

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2016**

Chair Mote called the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting of August 4, 2016 to order at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL (1):

PRESENT: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

David Jacobs, Director of Public Works; Kirstin Taylor, Assistant Engineer; Norman Wray, GIS Specialist; Sgt. Nghia Nguyen; and Ella Jones, Senior Administrative Assistant.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2):

Commissioner Woodward moved to approve item 2 on the consent calendar.

(2) Minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2016

Recommended Action: **Approve**

MOTION: Lopez
SECOND: Woodward
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS (3):

(3) None

NEW BUSINESS (4-9):

(4) Review, Discuss and Recommend that City Council deny the request for a signalized intersection at Orangethrope Avenue and Indiana Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Taylor reported on a request for new Traffic Signal at Orangethrope Avenue and Indiana Avenue. She stated a resident made this request. She stated the posted speed limit is 45 mph. She also stated Orangethorpe Avenue is an east-west arterial

road consisting of two travel lanes eastbound and three travel lanes westbound divided by a raised median that provided for left-turns at the intersections. She also noted curbside parking is allowed on both Orangethorpe Avenue and Indiana Avenue.

Ms. Taylor reported a traffic engineering study was completed. She noted the study was based on guidelines of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD). Ms. Taylor stated of the nine traffic signal criteria, or warrants outlined in the CAMUTCD, seven found to be applicable.

In addition, to the traffic signal warrant study and evaluation, staff visited the area to evaluate the traffic and pedestrian activity during various times throughout the day and evenings. Ms. Taylor reported the staff's observations did not show any traffic control or safety issues at the intersection. Also, no collisions were reported. She also stated that the notice of the meeting was sent to all addresses within 600 feet of the intersection.

Ms. Taylor also reported the budget impact to have a new intersection would be in the range of \$240,000 plus the operational costs for power and maintenance approximately \$4,000 a year.

Resident Carmen Williams of 8251 Orangethorpe Avenue stated her concerns of speeding in the area. She stated the cars and motorcycles race down the streets at night. She has lived in the area for over 10 years and appreciates that the City is addressing the issues.

Chair Mote asked Sgt. Nghia Nguyen of the Buena Park Police Department to have the area of Orangethorpe Avenue be monitored for speeding vehicles.

Motion: Approve to Deny the Request for a signalized intersection at Orangethorpe Avenue and Indiana Avenue.

MOTION: Beger
SECOND: Lopez
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

(5) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that City Council deny the request at this time to install a permit parking district around 9th Street.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wray gave a report regarding installing a permit parking district around 9th Street. He stated that in early 2016, staff received three petitions to establish preferential parking districts (PPD's) in the vicinity of 9th Street. The three preferential parking

districts included Rostrata Avenue, Val Verde Avenue, and the third which covers Del Rosa Road, Hidalgo Street, and Yucca Street and a portion of Gramercy Street.

Mr. Wray reported three petitions were received within one month. He stated staff was directed by City Council to review all the parking in this area. He stated the number one complaint was the limited parking for themselves and guests due to high concentration of residents living at the apartments nearby. He stated another complaint was all the trash left behind on the streets and on the owner's lawn. He also reported another complaint was all the pedestrians in this area and not being able to see them.

Mr. Wray stated that of the three requests, Staff also looked at the support of how many people of each street support the request. He noted that City Council has established that the minimum amount of support from the residents is 2/3 (66.6%). He stated in this case, Rostrata Avenue was the only one to meet this request with 70%. He stated what was reported to Staff was a possible language barriers may have prevented the petition circulators from explaining the petitions. He stated residents expressed an increase in support may have been the outcome if the petition was sent out in English/Spanish. He noted other things Staff did was a parking occupancy study. He reported in this case, during the day they were all highly occupied more than the normal residential streets. He noted the evening counts were even higher. Mr. Wray stated Staff determined there is a high demand for parking in this area.

Mr. Wray presented four different options; Option One was to deny all the requests for petitions. He noted Staff did not recommend this option. Option Two was to approval all three requests. Mr. Wray stated Staff did not recommend this option as there is a very high demand for parking around the portion of 9th Street. Option Three was to approve the Rostrata Avenue request and deny the others. He stated Staff did not recommend this option either. He stated what Staff did recommend was an Option Four.

Mr. Wray stated that Option Four was Staff surveys the residents of all streets in the area. He stated Staff would mail out a dual language (English/Spanish) letter explaining permit parking and ask the residents to response directly back to Staff. He then explained Staff could follow up with the results at the next Traffic and Transportation meeting in November. Mr. Wray stated the cost in postage to mail out the letters along with pre-stamped return post cards would approximately be \$200.00.

Mr. Wray reported the budget impact to create the preferential parking district would be approximately \$1,800 to \$2,400 each. He stated the cost would include manufacturing and sign installation as well as the initial purchase of permits. Mr. Wray stated the residents must purchase the permits and they must be renewed every two years. He stated the costs would eventually be offset by the fees.

Chair Mote noted he has been at this area many times over 35 years. He stated it is a problem area for parking. Chair Mote agreed a better response would be received if the

residents were surveyed in English and in Spanish. He agreed a lot of residents may have been missed. He was in support of Option Four.

Commissioner Lopez questioned if any section leaders were available to expedite the petitions for signing and be able to help. Mr. Wray stated Staff did have the contact information for the people that had contacted the City for the petitions.

Commissioner Woodward questioned if three separate parking zones or one zone. Mr. Wray explained as of right now there are three separate requests.

Commissioner Beger asked if there are any long term plans to address the parking issues. Mr. Wray explained a lot of investigation has been done.

Resident Luis Cabrejos of 6622 Burnham Avenue he stated his street was not included and asked for his street to be included. He asked to volunteer as a section leader for his street.

Resident Rigoberto Hernandez of 6641 Val Verde Avenue stated he has been a resident for over 20 years. He stated the issues have been getting worse because of all the apartments in the area. There is trash and people are doing illegal things.

Resident Ruben Gasso of 7221 Yucca Street and stated he was never approached to sign the survey. He noted that several homes have over 10 cars per home. He asked about the permits. Mr. Wray explained the permits will be \$20 every two years. Mr. Wray also explained one day permits will be available and no limit how many a resident can obtain from the Buena Park Police Department.

Resident Toni Denty of 6672 Highland Avenue stated her street was not part of the survey. She was concerned that the surrounding area are not included, then everyone will be parking on her street.

Resident Jim Pubh of 6591 Del Rosa Road stated he has a large service truck. He stated he gets blocked in and has had to have the Buena Park Police come to his home.

Resident Gary Howell of 7152 Hidalgo Street stated he began the petition. He stated the apartments are causing issues with parking. Commissioner Lopez questioned Staff how many parking spots are the apartment tenants allowed to have, Mr. Wray stated that 1.5 parking spaces were required. Mr. Lopez asked Staff to inform City Council regarding the parking situation. Ms. Taylor stated another option is to acquire more property. Commissioner Beger stated it would be the apartment owner's responsibility to provide additional parking for their tenants. Staff stated three residents called the City to oppose; they were unable to attend the meeting.

Resident Rick Ricker of 6692 Val Verde Avenue suggested permitting the one section. He stated it would be best to create an impact and a better response would be made. He suggested made several suggestions to help with the parking. He suggested adding permit parking for the apartments by the school to solve the parking issues.

Resident Brad Conyers of 6692 Rostrata Avenue thanked Staff for the information. He appreciated the City is trying to solve the parking situation. He also stated a big problem is the parking in the evenings. There is no parking available. He stated the amount of traffic is too much. He stated there is a lot of crime and trash on the street. He asked to see more Buena Park Police patrol the areas.

Resident Luis Perez of 6691 Burnham Avenue is getting worse. He is very concerned about 9th street. He is having issues with people parking on his street and leaving trash.

Resident Claire Dillon of 6769 Val Verde Avenue stated there is double parking on her street. Also, she stated there are no signs saying there is no outlet and vehicles are doing u turns. She stated this very dangerous. She is concerned with the permit parking and having guests at her home.

Resident Manuel Martinez of 7375 9th Street, Apartment 114 asked Staff about handicapped parking. Mr. Wray explained the program for handicapped parking. He asked Mr. Martinez to send him his contact information. Mr. Wray explained anyone that has a handicap placard can park anywhere there is permit parking.

Resident Edward Murdock of 7702 Yucca Street has lived in the area for over 17 years. He was concerned that he was not contacted and asked to be included. He stated the curbs are rolled curbs. He stated you can see where vehicles have missed the curbs.

Resident Joel Gomez of 6682 Gramercy Street has been a resident for over 40 years and stated he has never seen the traffic this bad. He stated the parking is very bad. He asked to be included in the survey. He stated late nights are getting worse with vehicles. He is concerned about having to purchase parking permits.

Resident Kerri Bargas of 6731 Rostrata Avenue stated her concerns with the permits. She would like to see if the permits will be enforced.

Resident Steven Denty of 6672 Highland stated he has lived in the area for over 27 years. He stated a suggestion to add more parking on the streets.

Resident Anna Chapman of 3152 Hildago Street stated the residential parking is an issue. She stated she contacted the Buena Park Police to report a vehicle that was parked in front of her home for a long time. Chair Mote stated there is a 72 hour parking allowance. Chair Mote stated unless it is a large oversized vehicle, which would not be allowed.

Resident Ruth Linares of 6611 Highland Avenue stated she has a narrow driveway and a large extended family. She asked if it is possible to be granted extra parking permits for her family. Mr. Wray stated an exception would have to be made by the Director of Public Works to allow her any extra permits for her family to park.

Resident Shawn Cohen of 7082 9th Street stated he has lived in the area over 48 years. He stated vehicles are parking in the red and parking in front of their homes. He stated tickets need to be issued to stop the parking issues.

Commission Beger and Commission Woodward stated they were in favor of Option Four. Commissions further disused the options, to resolve the parking issue.

Motion: Approve Option 4 to direct Staff to survey all residents on all streets in the area and all of the areas south of 9th Street in English and Spanish.

MOTION: Woodward
SECOND: Lopez
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Woodward suggested Item #9 be moved ahead to accommodate residents in attendance.

(9) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that City Council deny the request for a signalized crosswalk on Stanton at Goldenrod.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Taylor reported the traffic division received a complaint from a resident that the traffic along Stanton Avenue for pedestrians wanting to cross the north leg of the Goldenrod Circle intersection is having issues with traffic not slowing down. The resident is requesting that a signalized crosswalk or crossing guard be located at the crosswalk. Ms. Taylor stated the 85th percentile vehicle speed on Stanton Avenue is approximately 44 miles per hour in the northbound and southbound directions. The existing marked crosswalk on the north side of Stanton Avenue/Goldenrod Circle is a yellow "ladder" style marked crosswalk, indicating it is near the school. Ms. Taylor reported there is a pedestrian signal on Stanton just 1150 feet north and a signalized intersection (Stanton/La Palma) 600 feet south. Ms. Taylor stated Iteris conducted field studies. It was observed a small amount was using the crosswalk between 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm. Ms. Taylor also noted the highest pedestrian activity occurred on a Thursday, during the 7:00 am to 9:00 am period. Ms. Taylor continued to report on the adequate gap in traffic which was determined to be approximately 19 seconds between passing vehicles along Stanton Avenue.

Ms. Taylor reported that during January 1, 2010 and May 31, 2014, Staff obtained Collision Records. Ms. Taylor noted it was very important for all pedestrians to obey the rules of the roads as not all vehicles yield to the right-of-way pedestrians crossing the roads. Ms. Taylor stated the current speed limit is 40 mph on Stanton Avenue. She also stated per recent studies, Rectangular Radar Feedback (RRFB) devices have been proven to be effective. She also stated in addition, that the notice of the meeting was sent to addresses within 600 feet of the intersection of Stanton Avenue and Goldenrod Circle. Ms. Taylor reported the cost to install two RRFB devices with signage and striping be approximately \$14,702.

Commissioner Lopez questioned if any accidents occurred on the street in the last few years. Ms. Taylor reported two accidents, which one was the fault of the driver. It was determined none of the pavement markings or signage. Ms. Taylor noted that none of the accidents were fatalities.

Commissioner Woodward mentioned he was familiar with the area. He questioned why the crosswalk was not closer to the school. He questioned if it would be possible to move the crosswalk to a better place. Ms. Taylor stated she will have Staff check on the crosswalk.

Resident Laura Gill of 7891 Gardenia Drive stated she lives near Goldenrod and Gardenia meet. She stated she wanted to make sure her children were in a good school, and that there was a crossing guard. She stated that when her daughter was old enough the crossing guard was no longer there due to budget cuts. Mrs. Gill stated she fears for her safety because of speeding vehicles. She stated she has sent letters to the Mayor and Buena Park Police Department. Mrs. Gill stated the police has come out and she was told many tickets were issued to speeding vehicles. Mrs. Gill asked for her children's safety to be a priority and to have a better survey completed to find out how many people cross the street. Ms. Gill stated she wanted to make sure the children safety is the first priority.

Resident Leo Villagomez of 7930 Dahlia Circle stated he has lived in the area for over 22 years. He stated he values human life and he is fighting for the children. He stated a signal light could avoid a lot of accidents.

Resident Diana Quiroz of 7981 Goldenrod Circle stated she has small children. She stated she is concerned for her safety and her children's safety. She requested additional signage or more patrols.

Resident Felix Ramos of 7933 Delphinium Circle stated he has experienced too many occasions waiting for a gap to cross. He was concerned that vehicles are speeding. Mr. Ramos suggested the idea of lights to catch the driver's attention.

Motion: Approve the request for the installation of two RRFB devices with signage and striping to bring the City up to compliance with the 2014 standards.

MOTION: Mote
SECOND: Beger
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

(6) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that City Council approve the request for a new crosswalk at Stanton and Holt.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Taylor reported a resident expressed safety concerns at the intersection of Stanton Avenue and Holt Street. Ms. Taylor stated Iteris staff did a field study. It was noted that observations were made. Ms. Taylor noted Collision records were obtained between January 1, 2010 and May 31, 2014. She noted during this time, there were no reported collisions in the area of Stanton Avenue and Holt Street.

Resident Jake Barrero of 8001 Holt Street stated he had concerns of the safety of children crossing the street and not paying attention early in the mornings. He noted that area has vehicles speeding. He stated his request was to add speed vehicle bumps on the street.

Motion: Approve the request for a new crosswalk at Stanton Avenue and Holt Street to accommodate the school bus stops.

MOTION: Lopez
SECOND: Mote
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

(7) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that City Council approve the request for new red curb on Holder North of Lincoln.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wray reported the Hampton Community Association made a request regarding the sight distance issue on Holder Street. Mr. Wray reported that on Hampton Lane people are parking closer and closer to the intersection blocking the sight distance. Mr. Wray did a sight distance review. Mr. Wray stated showed the red curb. He noted in order to

improve the sight distance there are a few options. He stated three options. Mr. Wray stated Option One would be to install red curb as per AASHTO guidelines. He also noted that would require approximately 325 feet of red curb and would eliminate 13 spaces. He stated a second option to install all the red curb per AASHTO guidelines and remove the pavement (chevron) markings currently in place on the east side of Holder Street. He stated following AASHTO recommendations would eliminate 13 spaces, which can accommodate parking for 18 vehicles by removing the chevron markings leaving a net gain of five parking spaces. Mr. Wray stated Option Three would be to install 150 feet of red curb which would eliminate six parking spaces. He stated it would not meet AASHTO standards, but would reduce the number of parking spaces being eliminated and also improve the existing sight distance.

Motion: Approve Option Three with a follow up in the next year, to re look at Option Two.

MOTION: Woodward
SECOND: Mote
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

(8) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that City Council approve the request for new red curb on Western at El Cerro Drive.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Taylor reported a citizen request came in through the Mayor's office regarding a sight distance issue on Western Avenue and El Cerro Drive. Ms. Taylor noted that parked vehicles are blocking the view when trying to make a safe left or right turn. Ms. Taylor gave two options. Ms. Taylor stated Option One would be to install a red curb per AASHTO guidelines. Ms. Taylor stated Option Two would be to install 70 feet of red curb which would eliminate three parking spaces but would not meet AASHTO standards. Ms. Taylor noted the budget impact for Option One would be approximately \$350 to install the red curb, for cost of labor and materials. Ms. Taylor also noted Option Two would be \$175 and the funds are in the current signing and striping budget.

Chair Mote questioned if any notices were sent to the residents. Ms. Taylor noted that yes notices were sent to residents within a 250 foot radius.

Motion: **Approve to recommend approval to City Council of new red curb on the southwest corner of Western Avenue and El Cerro Drive.**

MOTION: Lopez
SECOND: Woodward
AYES: Begger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (10-16):

(10) Status Report for Prior Approved Items. Ms. Taylor reported that the additional red curb intersection at Holder Street and La Ciegna has been installed to help pedestrians be more visible to drivers. Ms. Taylor reported the overnight parking at Bellis Park was denied by City Council.

(11) Status Report for Auto Center Drive at 9th/Stanton Avenue Synchronization with Whitaker. Ms. Taylor stated Iteris evaluated the area of Stanton Avenue and 9th Street. Ms. Taylor reported Iteris is waiting on the signal timing and the intersection is being monitored.

(12) Update – Traffic Signal at Commonwealth and Indiana Avenue. Ms. Taylor noted it was approved by City Council. She noted design is underway by Albert Grover and Associates.

(13) Update – Knott Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Project. Ms. Taylor stated Orange County Authority has been billed. She stated this in review.

(14) Update – Artesia Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Project. Ms. Taylor stated the design is underway.

(15) Other Capital Improvement Projects.

a. Beach Boulevard Streetscape Project - Mr. Jacobs stated Beach Blvd. streetscape project is completed.

b. Beach Boulevard Wayfinding Project – Mr. Jacobs stated it is in design phase. The contractors are trying to complete by October 1, 2016.

c. 91 Westbound Off-Ramp – Mr. Jacobs reported the bids were over budget. There are some issues that are being worked on.

e. Florence/Myra Sewer Project – Mr. Jacobs stated all construction on Florence should be completed.

(16) Other Police Department Informational Items. Sgt. Nghia Nguyen stated check points at La Palma and Chili's Buena Park downtown. Commissioner Woodward

questioned any incidents with Pokemon Go. Sgt. Nguyen stated the only activity has been at Boisseranc Park but no other issues.

ORAL COMMUNICATION:

Mr. Jacobs announced his promotion to Director of Public Works.

Mr. Jacobs invited all the commissioners to the Grease musical event to honor the commissioners.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CALENDAR (REQUESTS):

None

ADJOURNMENT:

As no further business was brought before the Traffic and Transportation Commission, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. until Thursday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Ella Jones, Secretary

Chairman