

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

April 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation and Community Safety Commission was called to order at 3:04 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Durney, in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

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

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Simonson.

Staff present: Julie Procopio, Assistant Director of Engineering; Owen Tunnell, Assist. City Engineer, Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer, Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist;; Chris Leso, Traffic Sergeant; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner McManus, seconded by Commissioner Spoonemore, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018, meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thornburgh was absent from the vote.

CONSENT ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2018/19 Traffic Management Projects List (TMPL)

Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission review and approve the City of Escondido 2018 Traffic Management Projects List (TMPL) preliminary prioritization.

Chair Durney and staff discussed other funding opportunities for Traffic Management Projects.

Chair Durney and Commissioner Spoonemore discussed funding opportunities with the School District for projects in and round schools.

Commissioner Kassebaum suggested using the HAWK signal for Mission Middle School.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the effectiveness of the Countdown Timer at crosswalks.

Chair Durney concurred with the priority list items and suggested considering a HAWK signal at Mission Middle School and possible cost sharing with the School District, which would allow for Traffic Priorities 2 and 3 to be done as well.

Commissioner McManus and Ms. Jim discussed other funding mechanisms for the projects near the schools.

Commissioner Korbecki and staff discussed doing projects in phases, noting his concern with visibility issues at the Glenview Elementary School crosswalk.

ACTION:

Moved by Chair Durney, seconded by Commissioner Spoonemore, to direct staff to provide a detailed cost analysis on the following prioritizations: 1) Glenview Elementary School Mid-block Crosswalk; 2) Countdown Pedestrian Signals in School Zones, and 3) Mission Middle School Mid-block Crosswalk with a cost sharing plan with the School District. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of the Duties and Authority of Transportation and Community Safety Commission

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division, provided the report and requested input.

Discussion ensued the process for Commissioners adding items on the agenda.

3. Election of New Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

ACTION:

Moved by Chair Durney, seconded by Commissioner McManus, to nominate to Vice-chair Spoonemore to Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Moved by Chair Spoonemore, seconded by Commissioner Durney, to nominate to Commissioner McManus to Vice-chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Elections were to take effect at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City
 - a. Traffic Signals in Design. El Norte/Fig & East Valley Pkwy/Date – Design 100% complete, NEPA revalidation received from Caltrans. Construction Authorization of funds and Modified E-76 approved – Incorporating Federal specs. Felicita/Escondido Blvd LTP signal modification – Design in progress, awaiting ATP Fund Authorization.
 - b. Traffic Signals – recently approved: Hotel Traffic Signal on La Terraza Blvd. (2nd check). Centre City/Mission. Signal modification for Centre City/Citracado BLVD. El Norte/Bike Path crossing near bridge over flood control channel (95% plancheck in progress). Under Construction Escondido Blvd./Lincoln Ave., Broadway/Lincoln Ave. Modification: Fig/Lincoln Pkwy. Pending Construction: Emmanuel Faith Traffic Signal on Encino/17th Avenue.

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.
- c. APS ordered for Escondido High signal
- d. Countdown Ped Heads installed at the intersection where countdown pedestrian signals were approved per TMPL. A total of 46 new countdown pedestrian signal heads will be installed at existing pedestrian signals at six (6) intersections. A 7th location was added due to proximity of a school.
 - 1) Bear Valley Parkway/Las Palmas Avenue (Bear Valley Middle School)
 - 2) Bear Valley Parkway/Canyon Road (Bear Valley Middle School)
 - 3) Bear Valley Parkway/Mary Ln (San Pasqual High School)
 - 4) Bear Valley Parkway/San Pasqual Road San Pasqual High School)
 - 5) 9th Avenue/Valley Parkway (Del Dios Academy of Arts and Science)
 - 6) 9th Avenue/Auto Park Way (Del Dios Academy of Arts and Science)
 - 7) East Valley Pkwy/Midway Dr. (Escondido Charter High School)

Report received.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Kassebaum and staff discussed grant opportunities and the future status for Grand Avenue.

Chair Durney noted an issue with the left turn signal light timing at Citracado Parkway at Valley Parkway. Mr. Shahzad noted that the timing had just been repaired.

Commissioner Thornburgh asked staff to look into the stacking issues at the Felicita Town Center when trying to enter Centre City Parkway. Mr. Shahzad noted that staff would look into this and report back.

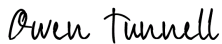
Commissioner Thornburgh expressed his concern with the amount of accidents occurring at Escondido Boulevard and South Centre City Parkway. Ms. Procopio noted that the City was requesting matching funds through the Highway Safety Improvement Plan for the area in question.

Chair Durney and staff discussed the road classification of Centre City Parkway.

Commissioner Spoonemore thanked Chair Durney for his services as Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Durney adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held July 12, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.


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Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer


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