

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

October 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Escondido Transportation and Community Safety Commission was called to order at 3:01 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Durney, in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Durney, Vice-chair Spoonemore, Commissioner Simonson, Commissioner Thornburgh, and Commissioner McManus.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Leone and Commissioner Blackstock.

Staff present: Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering; Homi Namdari, Assistant City Engineer; Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist; Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer; Mark Petersen, Traffic Sergeant; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Simonson, seconded by Commissioner McManus, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City.

Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted that staff recommended the Commission review and approve the City of Escondido 2017 Traffic Management Projects List (TMPL) Prioritization.

Commissioner Thornburgh and staff discussed the reasoning for moving the crosswalk on Rose.

Commissioner Thornburgh felt curb pop outs would help signage be more visible.

Richard Conwell, Escondido, thanked the City for the traffic calming measures on Eucalyptus Avenue. He stated that only 15 of the 140 signatures mentioned in the report lived on Eucalyptus Avenue. He felt that many of the individuals who signed the petition gravitated to the section on median striping. He suggested that the painted street signage be painted past the existing posted signage. He asked that the language regarding the median striping be removed from future letters. He also asked what the status was for Citracado Parkway being finalized, noting his concern with the time needed to reach the hospital.

Chairman Durney noted that it was easy to exceed the speed limit while traveling down Eucalyptus Avenue to the south. He also noted that he was in favor of the proposed traffic calming measures for Eucalyptus Avenue.

Mr. Shahzad noted that the street legend signage could be installed away from the radar signage but could not installed too far away from the posted speed limit signage.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Simonson, seconded by Commissioner Thornburgh, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Out to bid this fall. Felicita/Escondido Blvd LTP signal modification – Design in progress, awaiting ATP fund authorization.
 - b. Traffic Signals – in Plancheck: Hotel Traffic Signal on La Terraza Blvd. (2nd check). Centre City/Mission signal modification. El Norte/Bike Path crossing near bridge over flood control channel (Plancheck in progress). Construction Completed: North Ash/Vista Ave., North Ash/Sheridan Avenue, El Norte/Vista Verde Way, Centre City/Washington signal modification, County Harmony Grove/Citracado Pkwy., County/City Signal on Boyle/Bear Valley Pkwy. Pending Construction Emmanuel Faith Traffic Signal on Encino/17th Ave.

Received.

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY:

- a. Construction at Central Elementary – Temporary bus zone.

- b. Construction at Orange Glen Elementary – New crosswalk striping by school district (Hold)
- c. Future bond projects coordination.

Received.

COUNCIL ACTION:

- a. Stop Signs – Rincon Avenue & N. Ash Street (September 20, 2017).
- b. Revised Crosswalk Policy for Mid-Block Crosswalks (to be presented to City Council Oct/Nov 2017).

Received.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

Chair Durney and Director Procopio discussed the status for Citracado Parkway.

Commissioner Thornburgh and staff discussed the status for Bear Valley Parkway East. Additional discussion ensued regarding future plans for Citracado Parkway and the intersections of El Dorado and Juniper.

Chairman Durney expressed his concern with Commissioner Leone being absent from multiple meetings. Mr. Shahzad noted that new commissioner applications began in January.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Durney adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held January 11, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk