

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

July 8th, 2021

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

Commissioners present: Commissioner Durney, Commissioner Hatley, Commissioner Korbecki, Commissioner Phillips, and Commissioner Kassebaum in person

Commissioners absent: Chair Spoonemore, Vice Chair Thornburgh

Staff present: (In person) Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Associate Engineer; Craig Williams, Associate Engineer; Amanda Bajhart, Engineer I; Christopher Leso, Police Sergeant; Kimberlianne Miller, Minutes Clerk.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Moved by Commissioner Durney to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Resident Richard Conwell expressed concerns on speeding along Eucalyptus Avenue. He acknowledged that past measures such as the stop sign had been helpful. He requested that Escondido PD conduct speed enforcement. Mr. Conwell also requested the data and analysis from the two radar feedback speed signs on Eucalyptus Avenue.

Staff will provide speed data to Mr. Conwell and Commissioners.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

ACTION:

MINUTES:

Commissioner Durney requested approval of the minutes of the April 8, 2021 TCSC meeting. Moved by Commissioner Kassebaum, seconded by Commissioner Korbecki to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City of Escondido 2021/22 Traffic Management Project List, Final Review and Approval

The City of Escondido 2021/22 Traffic Management Project List (TMPL) and preliminary prioritization based on approved scoring criteria were presented to TCSC at the April 8th, 2021 meeting. In April, five (5) projects were selected for detailed design and possible funding in the 2021/22 funding cycle. Staff presented detailed designs for all five projects and recommended three (3) projects for implementation. These include Mission Middle School Mid-Block Crosswalk Improvements, Oak Hill Elementary School Crosswalk Improvements and North Broadway Elementary School Improvements.

Commissioner Hatley liked radar feedback signs and asked why these were not included at the other schools as part of the proposed projects.

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen stated that each location is evaluated independently and needs to meet the warrants from the City's crosswalk policy.

Commissioner Durney asked if a selection could be made between the RRFBs or radar speed feedback signs for Mission Avenue to reduce the overall cost of the project.

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen responded saying the both measures would need to be included in order to follow the City's crosswalk policy.

Commissioner Durney asked who is paying to do the work in Project #3's (North Broadway Elementary School Improvements) scope of work.

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen stated the funding would be incorporated from two separate projects.

Commissioner Durney requested why we do not know the amount of students who use the crosswalk for Project #4 (Hidden Valley Middle School).

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen stated we did not have the data for the crosswalk volume because on site student population was reduced due to the pandemic.

Action: Moved, by Commissioner Korbecki and seconded by Commissioner Hatley, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Speed Surveys – Various locations Citywide

Engineer Amanda Bajhart referenced the staff report. Staff recommended approval of updated Engineering and Traffic Surveys (E&TS) for posted speeds on various (15) street segments Citywide.

Commissioner Durney asked when the last speed survey was performed on Eucalyptus Avenue.

Amanda Bajhart stated we would need to confirm when the last speed survey was done for the segment.

Commissioner Kassebaum questioned if the changes along Grand Avenue due to COVID had impacted the segment's 85th-percentile from the last speed survey.

Amanda Bajhart stated that the previous speed survey differed by 1 mph over the current 85th percentile.

Action: Moved, by Commissioner Kassebaum, seconded by Commissioner Hatley, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Local Roadway Safety Plan Progress Update

The City applied to Caltrans for Local Roadway Safety Program (LRSP) funding in 2019. Funding was awarded in December 2019. Council authorized the City to accept the LRSP grant on September 23, 2020.

The Request for Proposals for consultant services was issued November 30, 2020; five responses were received. Michael Baker International was ultimately selected, and their contract was approved May 19, 2021. The kick-off meeting between the City team and consultant took place on May 20, 2021. The work will continue through the end of the year.

Commissioner Korbecki requested if all the commissioners would be able to add input before the LRSP is scheduled to be approved in January.

Craig Williams stated commissioners would be able to add input at the next meeting and virtually.

Commissioner Korbecki asked about the stop date of the data for the analysis.

Craig Williams stated that the initial analysis was taken from January 2014-2018 in accordance with Caltrans requirements. Data through the end of 2020 will also be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Korbecki asked if there is something comparable that we have done in the past to determine if there were any changes within the City.

Craig Williams responded, with the help of staff, that while crash data has been analyzed in the past, the data had not been compiled in this manner previously.

Action: No action requested; information only.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City.

a) TMPL Project Updates

- a. FY20/21: Maple Street and 4th Avenue at Central Elementary School: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, striping and signage improvements are complete. Oak Hill Drive at Rose Street striping and signage improvements are complete. Pedestrian Countdown Indications at four locations: Contractor selected for work. Project completion summer 2021.
- b) VMT Phase 2 Mitigation Program Development – Fehr & Peers continuing work on VMT Guidelines to develop Mitigation Program. Work has been authorized and started in June, 2021.
- c) Traffic Signal Communications Grant Application. Application approved March 30, 2021; total project \$2.32m; local share \$1.16m. Funding Allocation request submitted; preparing Request for Proposals: Scope of Work for Phase 1 Engineering.
- d) Creek Crossings – Design approved for seven Creek Crossings. Construction is estimated to begin late 2021.
- e) Traffic Signals - New
 - a. In Design:
 - i. Meyers Avenue at Barham Drive
 - ii. Citracado Pkwy at Mountain Shadows (Citracado Extension Project)

Commissioner Durney requested an update of the Citracado Pkwy project.

Julie Procopio responded that the project is currently in process, although there have been delays in the project. She stated the main delay has been in SDG&E's approval for the relocation of their power transmission line. Construction for the relocation is proposed to be in August 2021, and proposal for bid would then follow shortly after the relocation. She also stated the project itself would span approximately eighteen months. She stated that information

regarding the timeline of the project can be found on the City's website, which incorporates weekly status updates of the project.

b. Design approved:

- i. Quince St at Escondido Creek Trail
- ii. Tulip St at Escondido Creek Trail
- iii. Midway Drive at Escondido Creek Trail

c. Under construction

- i. Country Club Ln at Gary Ln (The Villages)
- ii. Country Club Ln at Nutmeg St (The Villages).

f) Traffic Signal Modifications:

a. In Design:

- i. Felicita Ave at Escondido Blvd - protected left-turns; part of Active Transportation Fund project; consultant design at 90%.
- ii. Juniper St at Felicita-17th Ave. - protected left-turns; part of Active Transportation Fund project; consultant design at 90%.
- iii. Bear Valley Parkway at Mary Lane – protected left-turns. CIP-funded. Consultant selected for design work.

b. Design approved:

- i. El Norte Pkwy at Nordahl/Nutmeg St. (The Villages).
- ii. Hale Ave at Tulip St (Carvana)

c. Under Construction

- i. El Norte Pkwy at West Country Club Lane/Madrid Manor (The Villages)

g) Roundabouts

- a. Country Club Lane at Golden Circle (The Villages) (construction nearing completion).
- b. Country Club Lane at La Brea (The Villages) (design approved /construction starting soon).
- c. Felicita Rd at Park Drive (design approved/construction starting soon).

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY:

- 1. Del Dios Academy – School Bond Improvements. Signing/Striping design and crosswalk improvements including Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon for 9th Avenue reviewed.
- 2. Juniper Elementary. School Bond Improvements for parking lot and drop off/pick up areas. City Active Transportation Grant project to improve sidewalk,

relocate student crosswalk and install RRFB. This work is complete.

3. ATP Grant Submittal for Citrus Ave sidewalk (not approved, but additional funding may be available for the program)

COUNCIL ACTION:

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Korbecki requested, with current improvements made along Grand Avenue, whether or not the alfresco dining will be pushed along faster.

Julie Procopio stated that as of July 21, 2021, City Council will be requested to approve and formally adopt the specific alignment plan and mitigated negative declaration for the Grand Avenue Vision Plan. She stated Phase I will then be moved forward as part of that plan which is currently fully-funded. She stated Phase II, which is not currently funded, will support further improvements as part of the Grand Avenue Vision Plan.

Commissioner Korbecki requested if changes to the parking to incorporate all slanted parking would be part of the plan.

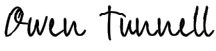
Julie Procopio stated only one side of the street would incorporate diagonal parking as the other side would remain parallel parking with the increased sidewalk width of five feet.

Commissioner Korbecki requested what the plans were for future enforcement now that the impacts of COVID have subsided and because we have received additional grant funds. In addition, citizens are concerned about their specific streets.

Sergeant Leso responded that currently and for the future with the (traffic safety) grant funding, the Police Department will continue enforcement of the City including Eucalyptus Avenue. He stated that the OTS (Office of Traffic Safety) - funded grant has helped create DUI checkpoints in June & August 2021, and that the grant funding expires in October of 2021. He stated the Police Department has applied for the grant again for the following year in November 2021, and expect to get funding in November. Sargent Leso also stated that Eucalyptus will be re-prioritized for enforcement. In addition, Sergeant Leso stated that citizens can go to the Escondido Police Department's website to submit requests or in the City's Report-It app.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Durney, Seconded by none to adjourn the meeting, which was carried unanimously.

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