

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JUNE 16, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Gaitan made a motion that Commissioner Radoumis should chair the Traffic Commission meeting. Commissioner Berg seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Traffic Commissioners Berg, Gaitan, Radoumis.

Excused: Vice Chairperson Zevallos.

Absent: Chairperson Arcelia Valenzuela.

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Contract Traffic Engineer; Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; and Sergeant Escobedo, Whittier Police Department.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Commissioner 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.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – May 2011

Recommendation: That the Commission receive and file the report for May 2011.

Sergeant Escobedo reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of May. The report showed that there were a total of 52 accidents reported during the month of May 2011, which is a slight increase from May 2010. There were no driving under the influence incidents; however there were two bicycle incidents and one pedestrian incident. There were six hit and run accidents reported. Moving Citations, Moving Violations, and Warning Notices all had decreased, while Parking Violations increased from May 2010 as compared to May 2011.

Commissioner Gaitan made a motion to receive and file the report for May

2011; Commissioner Berg seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. Traffic Study – Orr and Day Road between Florence Avenue and Clarkman Street

Recommendation: That the Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council that northbound left turns on Orr and Day Road at Longworth Avenue be prohibited.

Mr. Lopez gave a historical overview of the location on Orr and Day Road between Florence Avenue and Clarkman Street, noting that the original report to restrict left turns at Orr and Day Road and Longworth Avenue had previously been considered at the Traffic Commission meeting in November 2009. Subsequent to a Traffic Commission recommendation for implementation of a turning prohibition, the City Council directed staff to thoroughly study the area, noting all impacts to surrounding areas, particularly Orr and Day Road and Clarkman Avenue. Mr. Lopez then gave a detailed summary of the collision history and reviewed various area vehicle turn counts as well as a ten-year collision diagrams. The Commission generally discussed the area and potential impacts to this area with a left turn prohibition at Longworth Avenue.

Commissioner Gaitan inquired about the use of additional enforcement signs at Longworth Avenue to reduce the frequency of illegal turns that currently occur there and if the additional signs would actually improve the situation. Mr. Lopez confirmed that the availability of any additional signs to install is very limited but it is the actual presence of police in the area and the use of available selective enforcement that leads to better compliance of any turn restrictions. The Commission discussed various additional enforcement techniques that could be used in this area, such as pavement markings or additional police presence.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Berg moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of May 19, 2011 and Commissioner Gaitan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Gaitan wished everyone a Happy Father's Day. Commissioner Berg additionally wished everyone a safe and happy summer.

Staff

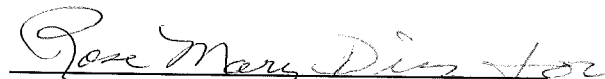
Mr. Lopez noted that he was glad to be back serving the Traffic Commission in his part-time capacity as Contract Traffic Engineer.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Radoumis and seconded by Commissioner Gaitan that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:36 p.m.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR