



City of Santa Fe Springs

AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE: TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Council Chambers
11710 Telegraph Road
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

MARCH 15, 2012
6:00 P.M.

Sally Gaitan, Chairperson
Ted Radoumis, Vice Chairperson
Gregory Berg, Traffic Commissioner
Lillian Puentes, Traffic Commissioner
Ruben Madrid, Traffic Commissioner

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**2. **ROLL CALL**

Gregory Berg, Commissioner
Lillian Puentes, Commissioner
Ruben Madrid, Commissioner
Ted Radoumis, Vice Chairperson
Sally Gaitan, Chairperson

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER4. City Budget Update

Recommendation: This report is for informational purposes only and does not require any action by the Traffic Commission

NEW BUSINESS5. Traffic Bureau Report – February 2012

Recommendation: That the Commission receive and file the report for February 2012.

6. Vehicle Code Changes for 2012

Recommendation: This report is for informational purposes only and does not require any action by the Traffic Commission

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Traffic Commission Meeting of February 16, 2012.

Recommendation: That the Traffic Commission approve the minutes as submitted.

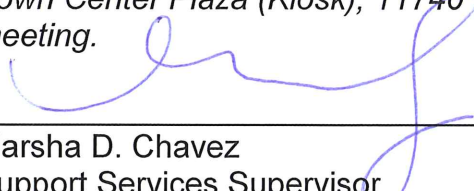
8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Staff

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted at the following locations; Santa Fe Springs City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road; Santa Fe Springs City Library, 11700 Telegraph Road; and the Town Center Plaza (Kiosk), 11740 Telegraph Road, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.



Marsha D. Chavez
Support Services Supervisor

3/9/2012

Date



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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Budget Update

RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

The City Manager will give a presentation on the current status of the City's Budget.

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Noe Negrete
Assistant Director of Public Works

Attachment(s):

None.



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NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Bureau Report – February 2012

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission receive and file the report for February 2012.

BACKGROUND

The attached Traffic Bureau Report has been prepared that details statistical information for the month of February 2012.

A summary of primary collision factors and special conditions is provided below:

Total Accidents for Month: 41

Fatalities:	0
Injuries:	18
Property Damage:	23

Special Conditions

DUI:	2
Bicycle:	0
Pedestrian:	0

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Noe Negrete
Assistant Director of Public Works

Attachment(s):

Traffic Bureau Report

City of Santa Fe Springs Served by Whittier Police Department **Traffic Bureau Report**

IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2012, THERE WERE 41 COLLISIONS REPORTED WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 16 FROM THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

FEBRUARY 2011

FATAL	0
INJURY	21
PROPERTY DAMAGE	36
TOTAL	57

FEBRUARY 2012

FATAL	0
INJURY	18
PROPERTY DAMAGE	23
TOTAL	41

COLLISIONS TO DATE 2011

FATAL	1
INJURY	38
PROPERTY DAMAGE	64
TOTAL	103

COLLISIONS TO DATE 2012

FATAL	1
INJURY	34
PROPERTY DAMAGE	59
TOTAL	94

INJURED PERSONS TO DATE 38
 PERSONS KILLED TO DATE 1

INJURED PERSONS TO DATE 34
 PERSONS KILLED TO DATE 1

NUMBER OF COLLISIONS BY WATCH

MORNING	3
DAY	28
NIGHT	10
UNKNOWN	0

NUMBER OF COLLISIONS BY DAY

SUNDAY	4	THURSDAY	4
MONDAY	6	FRIDAY	9
TUESDAY	8	SATURDAY	4
WEDNESDAY	6	UNKNOWN	0

NUMBER OF COLLISIONS BY TIME OF DAY

0001-0059	0	1200-1259	1	UNKNOWN	0
0100-0159	0	1300-1359	4		
0200-0259	1	1400-1459	3		
0300-0359	0	1500-1559	7		
0400-0459	1	1600-1659	3		
0500-0559	0	1700-1759	4		
0600-0659	0	1800-1859	2		
0700-0759	1	1900-1959	0		
0800-0859	3	2000-2059	1		
0900-0959	3	2100-2159	1		
1000-1059	3	2200-2259	1		
1100-1159	1	2300-2359	1		

THERE WERE 2 COLLISIONS INVOLVING PERSONS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL/DRUGS.

THERE WERE 0 PEDESTRIAN AND 0 BICYCLE COLLISIONS REPORTED DURING THE MONTH. THERE WERE 11 HIT & RUN COLLISIONS REPORTED. THERE WERE 3 COLLISIONS INVOLVING CITY PROPERTY.

PERSONS INJURED 24

PERSONS KILLED 0

PRIMARY COLLISIONS FACTORS

RIGHT OF WAY	7	21800, 21801, 21802, 21803, 21804
SPEED	10	22350, 22348, 22349 CVC
SIGNS/SIGNAL VIOLATIONS	5	21453, 22450 CVC
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	2	23152, 23153 CVC

CITATION STATISTICS

YTD

NO INSURANCE	(22)	16028(A), 16028(C) CVC	41
UNLICENSED DRIVER	(38)	12500(A) CVC	62
SUSPENDED LICENSE	(1)	14601, 14601.1, 14601.2 CVC	3
SEATBELT/CHILD RESTRAINT	(17/1)	27315(D),(E), 27360(A), (B)	22/2
CELL PHONE/TEXTING	(13/1)	23123/23123.5	17/1

FEBRUARY 2011

MOVING CITATIONS	336
MOVING VIOLATIONS	484
HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	
PARKING CITATIONS	224

Traffic Enforcement Index-

FEBRUARY 2012

MOVING CITATIONS	256
MOVING VIOLATIONS	329
HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	163
PARKING CITATIONS	261

Traffic Enforcement Index-9.0

YEAR TO DATE 2011

MOVING CITATIONS	768
MOVING VIOLATIONS	1,079
HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	
PARKING CITATIONS	457

Traffic Enforcement Index-

YEAR TO DATE 2012

MOVING CITATIONS	678
MOVING VIOLATIONS	916
HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	221
PARKING CITATIONS	468

Traffic Enforcement Index-6.5

THREE HIGH COLLISION INTERSECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

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|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Los Nietos Rd/Santa Fe Springs Rd | 2 T/C's | R/W Violation/Traffic Signals |
| 2. Shoemaker Ave/Florence Ave | 2 T/C'S | Traffic Signals |
| 3. Alondra Blvd/Freeway Dr. | 1 TC | Unknown |



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NEW BUSINESS

Vehicle Code Changes for 2012

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes only and does not require any action by the Traffic Commission.

BACKGROUND

There were over 4,200 new bill proposals that were introduced during the 2011 legislative session. Out of that total, approximately 745 were eventually enacted into law, which resulted in over 130 changes to the California Vehicle Code.

The following is a listing of selected motor vehicle/driver-related laws that went into effect on January 1, 2012:

HOV Lanes/Green Stickers (SB 535, Yee). Green clean air vehicle stickers pending federal approval will be available as of January 1, 2012 and will be valid through January 1, 2015 to the first 40,000 applicants that purchase or lease vehicles meeting California's enhanced advanced technology partial zero emission vehicle requirements, which also includes plug-in hybrid vehicles. The sunset date for the white stickers issued to fully-electric and compressed natural gas vehicles was extended until January 1, 2015.

Electric Vehicles (EV) (AB 475, Butler). EV must now be plugged in for refueling when occupying an EV designated parking space, otherwise they can be towed. In addition, the law prohibits a person from obstructing, blocking, or otherwise barring access to an EV-designated parking space.

Driving Under the Influence (AB 1601, Hill). Courts can order a 10-year driver license revocation of any California motorist convicted of a third or subsequent DUI violation, with possible reinstatement after five years if specified conditions are met; specifically the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device (IID) in their vehicle. The law allows the DMV to terminate this restricted license if the IID requirements are not met.

National Database Check for Vehicle Sales (AB 1215, Blumenfield). This law requires all vehicles offered for sale in California to be checked against the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) database to disclose past vehicle damage such as flooding or severe collisions. New vehicle dealers will also be electronically transmitting information to the DMV, ensuring faster delivery of registration documents and license plates to customers. The new law will take effect July 1, 2012.

Child Passenger Safety Seats (SB 929, Evans). A change to California's Child Passenger Safety Seat law will now require children to ride in either a car seat or booster seat until the age of eight, or until they reach a height of four feet, nine inches (4' 9"). This law also requires children who do not meet the age or height requirement to ride in the rear seat of a vehicle unless the vehicle has no back seats, the restraint system cannot be properly installed or the rear seats are already occupied by children under age eight. However, the law still maintains that a child may not ride in the front seat of a vehicle with an active passenger airbag if they are under one year of age, less than 20 pounds, or riding in a rear-facing child safety seat.

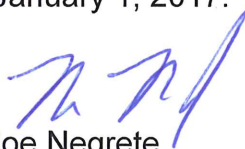
Sobriety checkpoints (AB 353, Cedillo). Drivers are required to stop and submit to a sobriety checkpoint. However, peace officers will be prohibited from impounding a vehicle for 30 days out of a sobriety checkpoint if the only offense by the driver is failing to hold a valid driver license. The new law requires that the officer make a reasonable attempt to identify the registered owner in order to release the vehicle.

Reckless Driving (AB 520, Ammiano). Anyone who is convicted of reckless driving under Section 23103.5 of the Vehicle Code can apply for a restricted driver license prior to the completion of their one-year suspension, provided they meet specified conditions, including the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device in their vehicle.

Crossing of Solid White Lines (AB 1105, Gordon). Vehicles are now prohibited from crossing double parallel white lines that are commonly found in carpool lanes on highways except when entering or exiting designated areas of exclusive or preferential use lanes, as provided.

Advertising Signs on Motor Vehicles (AB 1298, Blumenfield). Local governments can now regulate advertising signs on any motor vehicle parked or left standing upon a public street, except for signs that are painted directly upon or permanently affixed to the vehicle for permanent decoration, identification, or display that do not extend the overall length, width, or height of the vehicle.

Santa Monica Buses (AB 607, Brownley). The City of Santa Monica can now operate 25 city-owned buses with illuminated signs displaying advertising messages. This pilot program is authorized through January 1, 2017.


Noe Negrete
Assistant Director of Public Works

Attachment(s)
None.

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gaitan called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Traffic Commissioners Berg, Puentes, Chairperson Gaitan, and Vice Chairperson Radoumis.

Absent: Traffic Commissioner Madrid.

Also present: Tom R. Lopez, Contract Traffic Engineer; Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; Traffic Safety Officer Frank Igros, Whittier Police Department.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Gaitan 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 – January 2012

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of January. The report reflected that there were 53 accidents reported during the month of January 2012, a slight increase from January 2011. There were six driving under the influence incidents; one bicycle incident and three pedestrian incidents. There were fifteen hit and run accidents reported. Moving Citations, Moving Violations and Parking Violations all decreased from January 2012 compared to January 2011. The Traffic Enforcement Index was at 3.4 for the month. The intersections with the most accidents for the month were Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road, Norwalk Boulevard/Florence Avenue and Painter Avenue and Florence Avenue.

Vice Chairperson Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the report for January 2012; Commissioner Berg seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of January 19, 2012 and Vice Chairperson Radoumis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Vice Chairperson Radoumis mentioned that due to Irwindale Speedway being recently shut down, the potential for street racing on local streets may increase. The Commission discussed potential impacts to local areas.

Staff

Mr. Lopez announced that there will be a Traffic Commission workshop on March 17, 2012. He noted that if any Commissioners are interested, to please place an RSVP by Tuesday, February 21, 2012 with City staff.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Commissioner Puentes that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 6:45 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR