

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Berg; Vice Chairperson Hayes; Commissioners Moore and Radoumis

Absent: Commissioner Martinez (excused)

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De Leon, Secretary; Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Berg 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.

Mr. Negrete provided an update on the I-5 Freeway Widening Project – Florence Avenue segment that is scheduled to begin June/July 2014. Mr. Negrete noted that he met with local school officials on Tuesday, February 18 from Little Lake City School District, Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe Springs Christian School, and Whittier Union High School District. Mr. Negrete has scheduled a meeting next Wednesday, February 26 at St. Pius X at 7:00 pm in the Hall. Another meeting is tentatively set for April 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Santa Fe High School Gym, and a subsequent meeting is tentatively scheduled in June or July 2014 prior to the start of the school year. He also met with Debbie Lajoie of the Pupil Transportation Cooperative; they provide busing services to Whittier Union High School District. As an option the school may have to supply additional bus(es) that may be subsidized by Caltrans. The price for one bus is approximately \$35,000 for one school year.

The City of Santa Fe Springs I-5 Sub-committee and the City of Downey have both agreed not to allow left hand turns on Orr and Day Road/Florence Avenue and Fairford Avenue/Florence Avenue during the construction period.

Commissioner Moore inquired on the possibility of installing flashing lights at the crosswalk in front of California Highway Patrol office on Davenrich Street and Orr and Day Road. Mr. Negrete will have staff take a look at the intersection.

Chairperson Berg inquired on status of work on the bridge on Firestone Boulevard in Downey. Mr. Negrete indicated that the project is on schedule.

Vice Chairperson Hayes inquired on the possibility of distributing I-5 Freeway/Florence

Avenue construction flyers for the upcoming project to the community via the various City Committees, citing that the Super Sub-committee has an upcoming scheduled meeting where the information may be relayed. Mr. Negrete will make it a point to attend the meeting. Vice Chairperson Hayes thanked staff for repainting 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.

Commissioner Radoumis inquired on the possibility of using the Chamber or City newsletter to disseminate information about the I-5 Freeway/Florence Avenue construction segment to the community. Mr. Negrete noted that an article is included in the upcoming City Newsletter.

There being no further comments, Oral Communication closed at 6:32 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Reports – December 2013/January 2014.

Mr. Lopez announced that Officer Igros would not be in attendance and that he would answer questions relating to the reports. Commissioners inquired on the two fatalities in the City; Mr. Lopez noted that one involved a bicyclist and a Metrolink train at Lakeland Road east of Bloomfield Avenue; and the second accident occurred on Norwalk Boulevard and Smith Avenue apparently as a result of speeding.

Chairperson Berg made a motion to receive and file the report for December 2013; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and was approved 4-0 by the Traffic Commission.

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

5. California Vehicle Code Changes for 2014

Mr. Lopez presented Item 5, and reviewed several newly enacted bills, giving their impacts to the community as well as their effective date.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and was approved 4– 0 by the Traffic Commission.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Moore noted that the Knights of Columbus would be hosting the informational meeting set at St. Pius X School this Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Radoumis announced that the Sister City Committee will host the pancake breakfast booth on Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Youth Leadership Committee's foreign exchange program; and noted that the German Exchange students would be arriving in August 2014. A scheduled visit to the Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet is being planned in order for the students to observe the work on the I-5 Freeway Widening project. Also, this year the City celebrates its 50th anniversary with sister city Navojoa, Mexico, and will be the featured City for Fiestas Patrias in September.

Vice Chairperson Hayes shared Save the Date flyers for the SFS Art Fest scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Hayes made a recommendation that the Commission consider obtaining name badges for the Traffic Commissioners. Vice Chairperson Hayes made a motion to have the Traffic Commission obtains name tags; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Berg, Hayes, Moore, Radoumis
Noes: None
Absent: Martinez
Abstain: None

Chairperson Berg inquired on the possibility of a left hand turn for the traffic signal at Bloomfield Avenue and Telegraph Road and Florence Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue. Mr. Lopez responded that he will let Mr. Negrete know of the request as it will require a traffic study.

Staff

Mr. Lopez provided the following updates;

- 1) The Valley View Grade Separation project is 75% complete with a projected total cost of \$26.2 million;
- 2) According to Caltrans, the Shoemaker Bridge overcrossing the I-5 Freeway is scheduled to re-open in six weeks;
- 3) Los Angeles County has an asphalt pavement replacement project along Imperial Highway from Shoemaker Avenue in Santa Fe Springs to La Mirada that has begun;
- 4) He continues to work with the UPRR regarding the Pioneer Boulevard north of Florence Avenue asphalt repair – he is working on securing a date centered around the Easter break schedule; however, he noted that St. Pius X Easter break is set on different week from that of the local public schools;
- 5) The timing of the signal was revised at Bloomfield Avenue and Florence Avenue.

Ms. De Leon reminded the Commissioners to submit their Ethics Training Certificate.

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 7:05 p.m.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY