

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Radoumis; Vice Chairperson Berg; Commissioners Hayes; Martinez, and Moore.

Also Present: Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works and Vivian De Leon, Secretary.

3. ELECTION

Chairperson Radoumis opened the nomination for elections. Commissioner Moore made a motion to recommend Vice Chairperson Berg to Chairperson. Commissioner Berg accepted the nomination; Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion and was approved by the Commission 5-0.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to elect Commissioner Hayes to Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Hayes accepted the nomination; Chairperson Berg seconded the motion and was approved by the Commission 5-0.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Berg at 6:08 PM announced that this is the time when comments may be made by interested persons on matters not on the agenda having to do with City matters.

Patricia Romero with Pupil Transportation expressed concern with the upcoming construction taking place on Florence Avenue and the impact on her scheduled routes.

Carina Lazcano manager for the Pupil Transportation also expressed concern with the upcoming construction taking place on Florence Avenue and the impact on her scheduled routes. She noted current transport routes begin at 6:00 am transporting students to and from surrounding areas of Santa Fe Springs. She wanted information regarding alternate routes during this construction period.

Mr. Negrete informed them that Caltrans is working with MTA, school districts and Norwalk Transportation. He will forward Caltrans her contact information. He also noted that the Public Relations firm handling concerns for the I-5 Freeway projects is currently located in Norwalk's City Hall.

There being no additional questions from the audience, Oral Communications closed at 6:12 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Update on the Interstate 5 Freeway Widening Project

Mr. Negrete provided a detailed presentation of the 30 year history Caltrans and surrounding cities have invested on this project that have culminated in what are currently 6 phases that are under construction or in design. Special attention was given to the construction phase that involves the widening of the bridge overcrossing the I-5 Freeway near the intersection of Florence Avenue and Orr and Day Road. This project is scheduled to commence in mid June 2014 and end in late 2016. In order to accomplish this phase, Caltrans will leave two lanes open, one in each direction on the Florence Avenue Bridge. He noted that the closure of the lanes will compound traffic congestion in this area due to the current closures of Imperial Highway and Pioneer Boulevard for the widening of the I-5 Freeway, along with the impending closure of the bridge in the City of Norwalk / City of Downey west of the 605 FWY on Firestone Boulevard that is slated to begin in June 2014.

6. Update on Interstate 5 Street Mitigation Phase II Project

Mr. Negrete provided a detailed presentation that outlined the project highlights and the project timeline. He noted that there were a total of 120 ramps that were constructed or retrofitted to comply with Federal ADA law.

Mr. Negrete summarized the project phases highlighting the project benefits and challenges.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Radoumis made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on November 21, 2013; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and was approved by the Commission 5-0.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on December 17, 2013; Vice Chair Hayes seconded the motion and was approved by the Commission 5-0.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Vice Chairperson Hayes shared pictures of the conditions of the road and the railroad tracks on Pioneer Boulevard north of Florence Boulevard and inquired on status of street repair for this intersection.

Mr. Negrete informed the Commission that he had met with UPRR and had been informed that this was scheduled for repair during spring break 2014. Mr. Negrete will confirm this schedule at a later meeting.

Commissioner Hayes inquired on the repainting of the red curb along Orr and Day Road and Clarkman Street (adjacent to Santa Fe High School) as well as painting a center line on the street.

Mr. Negrete indicated that he will have staff take care of the red curb painting; however, the median striping will require handling from a contractor since the City does not own equipment capable of striping on a knuckle area.

Commissioner Martinez inquired that staff investigate the issue of packing company trucks blocking traffic at Pioneer Boulevard and Los Nietos. Mr. Negrete indicated he would have staff check into the traffic issue with the packing company.

Commissioner Moore inquired on funds for street paving along her street (Longworth Avenue). Mr. Negrete indicated that this particular street is not on the CIP list for 2014. There are over 100 projects with only \$18 million available, and the projects are dependant on what is approved by the CIP sub-committee. The upcoming rehabilitation on Gridley Road is made possible through partial CIP funding and set to begin construction in April 2014.

Vice Chairperson Hayes questioned the timing of the left-hand turn signal on Bloomfield Avenue and Florence Avenue. Mr. Negrete indicated that he would have staff check that and also noted that the intersection is operated on loops and may just need to be reset.

Commissioner Moore inquired on the status of the Traffic Bureau Report for December 2013. Mr. Noe informed the Commission that due to staffing issues at the Police Services Center, he opted to not delay the delivery of the Agenda and two Traffic Bureau Reports will be prepared for the next meeting in February.

Staff

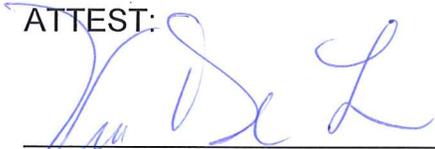
Mr. Negrete thanked Commissioner Radoumis for his leadership as Chairperson for the prior year and that he would provide quarterly updates on the status of the Valley View Grade Separation project.

Ms. De León congratulated Chairperson Berg and Vice Chair Hayes on their appointments and thanked Commissioner Radoumis for his service as Chairperson for the prior year.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairperson Hayes moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY