

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JUNE 20, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Ted Radoumis, Commissioners Gaitan and Madrid
Absent: Vice Chairperson Berg, Commissioner Puentes
Also present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

This is the time when comments may be made by interested persons on matters not on the agenda having to do with City Business. There being no one in the audience, Chairperson Radoumis closed Oral Communications.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

4. City Budget Update

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack provided the Commissioners with a budget update.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – May 2013

Mr. Lopez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for May 2013. The report reflected 51 collisions for the month, which is an increase of two (2) collisions from the May 2012 total. There were five (5) collisions involving right-of-way violations, eleven (11) involving unsafe speed, one (1) involving violation of red lights or stop signs and three (3) involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs. There were no collisions involving pedestrians, two (2) involving a bicyclist as well as thirteen (13) hit-and-run collisions and seven (7) involving damage to city property. The three intersections with the highest number of collisions for the month were Allport Avenue/Slauson Avenue (2); Telegraph Road/Bloomfield Avenue (2); and Alondra Boulevard/Valley View Avenue (1).

Commissioner Gaitan made a motion to receive and file the report for May 2013; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Madrid and was approved 3 – 0 by the Traffic Commission.

6. Review of Left Turn Collision History along Telegraph Road and Florence Avenue

Mr. Lopez first explained the various types of left turn phasing (protected/permissive, protected, and split phase) and then pointed out intersections within the City where examples of each type of left turn phasing was currently in operation. He then noted that even though an intersection has some type of left turn phasing, collisions could still occur involving a left turning vehicle. It was noted that of the five (5) intersections that had no form of left turn phasing along the Telegraph Road and Florence Avenue study corridors, both Telegraph Road /Shoemaker Avenue-Greenleaf Avenue and Florence Avenue/Shoemaker Avenue had the highest number at three (3) of left turn collisions during the 12-month study period. He reminded the Commission that the MUTCD guideline indicates that if five (5) or more left turn collisions occur for any one direction during a 12-month period then consideration should be given to the installation of some type of left turn phasing.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gaitan made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Traffic Commission Meeting of May 20, 2013; Chairperson Radoumis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Gaitan asked if any progress had been made on Commissioner's Berg request for staff to look into revising the weekend coordination signal times at Telegraph Road/Alburtis Avenue. Mr. Lopez said that he had originally revised the time per Commissioner's Gaitan request of last year and was still checking to see if it could be revised again.

Chairperson Radoumis announced that the Sister City Committee would be selling fireworks again this year beginning on July 1st. Their booth will be located on Norwalk Boulevard north of Washington Boulevard adjacent to the "Food For Less" parking lot.

Staff

Mr. Lopez informed the Commission about the upcoming I-5 Street Mitigation Project that will involve the resurfacing of the residential areas of Orr and Day Road, Florence Avenue; Pioneer Boulevard and Telegraph Road. The contractor is Sully-Miller and the work will be starting in about 2 weeks and the main work will involve grinding and capping and replacement of curb ramps. Due to traffic considerations there may be some nighttime work done. He also confirmed that the Alondra Blvd. Bridge over the I-5 was closed at midnight on June 9th and will remain closed about 20 months. He said that Caltrans indicated that this project is about a year behind schedule and Caltrans

has indicated that they would also like to close Freeway Drive between Alondra Blvd. and Marquardt Ave. so that the contractor can make up some of the lost time. This additional street closure would impact the Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet operations as well as affect all motorists ability to navigate thru the southern part of the City. The Commission was given an update on the Valley View Grade Separation project, which is about 40% complete and is approximately 4 to 5 weeks behind schedule due mainly to the discovery and handling of diesel-laden soil encountered along the BNSF right of way where the new bridge is being built.

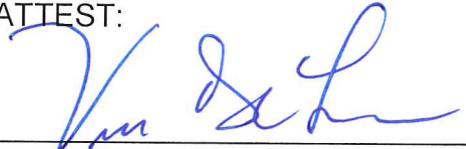
9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Chairperson Radoumis and seconded by Commissioner Gaitan that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:20 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



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