

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

January 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation and Community Safety Commission was called to order at 3:04 p.m., Thursday, by Vice Chair McManus, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Vice Chair McManus, Commissioner Thornburgh, Commissioner Durney, Commissioner Korbecki, and Commissioner Kassebaum,

Commissioners absent: Chair Spoonmore.

Staff present: Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer, Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer, Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Engineering II, Christopher Leso, Traffic Sergeant, and Kimberlianne Miller, Minutes Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CONSENT ITEMS: None

ACTION:

MINUTES:

Moved by Vice Chair McManus, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Traffic Signal Permitted Protected Left Turn Phasing (PPLT)

Ali Shahzad provided an overview of the PPLT, PPLT Phasing Criteria and the three (3) Left-turn Phase Ranked Intersections. PPLT phasing Pilot project is recommended for Metcalf/Mission Ave. Signal modification on new signal projects to be prioritized before decision to proceeding with Pilot.

Action: Motion to approve staff recommendation by Chair McManus, seconded by Commissioner Durney, Commissioner Korbecki opposed motion to approve. Item approved 4 ayes and Korbecki voting No.

2. Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Ranking Criteria for Policy:

Ms. Kuukka-Ruotsalainen last presented the prioritization in January 2019. Eight locations have been installed, with three remaining.

Action: Motion to approve staff member recommendation by Commissioner Thornburg, seconded by Commissioner McManus to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Creek Trail Crossing (Rose and Midway):

Ms. Kuukka-Ruotsalainen presented crosswalk treatments for seven Creek Trail Crossings. \$1.6M in ATP funding. Pedestrian signal warranted on Midway Drive.

Action: Motion to approve staff member recommendation by Commissioner Durney, seconded by Commissioner Kassebaum. Motion carried unanimously.

School Area Safety:

Central Elementary School, Farr Elementary, Rose, and Oak Hill. Looking to improve and add to future TMPL projects.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City
 - a. Traffic Signals in Design: Contract awarded new signal at Valley Parkway/Date El Norte/Fig (25 weeks for poles). Felicita/Escondido signal modification is grant funded.
 - b. Traffic Signals: El Norte Bike path signal contract awarded. Under construction: La Terraza Hotel, CCP/Mission, Escondido Blvd/Lincoln, Broadway/Lincoln and Fig/Lincoln signal modification, Encino/17th, East Valley Parkway/Lake Wohlford complete.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Korbecki requested information regarding potential future improvements on Bear Valley Parkway/ East Valley Parkway corridor from Valley Center to I-15. Shahzad explained widening of East Valley Parkway to three lanes in each direction, coordinating signal timing on East Valley Parkway. Bear Valley Parkway was coordinated three years ago from East Valley Parkway to the Westfield Mall. Awaiting Caltrans implementation of signal timing at Via Rancho Parkway. County improved a portion of Bear Valley Parkway recently. The section at Las Palmas lies within the County.

Korbecki asked about the Vision Zero program. The City was recently awarded a grant for \$72k to evaluate highest priority safety areas. Each year evaluate bicycle and pedestrian accidents. Review every report to see if there are countermeasures, we can install.

Korbecki suggested education prior to implementing PPLT phasing.

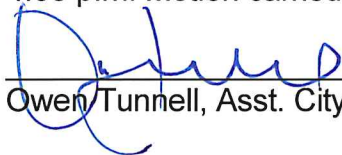
Chris Leso, OTS has a media person that works with the Police Department that works with the City of San Diego. Approach to be proactive to reduce accidents. Education on how to reduce accidents.

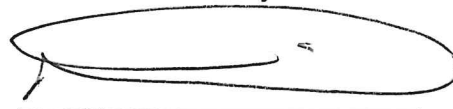
Thornburg asked about possibly restriping of Via Rancho Parkway to allow the middle or right lanes to feed into the southbound. This area lies within Caltrans right of way.

Thornburg stated a preference of continental style high visibility crosswalks. The City standard is the ladder style.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Durney, Seconded Chair McManus to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Owen Tunnell, Asst. City Engineer


Kim Miller, Minutes Clerk