

**PLACENTIA STREETScape AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Placentia Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of November 21, 2022, was called to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Front Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, by Chair Polichetti.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Polichetti
Vice Chair Rocke
Commissioner Castillo
Commissioner Chadha (Zoom)
Commissioner Ingalls (Zoom)

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Luis Estevez, Deputy City Administrator
Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager
Elsa Robinson, Sr. Management Analyst
James Chavez, Admin. Assistant
Frank Garza, Traffic Sergeant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Polichetti

ORAL COMMENTS:

Chair Polichetti invited public comments on items which are not public hearings. No comment was received in person or via email.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Special Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022**

Recommended Actions: Approve

CONTINUED to next regularly scheduled Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REGULAR AGENDA: None

New Business:

1. Urban Forest Tree Planting Project

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.

Sr. Management Analyst Robinson gave an update to the Commission on the Urban Forest Tree Planting Project as part of the Urban Forest Management Program. Sr. Management Analyst Robinson explained how much was budgeted for trees to be planted in the Hamer Island neighborhood as part of the annexation by the City. Sr. Management Analyst Robinson then went over the types of trees to be planted given the current drought conditions, community outreach regarding project participation, watering responsibilities and the expected start date of the project.

Commissioner Castillo inquired about the official annexation date Hamer Island. Sr. Management Analyst Robinson then provided the official date of July 8, 2022. Chair Polichetti then inquired about the location of the trees to be planted. Sr. Management Analyst reiterated that this project is only for parkway trees. Commissioner Castillo then inquired about who has responsibility for maintaining the trees. Deputy City Administrator Estevez clarified that the City is responsible for the maintenance of the trees and will be responsible for watering during the monitoring period but after it will be resident responsibility. Deputy City Administrator Estevez also reiterated that the parkway trees will not be forced upon residents but only for those willing to participate in the program.

2. HSIP Citywide Traffic Safety Improvement Project Update

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.

Transportation Manager Tao gave an update to the Commission on the Citywide Traffic Safety Improvement Project including going over five intersections covered in the program. Transportation Manager Tao then provided details on what traffic improvements have been made to each intersection in the project.

Commissioner Castillo expressed concerns regarding recent traffic backup at Palm Drive and Yorba Linda Boulevard. Transportation Manager Tao explained that the recent back up was due to the video detection not being installed yet but has now been installed and fully functional. Transportation Manager Tao further explained that the City secured funding to reevaluate the traffic corridor with Yorba Linda to increase efficiency. Chair Polichetti raised the issue of the pedestrian crosswalk activating when there are no pedestrians. Transportation Manager Tao explained the City is working to schedule the fix for this issue. Commissioner Locke then inquired about data concerns and where it is stored. Transportation Manager Tao and Deputy City Administrator Estevez explained that the City has a combination of physical cabinets at the location and servers backing up the data every night.

OLD BUSINESS: None

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

1. Capital Improvement Projects:

Deputy City Administrator Estevez provided an update for the Commission on the annual paving project, stating that the City has paved most of the streets in the southeast section of the City including Orangethorpe, Richfield, Van Burren, Jefferson and Miraloma. Deputy City Administrator then gave an update on the Public Safety Center, providing information on the location, what will be housed in the building and the two phases of construction.

Commissioner asked for an update on the Senior Center Project and the Fiber City Project. Deputy City Administrator Estevez advised that the Senior Center is moving forward. Then Deputy City Administrator Estevez stated that the Fiber City Project is 70% done but on hold until repairs are made to City Streets. Commissioner Ingalls expressed concerns over the microtrenching from the community. Deputy City Administrator stated that the City is withholding new permits until repairs are completed.

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SUMMARY:** Statistical update on accident and enforcement information provided by the Placentia Police Department.

Srg. Garza introduced himself and provided the Commission with an update on recent crash data and enforcement information on behalf of the Placentia Police Department, which included statistical data on traffic collisions, fatalities, D.U.I.s and hit and runs. Srg. Garza also briefed the Commission on the current staffing issues the Police Department is facing as it relates to traffic enforcement.

Commissioner Polichetti asked for clarification on the data presented regarding the police codes and bicyclist injuries. Srg. Garza explained the police codes in detail and further went into the causes and statistics for bicyclist-car injuries. Deputy City Administrator Estevez then inquired about pedestrian injuries statistics. Srg. Garza further explained the statistics and causes of pedestrian-vehicle injuries. The Commission then discussed general crosswalk safety concerns. Transportation Manager then stated that the City secured funding to evaluate the collision data for the past five years to improve traffic safety. Commissioner Rocke then asked about funding sources. Deputy City Administrator Estevez informed the Commission that funding is coming from federal grants.

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS

Commissioner Polichetti asked for an update on the new dedicated northbound left turn lanes on Crowther and Melrose. Deputy City Administrator Estevez provided an update and further explained future changes to the 57 Northbound off ramp. Transportation Manager Tao then addressed community concerns regarding the Melrose and Orangethorpe intersection.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Polichetti closed the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting at 6:58 p.m. to the next special meeting of Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Front Community Meeting Room at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA.

Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager
Secretary to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission