

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; and Vivian De Leon, Secretary/Deputy City Clerk

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. Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works was in attendance and introduced Tom Lopez as the Consultant Traffic Engineer and Vivian De Leon to the Commissioners. He noted that Santa Fe Springs would be experiencing our own "carmageddon" with the 81 hour closure of Valley View Avenue between Gannet Street and Rosecrans Avenue beginning tonight - Thursday, February 21 at 8:00 PM, until Monday, February 25 at 5:00 AM. He stated that this railroad corridor is the nation's second busiest freight corridor and third busiest passenger corridor.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – January 2013

Officer Igros was absent; therefore Mr. Lopez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for January 2013. The report reflects 48 collisions reported, which is a decrease of five from the same month last year. There were two collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, no pedestrian collisions; one bicycle collision; fifteen hit and run collisions and seven collisions involving city property reported. The Traffic Enforcement Index was at 7.7. The three intersections with the highest collisions for the month were Telegraph Road and Bloomfield Avenue; Alondra Boulevard and Freeway Drive; and Broadway Avenue and Washington Boulevard.

Commissioner Gaitan made a motion to receive and file the report for January 2013; Chairperson Radoumis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. California Vehicle Code Changes for 2013

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

Mr. Lopez reviewed the newly enacted bills, in particular was the Automated Enforcement – *Red Light Cameras-SB 1303 (Smitian)*. Mr. Lopez indicated that the red light cameras lost their appeal with cities primarily due to enforcement and cost issues. He noted that the new guidelines require local jurisdictions to post signs within 200 feet of an intersection by 2014, not just at the entryway to the city.

This bill also requires that cities submit annual reports to the Judicial Council and that the official forms may not be changed.

Chairperson Radoumis asked if there were any red light cameras in the city; Mr. Lopez indicated that the City at one time had three locations with cameras and the last one was at Pioneer Blvd and Florence and that had been removed in 2007 or 2008.

6. Request for Revision of Parking Restrictions on Placita Place and Navojoa Place West of Pioneer Boulevard

Recommendation: That the Commission recommend to the City Council that a 10 minute parking zone between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays be implemented on the south side of Navojoa Place from Pioneer Boulevard to a point 260 feet westerly and on the north side of Placita Place from Pioneer Boulevard to a point 290 feet westerly.

Mr. Lopez provided the Commission with a brief background on the restrictions placed on the Neighborhood Center a few years ago. He noted that the request for this restriction is due to the relocation of the Family Center to the temporary facilities at the Neighborhood Center. He concluded that a ten (10) minute restriction would provide enough time for parents/guardians to drop off children at the new Family Center. This time frame also eliminates the need to have a PSO present throughout the day to enforce the time limit.

Commissioner Gaitan questioned the impact this would place on the residents during street sweeping. Mr. Lopez responded that these areas had existing parking restrictions for street sweeping.

Commissioner Puentes noted that the 10 minute time frame would also serve as a deterrent from potential predators parking along this area.

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to approve Item 6; Commissioner Berg seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Gaitan noted that with the exception of the wrong title being used for Commissioner Puentes she was fine with the minutes for the January 13, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Puentes concurred. Vice Chairperson Berg made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of January 13, 2013 with approved changes; Commissioner Puentes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Puentes announced that she would not be in attendance for the next Traffic Commission meeting due to March Madness.

Vice Chairperson Berg reported that Code Enforcement Officer Luis Collazo had sent the resident a letter about the placing of their basketball hoop in the right-of-way on Fallon Street and it had been removed. Mr. Lopez added that the basketball hoop may return and the process would have to be restarted.

Commissioner Madrid expressed concern about the palm trees that were planted in place of the Melaleuca trees that were removed on Pioneer Blvd. north of Flossmoor Street. He said that the palm trees obstruct the view of southbound traffic on Pioneer Boulevard from motorists trying to make a left turn from westbound Flossmoor onto southbound Pioneer.

Mr. Lopez indicated that he was not aware that palm trees had been planted in place of the removed trees. He indicated that staff would recheck the area.

Vice Chairperson Berg commented on the traffic that backs up from Lakeview School onto Orr and Day Road mornings during school drop-offs and suggested that staff coordinate a meeting to include the school principal and Police Director, Dino Torres to work on a solution to ease traffic congestion at this location.

Chairperson Radoumis announced that the Sister City Committee will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on March 30, 2103. The proceeds help students fund their trip to Germany.

Commissioner Gaitan wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Puentes is pleased with receiving the agenda in a digital format, and does not need to have it delivered to her home.

Staff

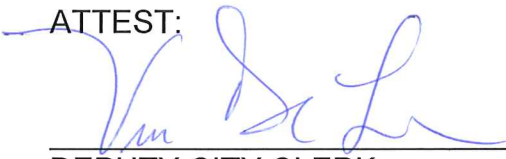
Mr. Lopez indicated there would be full freeway closures scheduled for all the various freeway segments and Caltrans is trying to coordinate the freeway

closures with the Valley View Grade Separation project closures. He noted that I-5 project includes the demolition of the Shoemaker Bridge which is scheduled to be removed in a couple of weeks. Mr. Lopez stated that Caltrans provides upcoming I-5 closure updates via e-mail to staff. Chairperson Radoumis recommended that the commissioners receive these e-mail notifications as well.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Chairperson Radoumis and seconded by Vice Chairperson Berg that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 6:52 p.m.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CITY CLERK