

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

April 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation and Community Safety Commission was called to order at 3:06 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Spoonemore, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Spoonemore, Commissioner Durney, Commissioner Phillips, and Commissioner Kassebaum.

Commissioners absent: Vice Chair McManus, Commissioner Thornberg, and Commissioner Korbecki

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Clytie Koehler spoke in favor of Accessible Pedestrian Signals for requested locations for agenda item number F1. She also requested the sheltered bus stop on Beethoven Drive at the North County Mall be power-washed because of accumulated trash at the bus stop.

Ethel Miranda spoke in favor of Accessible Pedestrian Signals for requested locations for agenda item number F1.

Amy Kalivas spoke in favor of Accessible Pedestrian Signal to be installed at 1440 South Escondido Blvd near Access to Independence Organization.

MINUTES:

Moved by Chair Spoonemore, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS: None

ACTION: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Ranking for requested locations

Ms. Kuukka-Ruotsalainen referenced the staff report and explained the ranking of all requested APS locations per the City of Escondido's Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Ranking Criteria. Staff recommended the Commission approval of the two highest scoring locations (El Norte Parkway at Morning View Drive and Escondido Boulevard at 15th Avenue) to be funded with ADA Transition funding. The possibility of funding a third location of Centre City Pkwy at El Norte Pkwy will be evaluated as a part of TMPL.

ACTION:

Moved by Chair Spoonemore, seconded by Commissioner Durney to approve ranking criteria with one point added for each pedestrian accident up to three and with ranking for new projects, updated quarterly. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2018/2019 Traffic Management Project list (TMPL) Preliminary List of Projects

Ms. Jim referenced the staff report and presented the five projects on the TMPL. Staff recommended the top four ranked projects be selected for further design and evaluation.

Commissioner Durney asked if the top three ranked projects be selected instead of four because \$50,000 TCSC budget may not be sufficient for all four projects. Ms. Jim suggested selecting the top four projects for further evaluation and detail cost estimate. Commission can then decide whether to approve all the projects with the details presented at the July 2019 meeting.

ACTION:

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

3. Escondido High School Traffic Safety and Signal Warrant Report & Accident Data

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report and provided the summary of collision history and the CA-MUTCD Traffic Signal Warrants for the requested signal warrant analysis. The signal warrants for the northerly driveway were not met. The recommendation was to have the High School implement the Traffic Management Plan provided by City staff. An overview of the Traffic Calming measures that have

been implemented along the corridor like Road Diet with lane narrowing, adding a two way left turn lane (TWLTL), bike lanes, and radar feedback sign for southbound and additional sidewalk storage with a wide pedestrian ramp area at the signalized Sheridan intersection was presented.

4. Traffic Signal Installation and Left Turn Phasing Preliminary Priority List

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report for the traffic signal priority and protected left turn priority list. The candidate locations were presented with an overview of the Signal Warrants, SANTEC left turn warrant criteria and overall ranking based on need, volume and crash history. The list included six (6) intersections to be analyzed for traffic signal warrants and fifteen (15) intersections to be analyzed for protected left turn phasing. Staff will put out a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to conduct a warrant analysis, analyze the intersections and rank them in an Engineering and Traffic Study.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City
 - a. Traffic Signals in Design: Felicita/Escondido Left turn phasing - grant funded in design.
Traffic Signals: El Norte Bike path signal out for bids. Under construction: HSIP signals contract awarded for construction. La Terraza Hotel to begin construction soon.

Report received.

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY:

- a. Escondido High – On-Site circulation in parking lot for Pick-up/Drop-off.
- b. Bond Projects coordination discussion at Quarterly School Zone meeting.

Report received.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Durney asked staff about the Pedestrian Bridge on East Valley Parkway near the Transit Center. Julie Procopio responded that it was a Smart Growth Incentive Program grant project.

Commissioner Kassebaum asked about the Video Detection Cameras on Woodward and Broadway traffic signal looked different. Mr. Shahzad indicated that they use Video Detection for Limit Line & Radar detection for advance detection as loops could not be installed on the bridge.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Spoonemore adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held July 11, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.

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