

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

August 4, 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, Vice-chair Spoonemore, Commissioner Simonson, Commissioner Thornburgh, Commissioner McManus, and Commissioner Blackstock.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Leone.

Staff present: Homi Namdari, Assistant City Engineer; Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division; Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist; Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer; Jeff Valdivia, Traffic Sergeant; Mike Kearney, Lieutenant; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Brian Eveland, Escondido, expressed his concern with vehicles speeding on Gamble Lane. He asked if the radar signage had the ability to record speeds and the volume of vehicles. Mr. Shahzad stated that once he obtained this information he would forward it to Mr. Eveland. He noted that 25 MPH signage had been installed on both approaches to Gamble. He also noted that selective police enforcement could be conducted by the Police Department. Mr. Eveland stated that this is what he was requesting.

Gail Conwell, Escondido, noted that she represented her and a number of neighbors regarding concerns with traffic on Eucalyptus Avenue. She asked that the City conduct a study regarding what percentage of traffic was cut-thru traffic on Eucalyptus Avenue from the intersections of Felicita to Citracado and Eucalyptus Avenue to Via Rancho Parkway. She felt this information would help efforts to reduce traffic in the subject area in the future. She requested the most updated speed data from the latest radar signage. She then asked when the Commission would be taking input on traffic calming measures for 2017 and 2018. Ms. Conwell noted that many of the residents were opposed to the striping on Eucalyptus Avenue, noting that the majority of those opposed did not live on Eucalyptus Avenue. She felt additional stop signs along the southern portion of Eucalyptus Avenue would help reduce speeds.

Mr. Shahzad noted there were no traffic calming funds for 2016. Ms. Conwell asked if there would be a time to provide input for 2017 and 2018. Mr. Shahzad replied in the affirmative but noted no dates had been set for public input.

Scott Graves, Escondido, representing San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance, noted that the Alliance was developed due to concerns about the Safari Highlands Ranch Development. He stated that they were concerned with potential traffic, peak times, and Level of Service impacts on the children in the area. He stated that in 2011 the California Department of Safety ranked Escondido No. 1 for pedestrian injuries and fatalities. He requested that the Alliance be allowed to speak at the next meeting with staff and the developer as well as go over the traffic analysis in order discuss safety measures for keeping the children safe in the area.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Simonson, seconded by Commissioner McManus, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Pilot Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) for Neighborhood Transformation Program #2**

Sergeant Valdivia referenced the staff report and noted that staff recommended that the Transportation and Community Safety Commission recommend to the City Council adoption of the Resolution to establish a one-year pilot residential parking district in the Rose to Foxdale neighborhood. The District would restrict parking to vehicles displaying valid placards between the hours of 5:00 pm and 5:00 am and no new districts would be authorized during that year. One permit per residence would be allowed along with one guest permit.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the typical vehicle violation that was occurring in the subject area. Additional discussion ensued regarding a clarification of types of crimes occurring in the area.

Chairman Durney asked where the subject individuals would park. Sergeant Valdivia stated that the apartment complex was towing vehicles on its own, noting his view that ultimately it would reduce subletting issues.

Chairman Durney asked if the neighborhood group was in favor of the placard costs. Sergeant Valdivia replied in the affirmative. He also noted that the

neighborhood group stopped obtaining signatures in favor of the subject proposal when they hit 70%.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the proposed enforcement hours.

Commissioner Thornburgh and Sergeant Valdivia discussed the ratio of parking permits to the actual number of parking spaces in the area as well as what other jurisdictions were charging for similar parking programs.

Commissioner Thornburgh felt the cost to the City should be revenue neutral.

Yvonne Jackson, Escondido, expressed her concern with the subject program possibly causing landlords to raise rents as well as creating impacts to the Police Department having to respond to parking issues. She felt there was no solution for the parking in the area.

Commissioner Thornburgh questioned whether it was correct that the nearby apartment complex sold their parking permits for \$100 a month and the proposed pilot program parking space would be \$40 a year. Mr. Namdari replied in the affirmative.

Sergeant Valdivia noted that the goal was to be revenue neutral. Mr. Shahzad noted that the Traffic Department would be putting in all of the signs.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Thornburgh, seconded by Chairman Durney, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion included revising the guest-parking fee to \$100 per year. Motion carried. Ayes: Simonson, Durney, Spoonemore, McManus, and Thornburgh. Noes: Blackstock. (5-1)

2. Downtown Parking – Survey for 3 hour and 15 minutes limited time parking in Municipal Lots

Homi Namdari, Assistant City Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the Commission recommend to the Downtown Parking Sub-Committee that the 2-hour parking time limits on Grand Avenue be extended to 3 hours between Centre City Parkway and Valley Boulevard based on the result of the survey of downtown businesses.

Chairman Durney noted that the 3-hour parking proposal was well received by the downtown business owners.

ACTION:

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

3. Missing Link Project – Amend Bicycle Master Plan to include Class IV Cycle Track (30% Conceptual Design and Public Outreach Workshop #1)

Miriam Jim, Associate Engineer, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended the following amendment to the existing 2012 Bicycle Master Plan: Amend the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan to include Class IV Bikeway (Cycle Tracks) as the proposed bicycle facility along N. Broadway and Valley Parkway for the Missing Link project.

Chairman Durney and staff discussed the proposed impacts to parking for the subject plan and the proposed library in Grape Day Park. Mr. Namdari noted that there would be very little impact on Broadway. Ms. Miriam stated staff was working with SANDAG to create new volume forecasts.

Chairman Durney and staff discussed the potential impacts to Valley Parkway and Centre City Parkway.

Commissioner Blackstock and staff discussed proposed design for the bridge on Broadway.

Commissioner Simonson and staff discussed the proposed barriers and breaks for the Class 4 paths.

Commissioner Thornburgh asked if the City of San Diego had any Class 4 paths. Mr. Shahzad noted that the City of San Diego had one under construction.

Mr. Namdari and Ms. Jim referenced the groups who were involved in providing input for the subject amendment.

Commissioner Thornburgh questioned whether the City and pedestrians would be better served with a Class 1 system with added landscaping, feeling a Class 4 fell short for pedestrians. Mr. Namdari stated that the various discussion groups involved were in favor of Class 4 which is designated bicycle-use only and not mixed with pedestrians.

Chairman Durney was in favor of staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Blackstock was in favor of the proposed plan, feeling it accommodated everyone.

Commissioner Thornburgh suggested considering a Class 1 for the subject in the area of Broadway.

ACTION:

Moved by Chairman Durney, seconded by Commissioner Simonson, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. Ayes: Simonson, Blackstock, Durney, Spoonemore, and McManus. Noes: None. Abstained: Thornburgh. (5-0-1)

4. All-Way Stop at N. Escondido Boulevard and W. Lincoln Avenue

Virpi Kuukka-Ruotsalainen, Department Specialist, referenced the staff report and noted that staff recommended approval of the proposed installation of 2 new Stop signs to create an All-Way Stop-controlled intersection at North Escondido Boulevard and West Lincoln Avenue.

Commissioner Spoonemore asked if this would be an interim measure. Ms. Kuukka-Ruotsalainen replied in the affirmative.

Discussion ensued regarding potential traffic from the future proposed project on the old Toyota of Escondido site.

Commissioner Thornburgh and staff discussed the proposed sidewalk for the subject intersection.

Commissioner Simonson asked if the subject intersection had crossing guards. Mr. Namdari replied in the negative.

Chairman Durney asked when the traffic signal would be installed at the subject intersection. Mr. Namdari estimated one year for installation.

ACTION:

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

5. Bear Valley Parkway from Glenridge Road to East Valley Parkway – Signal Coordination Project – Before and After Travel Time with new signal timing

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

6. Municipal Code revision for Sec. 28-142. Parking, stopping and standing prohibited in specified places

Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer/Traffic Division, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval to amend Escondido Municipal Code (EMC) Section 28-142, parking, stopping, and standing prohibited in specified places.

Discussion ensued regarding potential impacts to the Police Department for citations.

ACTION:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An overview of various projects involving the City – Received.

SCHOOL AREA SAFETY: None.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

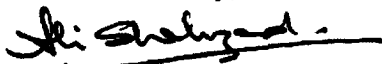
Chairman Durney asked if it would be appropriate to put the Safari Highlands Development on the next agenda. Staff noted they would provide an update at the next meeting.

Chairman Durney referenced a temporary pedestrian walkway on South Escondido Boulevard at 3rd Avenue.

Commissioner Thornburgh and staff discussed the status of the proposed TIA at Westfield Mall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Durney adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission would be held October 13, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido.



Ali Shahzad, Associate Engineer



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk