

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2012**

The Regular meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of July 16, 2012 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue Placentia by Commissioner Stafford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Stafford

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioner Brusckhe
Commissioner Chadha
Commissioner Hernandez
Commissioner Hutain
Commissioner Stafford

Absent: Commissioner Gorman
Commissioner Labreche

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer
Scott Millsap, Traffic Sergeant
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of May 16, 2011

MOTION by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the minutes of May 16, 2011 as submitted;
SECOND by Commissioner Brusckhe and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE** (Gorman, Labreche Absent).

Minutes of November 21, 2012

The approval of the November 21, 2011 minutes was tabled to the next regular meeting due to lack of quorum.

Minutes of March 19, 2012

MOTION by Commissioner Brusckhe to approve the minutes of March 19, 2012 as submitted;
SECOND by Commissioner Hernandez and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-2-1 VOICE VOTE** (Gorman, Labreche Absent, Chadha Abstained).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairperson Stafford invited public comments on items which are not public hearings but none were offered.

Katherine Davidson at 1779 Hoover Place, and Anne Allen at 1713 Truman Circle were in attendance.

REPORTS:

I. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 12-02 Stop Signs at Richfield Road at Orchard Drive

Ms. Smith stated that area residents expressed concerns about the safety of the intersection of Richfield Road at Orchard due to increased traffic and numerous accidents that have occurred in the past, and Ms. Davidson had requested that stop signs be installed at this intersection.

Ms. Smith added that there are plans to install a traffic signal as a result of a new housing development on the northeast corner (Crescent Heights). When she looked at the traffic collisions, she was surprised to find out that it was four (4) times the state average and it indicates a problem that needs to be addressed. On this basis, her recommendation would be to install 4-way stop signs on Richfield Road at Orchard as in interim measure, until the warranted traffic signal can be installed.

Chairperson Stafford opened the meeting for public comments.

Ms. Anne Allen stated that she lives near the intersection and she avoids going through Richfield Road because it is so dangerous. Ms. Katherine Davidson has lived near the intersection for four (4) years and she has seen many accidents. She asked how long before a traffic light is installed. Ms. Smith responded that it could take as little as six months or longer depending on funding availability. Ms. Davidson thanked the Commission for their quick response and attention to this request.

Chairperson Stafford closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Brusckke asked if there would be a liability issue since the City has been put on alert that a problem exists. Ms. Smith responded that it would since the analysis has been done.

Commissioner Chadha asked if there will be any enforcement once the signs are installed. Ms. Smith responded that this will be coordinated with the Police Department. In addition, flashing beacons will be installed for at least 30 days to bring attention to the new stop signs.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHADHA TO STRONGLY RECOMMEND A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF RICHFIELD ROAD AT ORCHARD AND TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL STOP SIGNS IN THE INTERIM; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE AND CARRIED BY A 5-0-2-0 (GORMAN, LABRECHE ABSENT).

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Department Traffic Summary –

Sergeant Millsap provided the monthly traffic report for June 2012. Highlights of the report included a total of 24 accidents, with no fatalities, 7 personal injury and 17 accidents causing

property damage. Total citations were down 10% from previous year as well as Stored/Impound Vehicles is down 25% (this reduction is the result of a change in the law). D.U.I. arrests are up 112%. A D.U.I checkpoint was conducted on Friday, July 6th resulting in two arrests and the impound of seven cars. On Saturday night, July 7th, resulted in one drunk driver arrest and four cars impounded.

Sergeant Millsap added that the change in the law regarding D.U.I.s does not allow for an unlicensed driver to automatically have their vehicle impounded. The driver is allowed to produce a licensed driver to take the vehicle. The vehicle can only be stored until the licensed driver is produced. The department is re-applying for D.U.I. enforcement and checkpoint grants.

Discussion items by Traffic Engineer

Ms. Smith reported that the previously approved permit parking restriction was installed on Primrose/Moonbeam and the bus loading zone on Bradford Avenue will be completed before school starts in the fall. The installation of battery back-up systems at 12 signalized intersections was completed. The traffic signal maintenance contract is up for renewal and she will be working on the details of the contract; incorporating as many of the extraordinary/response maintenance items to make them standard maintenance thus creating some savings.

Ms. Smith was happy to report that the City was approved to receive the Safe Routes to School Grant from the State in the amount of \$409,000 (City's match is \$45,000), to install signs, pavement markings and pedestrian countdown heads near city schools. Van Buren School will not be included because of its location. The surrounding streets are controlled by Yorba Linda.

Ms. Smith added that at the next meeting the crossing guard criteria will be brought for review and recommendation.

Response to prior meeting items

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Smith announced that the City will be holding a public information meeting to discuss the 2012 City Residential Street Rehabilitation Project on July 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hutain to adjourn to Monday, September 17, 2012 regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Chadha and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE** (Gorman, Labreche absent). Meeting adjourned on July 16, 2012 at 8:04 p.m.

RUTH SMITH, P.E., Traffic Engineer
Secretary to the Traffic Safety Commission