

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
May 16, 2011**

The Regular meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of May 16, 2011 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue Placentia by Chair Faia.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Chair Faia  
Vice Chair Chadha  
Commissioner Bruschke  
Commissioner Stafford  
Commissioner Gorman  
Commissioner Hernandez

Absent: Commissioner Labreche

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR CHADHA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE. PASSED 4-0-1-2 (LABRECHE ABSENT, GORMAN AND HERNANDEZ ABSTAINED).**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE CHIEF:**

Sergeant Millsap introduced Chief of Police Rick Hicks to the Traffic Safety Commission. Chief Hicks expressed gratitude towards the Commission for their dedication to improving traffic safety.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**PRESENTATION:**

**SR-57 Northbound Widening Project Update**

Presenters: Arshad Rashedi of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Jenny Corsey of Westbound Communications

Arshad Rashedi of Caltrans provided an update on the widening of the Northbound 57 Freeway from Orangethorpe Avenue to Lambert Road. The goal is to reduce congestion

and increase traffic flow by adding a northbound lane, merge lane, sound walls, retaining walls and bridge widenings. The projected completion date is Summer 2014.

Jenny Corsey of Westbound Communications noted that her firm has been hired for the public awareness campaign. She explained that they are making information and updates available through various social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook. They also have a construction help line, an active website which is updated regularly, and they will continue to hold public meetings as needed.

Chief Hicks asked if the information could be added to the City's website. Ms. Corsey said that informational links could be added to the website.

Mr. Steve Ueber, Director of Transportation for the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District asked how the closure of Kraemer Boulevard for the Grade Separation Projects will affect the freeway construction congestion. Mr. Rashedi stated that traffic counts were performed for the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and construction will be coordinated with the Grade Separation Projects.

Ms. Smith asked how often Traffic Management meetings are held. Ms. Corsey responded that meetings are held every 2 (two) weeks with Cities and project managers. Ms. Smith advised the Commission that at their request, she can forward any updates she receives.

## **REPORTS:**

### **I. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 11-03A Pedestrian Safety Concerns- Cartlen Drive and Brooklyn Avenue Requested by the City Administrator**

This is a request to install a crosswalk as well as to improve traffic congestion that results from parents using the neighborhood as a pick-up and drop-off area for Golden Elementary School students.

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

Ms. Smith shared comments she received via email from a resident at 2243 Cartlen Drive. The resident, Kim Novak, expressed opposition to the City painting the curb red in front of her home. Ms. Smith proposed the possibility of shortening the new red curb from 15 feet to 5 feet.

The follow recommendations were made:

1. Install a yellow painted crosswalk on Cartlen Drive at Brooklyn Avenue with advance warning signs.
2. Install red curb for No Stopping Any Time at the intersection of Cartlen Drive and Brooklyn Avenue.
3. Install a "No Parking 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, School Days Only" zone on Golden Avenue.

Ms. Smith invited Mr. Umber to provide an update on actions taken by the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District related to this issue. Mr. Umber stated that by the end of the summer, the school district will complete the construction at George Key Elementary School. This will allow the removal of the temporary "No Parking, Bus Exempt" restriction in front of the school. He suggested the zone be returned to its prior use, which included parking spaces, or to create a zone with parking limitations to allow a 'queuing' lane, once the construction is complete. He added that the school district is also planning to add a two (2) lane entry into the parking lot by the end of summer to enable westbound vehicles to enter the parking lot simultaneously with eastbound vehicles.

Chair Faia asked if the parking spaces in the front of the school are used. Mr. Umber stated yes, they are used by school staff.

Ms. Smith asked if the proposed hours for the Golden Avenue parking restriction will be acceptable. Mr. Umber responded, "Yes".

Chair Faia asked if parents will be notified of changes, once improvements are completed. Mr. Umber responded that yes, the Golden Elementary principal is diligent in communicating with parents.

Chair Faia invited any public comments for the item.

Mr. Alan Frank, 813 Brooklyn Avenue, expressed thanks to the City for their efforts to improve the situation and to the police department for providing enforcement.

Ms. Suzanne Wulff, 808 Brooklyn Avenue, stated she is pleased with the continuing efforts.

Mr. David McNutt, 819 Brooklyn Avenue expressed thanks.

Ms. Roxanne Skovira 2214 Cartlen Avenue, expressed thanks.

Chair Faia closed the public comments.

Discussion ensued among the Commission regarding the red curb in front of 2243 Cartlen Drive.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE REDUCTION OF RED CURB FROM 15 (FIFTEEN) FEET TO 5 (FIVE) FEET IN FRONT OF 2243 CARTLEN DRIVE FOR TSC NO. 11-03A; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD. PASSED 6-0 (LABRECHE ABSENT).**

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#### **INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ms. Smith advised the Commission she would have another school district item at the next regular meeting.

Sergeant Millsap presented the Police Department Traffic Summary. Total collisions are down 12% from last year, hit- and-run accidents are down 6%, impounded vehicles are down 22%, D.U.I. accidents are down 18% and D.U.I. arrests are down 13%.

Chair Faia asked if the Traffic Division of the Police Department is still short-staffed. Sgt. Millsap responded that aside from himself, there is one (1) full time motor officer, one officer currently on leave and two (2) vacant motor officer positions.

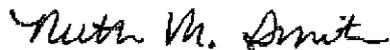
Commissioner Stafford asked if checkpoints are still in place. Sgt. Millsap responded that a checkpoint was recently held which resulted in three (3) arrests and 10 impounded vehicles. He added that the current OTS grant expires in September 2011 and the Police Department is waiting to hear for next year's grant.

Ms. Smith advised the Commission that the intersection improvements at the intersection of Bradford Avenue and Madison Avenue are almost complete.

Chair Faia asked if there was any update on items from the last meeting. Ms. Smith responded that the signs are on order.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

Chair Faia adjourned the Traffic Safety Commission meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2011 at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia.



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