

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

October 13, 2016

The Special meeting of the Escondido Transportation and Community Safety Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Durney, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Durney, Commissioner Simonson, Commissioner Thornburgh, Commissioner McManus, and Commissioner Blackstock.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Leone and Vice-chair Spoonemore.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Simonson, seconded by Commissioner Blackstock, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2016, special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Centre City Parkway from Citracado Parkway to El Norte Parkway – Signal Coordination Project – Before and After Travel Time with new signal timing plans**

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

Commissioner Blackstock asked if a physical test was done with a vehicle. Mr. Shahzad replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Simonson and staff discussed the status of the projected traffic

signals on El Norte Parkway.

2. Speed Surveys – Various Citywide

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission recommend to City Council approval of the various 4 speed surveys as presented in the staff report.

ACTION:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City
 - a. Traffic Signals in Design
 - b. Traffic Signals
 - c. FY 15/16 TMPL Project Progress
 - d. Centre City Parkway ICM I-15 corridor and 9th Avenue corridor.

Received.

Brian Eveland, Escondido, referenced the area of Gamble Lane and noted that he had received the data from the radar signs as well as being informed that enforcement was occurring for approximately 30 minutes every other week. He stated that the data showed that over 16,000 vehicles traveled on Gamble in a 21-day period, with over 9,100 going over the speed limit and over 3,600 going over the tolerance level. He stated that he had observed four motorcycle police officers issuing citations, which he was impressed with. He then asked how often selective enforcement was occurring and how many citations had been issued.

Mark Peterson, Traffic Sergeant, stated that he had issued 10 citations last month.

Mr. Shahzad noted that according to the data there was a reduction in speed on Gamble of 8.8 miles per hour Northbound and 4.8 miles per hour Southbound after the speed radar signs were installed.

Chairman Durney noted that even though there was still issues with speeding there had been a reduction in speed.

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY:

- a. Construction at Central Elementary – Temporary bus zone.
- b. Construction at Orange Glen Elementary – New crosswalk striping by school district.
- c. Future bond projects coordination.

Received.

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- a. Municipal Code revision for Sec. 28-142. (October 26, 2016)
- b. All-Way Stop at N. Escondido Blvd. and W. Lincoln Ave. (September 14, 2016)
- c. Pilot Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) for NTP #2 (September 28, 2016)
- d. Downtown Parking from 2- to 3-hr. from CCP to Valley Blvd.

Chair Durney requested updates on Item c. He also requested an update on the pilot residential parking permit program at the next meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

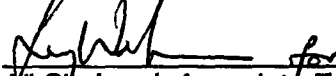
Discussion ensued regarding some public concerns for speeding occurring in the area of Felicita and Redwood.

Commissioner Blackstock and staff discussed the future improvements to Bear Valley Parkway. They also discussed the status for the striping on 13th Avenue.

Commissioner Thornburgh noted that he had observed most cities having continental crosswalks and asked if this could be considered for uncontrolled crosswalks. Mr. Shahzad noted the City of San Diego had continental striping, noting that there were additional costs associated with this striping. Commissioner Thornburgh felt the continental look was more progressive and more consistent with the other jurisdictions, but noted that he understood the cost factors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Durney adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held January 12, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk