MINUTES REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS APRIL 15, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Traffic Commissioners Ramirez, Zevallos and Chairperson Radoumis.

Also Present: Tom R. Lopez, Assistant Director of Public Works; Marsha Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; Rafael Casillas, Principal Civil Engineer; Assistant to the Director of Police Services Dino Torres, and Traffic Officer Frank Igros.

Absent: Commissioners Gaitan and Vice Chairperson Valenzuela.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Radoumis announced that this is the time when comments may be made by interested persons on matters not on the agenda having to do with any City traffic-related matter. There being no one who addressed the Commission, Oral Communications were declared closed.

4. REPORT FROM POLICE SERVICES

Traffic Officer Igros submitted a Traffic Bureau Report showing that there were a total of 50 accidents reported during the month of March 2010. The report also reflected a decrease in accidents and property damage in March 2010 as compared to March 2009. Additionally, there were no driving under the influence incidents, three bicycle incidents and two pedestrian incidents. There were fourteen hit and run accidents reported during the month of March 2010. Moving Citations, Moving Violations and Warning Notices were all down for March 2010 as compared to March 2009. There was a marked increase in Parking Violations for this month.

Assistant to the Director of Police Services Dino Torres introduced himself to the Commission and stated that he would be attending future Traffic Commission meetings.

Commissioner Ramirez inquired about any changes at Lake Center Middle School as a result of the "No U-Turn" sign installation. Traffic Officer Igros

noted that when enforcement presence is on site, people still do not always heed to the law. Traffic Officer Igros reported that he operates with zero tolerance with regard to speed violations and issued 42 total citations due to violations near Lake Center Middle School.

The Commission discussed school safety for parents, students and teachers. Mr. Torres and Mr. Lopez explained the history of the Santa Fe Springs community area schools and their public outreach efforts.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zevallos moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of March 18, 2010. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Request for Parking Restriction on Placita Place and Navojoa Place East of Pioneer Boulevard

Recommendation: That the Commission recommend to the City Council that a parking restriction between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday be implemented on the south side of Navojoa Place from Pioneer Boulevard to a point 300 feet westerly and a loading zone between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. be established on the north side of Placita Place from Pioneer Boulevard to a point 300 feet westerly.

Mr. Lopez explained that the recommended parking restrictions were due to the Neighborhood Center Renovation project. He further explained that these changes will maximize convenience for patrons of the Neighborhood Center as well as provide safety for employees.

Chairperson Radoumis moved to approval of the recommendation. Commissioner Zevallos seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

There were no comments made by Commissioners.

Staff

Mr. Casillas updated the Commission on several projects within the City:

The Library renovation project is scheduled for re-opening in July 2010.
 Mr. Casillas noted that this project has been ongoing for about a year.

The Residential Water Main Replacement Program has been awarded and construction is scheduled to commence in April 2010 with completion expected by late June 2010. Mr. Casillas reviewed the areas for the program.

Mr. Lopez discussed the status of the High Speed Rail project and the impacts on the proposed station location adjacent to Santa Fe Springs/Norwalk Transportation Center.

9. ADJOURNMENT

SECRETARY

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Zevallos that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:45 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST: