

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

Chair Mote called the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting of February 5, 2015 to order at 6:30 p.m. Vice Chair Woodward led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL (1):**

PRESENT: Lopez, Mote, Woodward

ABSENT: None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jim Biery, Director of Public Works; Dennis Barnes, Traffic and Transportation Manager; Kirsten Taylor, Assistant Engineer; and Ella Jones, Senior Administrative Assistant; and Mayor Art Brown.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (2):**

Vice Chair Woodward moved to approve the minutes with a correction that Traffic and Transportation minutes be available two Monday's before each meeting.

**(2) Minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2015**

Recommended Action: **Approved with corrections.**

MOTION: Woodward  
AYES: Lopez, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS (3):**

**(3) Discussion of the Pros and Cons of Red Curb.**

It was agreed no further discussion was needed regarding the pros and cons of red curbs.

**NEW BUSINESS (4-7):**

**(4) Review, Discuss and Approve a Request for an On-Street Accessible Parking Space at 7680 Fillmore Drive Apartment #B.**

## DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dennis Barnes stated in November 2014, Maria Solorzano of 7680 Fillmore Drive Apartment # B submitted an application for an on-street disabled parking space at her residence. She submitted all of the required forms and documentation necessary.

Mr. Barnes explained that 7680 Fillmore Drive is located on the south side of Fillmore Drive approximately 400 feet west of the intersection with Grand Avenue. He noted the speed limit on Fillmore Drive is 25 miles per hour (MPH). The residence at 7680 Fillmore Drive is a duplex type apartment building. He stated all properties on this portion of Fillmore Drive are zoned as "RM-20," which is a residential multi-family designation, and the densest zoning type in the City of Buena Park.

Mr. Barnes, stated in investigating this request, staff noted that the residence of Ms. Solorzano was an apartment unit with an existing detached garage. He stated as a part of the application requirements, Ms. Solorzano told staff why she cannot use the on-site parking. In her statement, Ms. Solorzano said that she provides the sole transportation for her disabled daughter using a large van with a deployable access ramp. She also stated that the garage is too narrow to be able to allow the ramp to be deployed inside. Provision of an on-street disabled parking space in the vicinity of her residence could conceivably lower her travel distance in the event that there is a high parking demand. Although it is likely that the on-street parking demand is high, the creation of an on-street disabled parking space would only remove one regular parking space from the area. Also, the use of the space is open to any vehicle displaying a valid disabled placard, so it is possible that the space could be used by other drivers in the area, and not available for her use.

Staff recommended approving the one-street disabled parking space request. Due to the significant amount of on street parking demand in the area, and the stated inability to use the garage for loading or unloading, it is unlikely that Ms. Solorzano would typically be able to find parking within a reasonable distance of her residence. The impact to overall parking in the area would be minimal as it would only be one space, and the space would be open to use by any person with a disabled placard.

Mr. Biery stated anyone with an ADA placard could use the parking space. It is not a reserved spot.

Also, Chair Mote requested the registration cards for the vehicles applying for a space are verified by staff and the Buena Park Police and not restricted or revoked.

**Motion: Approve the request for an on-street accessible parking space at 7680 Fillmore Drive Apartment B.**

MOTION: Lopez  
AYES: Lopez, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried to approve the request for on-street accessible parking space at 7680 Fillmore Drive Apartment B.

Motion carried.

**(5) Review, Discuss and Recommend a Denial to City Council for the installation of a Four-Way Stop at Fullerton and Pacific Avenue.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Barnes stated the Director of Public Works received a request to change the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Fullerton Street from an uncontrolled intersection to an all ways stop intersection. Pacific Avenue is a local residential street approximately 36 feet wide running east/west from Beach Boulevard (the east limit) to Stratford Avenue (the west limit). The street is undivided, and in addition to Beach and Straftord, it also intersects Fullerton Avenue, Kingman Avenue, and Western Avenue. The intersection with Kingman is controlled by an all way stop, and the intersection with Western Avenue is controlled with a two way stop (stopping traffic on Pacific). He also stated Fullerton Avenue is also a local residential street approximately 36 feet wide running north/south from Tulare Street (the north limit) to Craig Avenue (the south limit). Fullerton has no additional intersections. See the attached map for an overview of the area.

Mr. Barnes also stated staff investigated the requested and followed the procedures established in the policy TE-2 (Stop Signs), which were approved by the Traffic and Transportation Commission (TTC) in May 2009. The policy TE-2 establishes four warrants extracted from the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) that are used to determine whether or not a stop sign should be installed. He noted a summary of each of the warrants, included whether or not they were met, was also attached.

Mr. Barnes reported that the first warrant called for the installation of a stop sign as an interim measure at a location where a full traffic signal is to be installed. As the intersection of Western Avenue and Pacific Avenue was not to be signalized, this warrant does not apply.

He also reported, the second warrant stated that a multi-way stop should be installed where there is an "accident problem." This is defined as any intersection where there

have been five or more reported accidents in a twelve month period that are “susceptible to correction by a multi-way stop installation.” He stated given the lack of accident history, the second warrant has not been met.

Last Mr. Barnes stated the third warrant is divided into three parts, and each deals with traffic volume. This warrant calls for the installation of a multi-way stop if the total volume of vehicles entering the intersection from the major street approaches averages at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of an average day. This warrant has not been met.

Mr. Barnes staff concluded that this intersection does not meet any of the four warrants established by the CAMUTCD.

Mr. Barnes summarized each item mentioned. He stated there no sight distant issues.

**Motion: Deny the installation of a four-way stop at Fullerton and Pacific Avenue.**

MOTION:	Woodward
AYES:	Lopez, Mote, Woodward
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

Motion carried

**(6) Review, Discuss, and Recommend Approval to Add New No-Parking Zones on Commonwealth Avenue.**

Mr. Barnes reported that Mr. Maluyo the President of Caremax contacted the City regarding a sight distance issue at Commonwealth Avenue, when pulling out of the driveway. Mr. Maluyo was concerned that parked vehicles were blocking the view when people would try to make a safe left and/or right turn out of the Caremax parking lot to enter the traffic on Commonwealth Avenue. It was noted the required sight distance for left turns is 500 feet, which requires 174 feet with no obstructions within the sight distance triangles. This option would eliminate seven (7) parking spaces on Commonwealth Avenue.

Mr. Barnes also stated a second option was presented for consideration. This option would provide red curb within the property lines the Caremax frontage. This option would require approximately 60 feet of red curb. However, this second option would not meet AASHTO standards but would reduce the number of parking spaces being eliminated. This option (option2) would eliminate three (3) parking spaces.

Mr. Barnes reported to comply with AASHTO guidelines and the TTC’s prior direction, staff is recommending installation of 174 feet of red curb on the north side of Commonwealth Avenue in front of the Caremax property to prohibit parked vehicles.

Mr. Barnes stated Mr. Maluyo and the adjacent businesses were invited to attend the meeting.

Mr. Maluyo, the President of Caremax was present at the meeting. He thanked the Traffic and Transportation Commission for addressing the concerns.

Motion: **Approval to City Council to add new no-parking zones on Commonwealth Avenue.**

MOTION: Lopez  
AYES: Lopez, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried for approval of City Council to add new no-parking zones on Commonwealth Avenue.

Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (7-16):**

**(7) Status Report of Prior Approved Items.** Mr. Barnes stated the no park zone on Western Avenue. He stated he has taken this to City Council for approval. He also stated 6046 Stanton Avenue the work order was issued for the ADA space. Also, the work order for the all way stop sign at Kenwood and Deepdale work order was completed.

**(8) Update – Valley View Street Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.** Mr. Barnes reported the project is nearing completion.

**(9) Update – Knott Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.** Mr. Barnes stated a few delays. The project is two weeks until completion.

**(10) Update – Artesia Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.** Mr. Barnes gave an update that an award is currently being worked on.

**(11) Update – Village Circle Traffic Signal Installation.** Mr. Barnes stated it has been completed.

**(12) Update – The Source Project.** Mr. Biery reported coordination work has been completed. He noted Caltrans worked with the City and progress has been made.

**(13) Update – Holder Street at Mt. Whitney Drive Stop Signs.** Mr. Barnes stated another follow up study will be done and large stop signs were installed.

**(14) Update – Carpenter’s Union Project (Artesia Boulevard/Firestone Boulevard).** Mr. Biery reported has been completed.

**(15) Other Capital Improvement Projects.** Mr. Biery reported on the project along Beach Blvd. is underway. The palm trees will have lighting and the medians will be landscaped.

**(16) Other Police Department Informational Items.** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

Commissioner Evan Martin and Marisela Iniguez resigned.  
It was noted a Traffic Commissioner Class will be held in Buena Park.

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTAION COMMISSION CALENDAR (REQUESTS):**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

As no further business was brought before the Traffic and Transportation Commission, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. until May 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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Ella Jones, Secretary

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Chairman