tailored it toward Escondido.

ACTION:

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

2. Valley Parkway Signal Coordination Travel Times

Report received and filed.

3. Stop Signs – Rincon Avenue & N. Ash Street

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and recommended approval of the All-Way Stop controls at the intersection of Rincon Avenue and North Ash Street/Pine Valley Glen.

Chair Durney and staff discussed the pedestrian volumes in the subject area.

Commissioner Thornburgh asked if the subject area had ever had a traffic signal, noting Rincon Avenue was designed to carry high volumes. Mr. Shahzad replied in the negative and noted that the subject street would not meet the warrants for the priority list.

Commissioner Blackstock and Mr. Shahzad discussed future traffic signals in the surrounding areas.

ACTION:

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

4. Speed Surveys – Various Citywide

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Spoonmore, seconded by Commissioner Blackstock, to approve staff's recommendation to recommend approval to the City Council of updated Engineering and Traffic Surveys for posted speeds on various street segments Citywide. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City
 - a. Traffic Signals In Design
 - b. Traffic Signals
 - c. FY 15/16 TMPL Project Progress
 - d. Centre City Parkway corridor and 9th Avenue corridor

Received.

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY:

- a. Construction at Central Elementary – Temporary bus zone
- b. Construction at Orange Glen Elementary – New crosswalk striping by school district
- c. TMPL Projects for 2017/2018 schools zone crosswalks presented at October TCSC

- d. Future bond projects coordination

Received.

COUNCIL ACTION:

- a. Bicycle Master Plan Amendment – Missing Link Presentation (April 2017)
- b. Ordinance 2017-04 amending Traffic Code Article 5, Section 142, of Chapter 28

Received.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Chair Durney asked when the Commission would be considering the next project priorities. Mr. Shahzad stated that this would be presented to the Commission in October.

Chair Durney requested information regarding the process for replacing Commissioner Leone, noting he had not been present for multiple meetings. He also suggested holding elections for chairman. Discussion ensued regarding holding chairman elections in January.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Durney adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held October 12, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk