

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
AUGUST 21, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Hayes called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Chairperson Berg (excused)

Also Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Laurie Rios, Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Officer Frank Igros, Whittier Police Department

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Vice Chairperson Hayes welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Rios to the meeting and 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 traffic related business. There being no one to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:05 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – July 2014.

Office Igros reported that total collisions had decreased from 68 in July 2013 to 47 in July 2014. The decrease was due mainly to a drop of 17 property damage only collisions. He also reported that during the month of July 2014 there were three (3) collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, two (2) collisions involving bicycles and no collisions involving pedestrians. There were also seventeen (17) Hit and Run collisions and five (5) collisions involving city property. The three (3) high collision intersections for the month were Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road (2 collisions), Telegraph Road/Orr and Day Road (2 collisions) and Bloomfield Avenue/Lakeland Road (1 collision).

Commissioner Moore made a motion to receive and file the report for July 2014; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Radoumis and was approved 4-0 by the Traffic Commission.

5. 2014 Engineering and Traffic Survey for John Street

Mr. Lopez presented Item 5, and noted that John Street is 1,350 feet long and is 50-foot wide curb to curb. Due to the low volume of traffic on John Street the speed sampling was done for only 50 vehicles in each direction which is allowed by the California Manual

of Uniform Traffic Control Devices as opposed to the 100 speed samples in each direction which is normally used. He indicated that there were no reported collisions on this section of John Street during the 3-year study period. The 85th percentile or critical speed for northbound traffic was 38 mph while the 10 mile-per-hour pace speed was 28-37 mph. The critical speed for southbound traffic was 40 mph and the pace speed was 32-41 mph. He noted that the speed distributions seemed to be a little skewed and was probably due to the short length of the street, low volume coupled with the number of slow moving trucks that use John Street. Based on this information the recommendation was to post John Street. with a 35 mph speed limit.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the minutes with the following revisions to Item no. 6:

- a. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the request by Tangram Interiors to remove the parking restriction in front of 9200 Sorensen Avenue be approved and Commissioner Radoumis seconded the motion.
- b. That the subsequent vote was 3 to 2 to recommend to the City Council that the request by Tangram Interiors to remove the parking restriction in front of 9200 Sorensen Avenue be denied due to the lack of any collisions involving parked vehicles in this area since April 7, 2014, the existence of available off-street parking within Tangram's parking lot and that the removal of the parking restriction could result in large trucks parking in this area.

Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion and was approved 4– 0 by the Traffic Commission.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Chairperson Radoumis reported that the Sister City Committee hosted the farewell party for the delegation of German foreign exchange students that visited Santa Fe Springs last week.

Commissioner Moore asked if a letter had been sent to Mr. Mario Garcia to inform him of the red curb being painted along Charlesworth Road. Mr. Lopez indicated that it would probably go out next week.

Vice Chairperson Hayes said that he had been approached by a resident on Roseton Avenue just south of the Santa Fe High School about speeding on Roseton Avenue. He requested a copy of the collision history of Roseton Avenue between Clarkman Street and Florence Avenue. He also asked that based on Officer Igros comments that staff check the left turn collision history at Florence/Shoemaker, Bloomfield/Florence and Los Nietos/Norwalk.

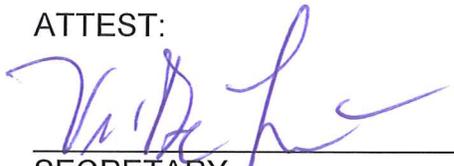
Staff

Mr. Lopez updated the Commission on the status of the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) repairs at Pioneer Boulevard /Florence Avenue. He informed the Commission that UPRR will have to remove and replace the existing track panels due to deterioration of the wood ties. This will result in the complete closure of Florence Avenue on September 6th and 7th and the complete closure of Pioneer Boulevard on September 13th and 14th. He also announced that the Alondra Boulevard Bridge is scheduled to open next Friday, August 29, 2014.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Vice Chairperson Hayes and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 6:58 PM


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY