

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

January 10, 2013

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

Commissioners present: Martha Maes, Commissioner; Sherri Sarro, Commissioner; Robert Berkstresser, Commissioner; and Bill Durney, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Ray Leone, Commissioner; Doug Blackstock, Chairman; and Omar Dayani, Commissioner

Staff present: Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer; Eric Skaja, Traffic Sergeant; Homi Namdari, City Engineer; Beth Kassebaum, Department Specialist; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Berkstresser, seconded by Commissioner Maes, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2012, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Traffic Signal Priority List – Review and Discuss the 2012 Traffic Signal Priority List and Traffic Signal Modification List – a short list of intersections for new traffic signal or traffic signal modifications, ranked from the consultant's study with staff's top five location recommendations with a brief scope and cost analysis.

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission approve the Traffic Signal Priority List and Left Turn Phasing List.

Commissioner Berkstresser and Mr. Shahzad discussed the warrant analysis for Escondido Boulevard at Felicita Avenue and Bear Valley Parkway and Mary Lane.

Commissioner Berkstresser asked if only one left-turn phasing project could be

done this year. Mr. Namdari replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Berkstresser asked if the pedestrian volume was included in the warrant analysis. Mr. Shahzad replied in the affirmative. Commissioner Berkstresser felt the pedestrian counts for Bear Valley Parkway at Mary Lane were significant, noting his concern with the amount of individuals being present at certain times of the day.

Mr. Namdari noted that corridor improvements for Bear Valley Parkway in the area of the schools and Kit Carson Park were being studied which might include signal modifications.

Commissioner Maes expressed her concern with afternoon and evening traffic counts for Bear Valley Parkway at Mary Lane not occurring when the school traffic was at its highest.

ACTION:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Project Status Update - An overview of various projects involving the City.
 - a. Traffic Signal System/ICM State 3 ITS Strategy
 - b. Escondido Transit Center Modifications
 - c. Radar Speed Signs on Bear Valley Parkway
 - d. Status of items previously brought before the commission

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

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY

1. Discussion of pedestrian and vehicular issues.

Commissioner Maes asked that crossing guard vests be put on the next agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Shahzad noted that staff would be compiling a list of all of the stop signs in the City that would be presented to the Commission at a future date.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Vice-chairman Durney and staff discussed the status of Citracado improvements.

Vice-chairman Durney noted that the timing for the traffic signal on Citracado Parkway and Scenic Trails was done very well.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-chairman Durney adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held on April 11, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk