

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

January 10, 2019

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, Commissioner Phillips and Commissioner Kassebaum.

Commissioners absent: Chair Spoonmore. Christopher Leso, Traffic Sergeant

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: Dept. Specialist, Michael Kearney, Lieutenant; and Kimberlianne Miller, Minutes Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Wendy Anderson spoke in favor of traffic signal for Escondido High school accident. She feels the center turn lane and bike lanes have added complications.

Erika Schwarm thanked staff for recent improvements and PD for motor bike enforcement. She said that traffic conditions were improved by these measures. She spoke in favor of flashing speed limit signage for the beginning of school zone to flash during school hours informing drivers that school is in session. Ms. Schwarm also wants signage to say "No student drop-off or pick up" - instead of "No parking". She is not pushing for a traffic signal at this time.

Lt. Kearney explained that unlicensed drivers are parking in neighboring areas because they can't get a permit to park on school lot without a valid driver's license.

Cindy Spear expressed concern about recent accident and feels that 2,300 students should have a traffic light. She feels that traffic is bad, there is no safe way to turn left from N Broadway and traffic light is the best option.

Robbin Hoeffliger spoke in favor of traffic signal for Escondido High School. She has brought her concerns to school staff last year. She states there is chaos in the parking lot and on the street. Signal is the only way to make the left turn onto school

lot. Ms. Hoeffliger stated that the curb on N Broadway is not painted red so it is not clear where parents can drop off. She does feel that traffic flow has been improved but it can be improved more.

Commissioner Thornburg asked if traffic calming measures were considered. Staff explained that a radar speed sign has been installed and that lanes were recently narrowed to calm traffic and bike lanes and two-way-left-turn-lane were added.

Lt. Kearney explains that the recent improvements have helped but speeding is still a concern, not only for this area but the entire corridor. PD has received complaints from Reidy Creek Elementary and other areas on N Broadway and is conducting enforcement.

ACTION: Staff will conduct traffic signal warrant analysis on N Broadway / Escondido High School location. Radar speed sign data will be downloaded. Staff to present findings in April 2019 TCSC.

MINUTES:

Moved by Vice Chair McManus, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS: None

ACTION: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Ranking Criteria for Policy

Ms. Kuukka-Ruotsalainen referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission approve the City of Escondido Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Ranking Criteria for Policy.

Commissioner Thornburg asked staff how many locations can be funded annually. Staff explained one location per year from the ADA funding.

Staff proposed to update request list annually, when funding is available.

Commissioner Korbecki asked if intersection safety criteria could be modified so that more points shall be given if multiple pedestrian accidents at the location. Staff will modify ranking criteria.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Thornburg, seconded by Commissioner McManus 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. Speed Surveys

Mr. Shahzad referenced the staff report. Staff recommended approval to the City Council of updated Engineering and Traffic Surveys (E&TS) for posted speeds on various street segments Citywide.

Commissioner Kassebaum requested that speed survey information be provided where speed limits are changing or speed was rounded down. Speed Zone Evaluation can be attached to future Staff Reports.

ACTION:

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

3. Completion of the Escondido Creek Bikeway Missing Link Project

Ms. Jim referenced the staff report and provided an update on Missing Link Project.

Commissioner Korbecki stated that he likes the green bollards. He asked staff if gates leading to Bikeway are open. Staff explained that gates are closed until project is complete.

Commissioner Thornburg reminded staff to look at edge line striping along Class 1 to confirm that two feet are available as required for Class 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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:

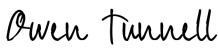
Commissioner Korbecki asked staff about the traffic signal at Via Rancho Parkway. Caltrans expects to implement a new Signal Timing plan in late Spring.

Commissioner Korbecki asked about the accident database Crossroads: does it feed into SWITRS? Lt. Kearney explained that it does.

Commissioner Korbecki asked about the bid process. Low bid process - each project is separately bid.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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