

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
OCTOBER 17, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

With the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the Commissioners present selected Commissioner Gaitan as Acting Chairperson for this meeting. Acting Chairperson Gaitan called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Gaitan; Puentes, and Madrid
Absent: Chairperson Radoumis (excused); Vice Chairperson Berg (excused)
Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De Leon, Secretary;
Frank Igros, Traffic Safety Officer

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Acting 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 City Business. There being no one person to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:17 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – September 2013

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of September 2013. The report reflects 55 collisions, which is a decrease of three (3) compared to 58 in September 2012. There were four (4) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; three (3) pedestrians and one (1) bicycle collision. There were twelve (12) hit-and-run collisions and eight (8) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road (3); Alondra Boulevard/Freeway Drive (2) and Florence Avenue/Shoemaker Avenue (2).

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to receive and file the report for September 2013; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Madrid and was approved 3-0 by the Traffic Commission.

5. Valley View Grade Separation Project Update

Acting Chairperson Commissioner Gaitan moved to table Item 5 to the next meeting in November; Commissioner Puentes seconded the motion and was approved 3-0 by the Traffic Commission.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Madrid made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 15, 2013 meeting; Acting Chairperson Gaitan seconded the motion and was approved 3- 0 by the Traffic Commission. Commissioner Puentes motioned to approve the minutes for the September 19, 2013 meeting; Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion and was approved 3-0 by the Traffic Commission.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Puentes had a question regarding the foul odor emanating from the refinery. Mr. Lopez indicated that it stems from Ridgeline treating the waste water in an old storage tank from the old oil refinery. The old system failed in late July/early August resulting in odor issues similar to the ones we are now experiencing. The AQMD is monitoring this situation and requiring Ridgeline to make repairs/improvements to eliminate the odors.

Commissioner Madrid addressed the possibility of PSO's issuing gridlock tickets. Officer Igros informed the Commission that PSO's can not issue gridlock tickets, since they are considered moving violations.

Staff

Mr. Lopez announced that the Rosecrans/Marquardt Section 130 project is now complete. The I-5 Construction Mitigation project will be deemed complete once Telegraph Road is resurfaced. The project will resume once the contractor and the City can agree on the increase in costs to do the majority of the work at night and on the weekends.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion; the time being 6:48 PM.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



SECRETARY