

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
March 21, 2011**

The Regular meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of March 21, 2011 was called to order at 7:08 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, California by Chairman Faia.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Stafford

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioner Brusckke  
Vice Chairman Chadha  
Chairman Faia  
Commissioner Stafford

Absent: Commissioner Gorman  
Commissioner Hernandez  
Commissioner Labreche

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer  
Jonathan Wu, Associate Engineer  
Scott Millsap, Traffic Sergeant  
Sara Salazar, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Faia invited public comments on items which are not public hearings. There were none and Chairman Faia closed the public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2011; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE. PASSED 4-0-3 (GORMAN, HERNANDEZ AND LABRECHE ABSENT).**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2011; SECOND BY VICE CHAIRMAN CHADHA. PASSED 4-0-3 (GORMAN, HERNANDEZ AND LABRECHE ABSENT).**

**REPORTS:**

**I. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 11-02A  
Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Concerns at Golden Avenue and Valencia Avenue  
Requested by the City Administrator**

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

Sgt. Millsap stated that in response to citizens' concerns of speeding vehicles on Valencia Avenue, the City of Brea Police was contacted and subsequently nine (9) citations were issued on the first day of monitoring.

Commissioner Stafford thanked Ms. Smith for her diligence on this item. She asked if items 2-6 on pg. 6 all require City Council approval. Ms. Smith responded that the items will only go to City Council if funding is needed.

Commissioner Brusckke asked for clarification that aside, from the flashing beacon, the other items Commissioner Stafford referred to could be installed as soon as possible. Ms. Smith responded that yes, as soon as funding is available.

Chairman Faia opened the public comments for the item.

Mr. Blake Larsen of 520 Apache Drive Placentia, thanked staff for the quick actions taken on this matter. He asked if the speed limit could be changed to be made consistent along Valencia Avenue.

Ms. Judy Trinh of 2831 Alderberry Court Fullerton, thanked staff for the improvements at the intersection. She expressed concern that the proposed changes will not be sufficient to prevent other children from being injured. She requested the installation of a left turn arrow signal at the intersection.

Mr. Scott Riordan of 520 Comanche Drive Placentia, echoed what Ms. Trinh said and agreed that the changes recommended do not address the problem. He suggested giving crossing guards cones and a 'No Right Turn on Red' sign at the intersection.

Chairman Faia closed the public comments.

Commissioner Brusckke asked about the crosswalk at Purdy Avenue.

Ms. Smith responded that a study would need to be done to determine its safety and whether it should be removed.

Chairman Faia asked Mr. Steve Umber, PYLUSD Director of Transportation who was in attendance, what guidelines are parents given to advise children on crossing the street. Mr. Umber stated that the school district does not recommend school routes.

Commissioner Brusckke requested Ms. Smith to answer questions asked by residents earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Smith responded to a question about the speed limit on Valencia Avenue and stated that the next speed survey will be conducted in approximately 2 more years. She also stated that the speed feedback signs will be programmable. She stated that she would have to look further into the request for a "No Right Turn on Red" sign.

A question was raised from the audience concerning whether Placentia has 'Traffic Impact Fees'. Mr. Troy Butzlaff, City Administrator who was present at the time, responded that no, the City does not have 'Traffic Impact Fees'.

A question and answer session took place between Ms. Smith and residents in attendance. Chairman Faia reminded residents that the Public Hearing has been closed.

Commissioner Stafford asked that residents allow the City to begin its improvements to the intersection and trust the process. Feedback and communication with City staff was encouraged.

Vice Chairman Chadha asked Ms. Smith what type of crosswalk is currently at the intersection of Purdy Avenue and Valencia Avenue. Ms. Smith responded that it is a striped crosswalk.

Chairman Faia asked about the installation of barrier poles at the corner for pedestrian safety. Ms. Smith responded that she would need to get back to the Commission with more information, however, it would probably be determined to not be an ideal solution.

Commissioner Bruscke asked about "No Right Turn on Red" signs already in the City. Ms. Smith responded that these signs were in place before she came to the City and does not know their history.

Commissioner Bruscke asked about programming the intersection to go red when children are crossing. Ms. Smith responded that she would need to look into it further.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TSC NO. 11-02A; SECOND BY VICE CHAIRMAN CHADHA. PASSED 4-0-1 (GORMAN, HERNANDEZ AND LABRECHE ABSENT).**

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**II. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 11-03 (Information only)  
Pedestrian safety concerns, Cartlen Drive and Brooklyn Avenue  
Requested by City Administrator**

Ms. Smith gave the staff report then invited Sgt. Millsap to update the Commission on actions taken by the Police Department.

Sgt. Millsap stated that since this issue has been brought to the attention of the Police Department, they have been out to the location almost daily. They have been speaking with parents and have been in contact with the principal at the school. The school has also been in contact with parents. Sgt Millsap explained that usually double-parked vehicles have someone waiting in them, which makes it difficult to enforce with a citation.

Ms. Smith continued with the staff report and invited Mr. Steve Umber of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District to update the Commission on actions taken by the school. He expressed that he felt two (2) circumstances are adding to the problem; one, the student population at Golden Elementary is up by approximately 3% and the current construction at nearby George Key Elementary, which has displaced some of the parking and increased traffic. He stated that Golden Elementary is considering queue lanes in the front of the school to improve the load and unload process.

Chairman Faia opened the public comments for the item.

Mr. Eric Wolf, 808 Brooklyn Placentia, stated that his family uses four (4) parking spots and he does not want to park in front of someone else's home. He would be okay with red curb on the curve and would support a crosswalk.

Mr. Alan Frank, 813 Brooklyn Avenue Placentia, thanked the Commission for their consideration of this issue and the police department for their enforcement. He supported a red curb on the curve.

Mr. Dave McKnight, 819 Brooklyn Avenue Placentia, expressed that he supports any improvement to the parking situation on his street.

Mr. Harold McClard, 2144 Mignon Way Placentia, expressed concern for the kids that cross the street in the neighborhood after school. He presented photos to the Commission of the blocked driveways and double parked cars that he has taken from his home. He was also concerned for residents that are unable to leave their home due to the amount of cars on the street when school lets out.

Ms. Shelly Jones, 3000 Cottonwood Court Fullerton, stated that she felt the population at Golden Elementary has gone up at least 3 - 5% and encouraged students walk to school to help alleviate the problem.

Ms. Roxanne Sciverra, 2214 Cartlen Drive Placentia, supported a red curb and crosswalk.

Chairman Faia closed the public comments.

Chairman Faia requested that Mignon Way be included in the traffic study.

**NON AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

Vice Chairman Chadha unexpectedly had to leave and the meeting was adjourned thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 p.m.

Chairman Faia adjourned the Traffic Safety Commission meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia.



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