

**MINUTES  
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
OCTOBER 16, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Berg called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Radoumis (excused)

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De Leon, Secretary

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Chairperson Berg welcomed Councilmember Moore 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 and opened communication at 6:04 PM. There being no one person to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:04 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. Traffic Bureau Report – August 2014**

Mr. Lopez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of August 2014. The report reflects 63 collisions, which is an increase of eight (8) compared to 55 in August 2013. There were three (3) collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; two (2) pedestrians and three (3) bicycle collisions. There were eighteen (18) hit-and-run collisions and four (4) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Norwalk Boulevard/Florence Avenue (4); Florence Avenue/Shoemaker Avenue (2) and Orr and Day Road/Telegraph Road (2).

Vice Chairperson Hayes inquired on status of reports for intersections inquired by Officer Igros at Florence/Shoemaker, Bloomfield/Florence and Los Nietos/Norwalk. Mr. Lopez indicated that collision records are being checked and the traffic studies are being conducted at the intersections and would be presented after a review by Mr. Negrete.

**5. Traffic Bureau Report – September 2014**

Mr. Lopez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of September 2014. The report reflects 63 collisions, which is an increase of eight (8) compared to 55 in September 2013. There was one (1) collision involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; zero (0) pedestrians and zero (0) bicycle collisions. There

were seventeen (17) hit-and-run collisions and four (4) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road (3); Telegraph Road/Painter Avenue (2) and Allport Avenue/Washington Boulevard (1).

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to receive and file the reports for August 2014 and September 2014; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and was approved as follows: In favor: Berg, Hayes, Martinez, and Moore. Opposed; None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6. Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Guidelines for the Installation of Traffic Signals**

Mr. Lopez presented Item 06 and provided a brief detail for each of the nine warrants and the conditions required to satisfy the approval of traffic control signal. He indicated that warrants nos. 1 (Eight-Hour Volume), 4 (Pedestrian Volume), 5 (School Crossing), and 7 (Collision Experience) were the warrants that are typically used under normal conditions for determining the need for a signal. Warrants nos. 2 (four-Hour Volume) and 3 (Peak Hour) are used for special conditions and warrants nos. 6 (Coordinated System) and 8 (Roadway Network) are very rarely used. He added that Warrant No. 9 (Intersection near a Grade Crossing) was new and just added in the 2012 MUTCD.

### **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2014 meeting; Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion and was approved as follows: In favor: Berg, Martinez and Moore; Opposed: None; Abstained: Hayes.

### **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Commission**

Commissioner Martinez expressed concern about train congestion caused by the third track on Pioneer Boulevard at Rivera Road occurring during morning school hour commute between 7:45 am to 8:15 am. The congestion is caused by trains that stop near the crossing and cause the gates to remain down blocking traffic. Mr. Lopez explained that trains in general have to obey the railroad signals that exist along the tracks and freight trains typically have to yield to commuter trains or other freight trains that have priority, which, as result contributes to the congestion on the city street. He noted that the only remedy to this would be a grade separation that would entail the elimination of 11 homes in the County area and 3 businesses in the City, at a cost of roughly \$35 to \$40 million for the project. Mr. Lopez indicated that a letter can be written to the rail road expressing concern for the conditions created by the stopped trains.

Chairperson Berg inquired about the status of the study to add in-pavement lights to the crosswalk at Davenrich Road and Orr and Day Road. Mr. Lopez noted that this

intersection would probably not meet the usage threshold for the installation of the lights but the study would indicate other improvements that could be done at the location.

Commissioner Moore noted that she was pleased with the pink lights that were installed along the bridge and entry signs in the City.

Vice Chairperson Hayes expressed concern about traffic speeds along Clarkman Street, Parkmead Street and Glenworth Street in the area of Lake Center Middle School. He is also concerned about the speeding on Joslin Street and Gard Avenue near Lakeview School. He is requesting that a Police Service Officer patrol the area between the hours of 7:15 and 8:15 along Joslin Street. He also mentioned that Complete Landscape is still using their leaf blowers prior to 7:00 am in the Los Nietos Park area.

Mr. Hayes is inviting staff for a tour of the City's Haunted House and noted that this year City Departments will be taking part in decorating a room in the house.

Chairperson Berg inquired on the status of the Gold Line Extension. Mr. Lopez indicated that project is currently under the review process for the two routes under study—the route along I-60 and the route that would eventually end up along Washington Boulevard in Commerce, Montebello, Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs. MTA will make a decision on the final route sometime next year.

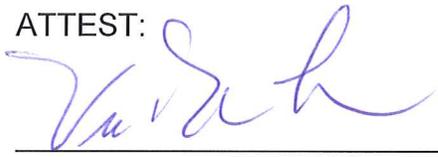
**Staff**

Mr. Lopez informed the Commissioners that the Traffic Commissioners Workshop normally held in October, will take place on a Saturday in March 2015 and encouraged their attendance.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Berg adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:  
  
SECRETARY