MINUTES REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS APRIL 21, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairperson Radoumis; Commissioners Martinez and Romo

Absent:

Vice Chairperson Hayes (excused), Commissioner Berg

Also Present:

Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De Leon, Secretary;

Frank Igros, Traffic Safety Officer (arrived at 6:04)

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 City traffic related business. There being no one person to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:03 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – March 2016

Mr. Lopez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of March 2016. The report reflects sixty-eight collision(s), which is an increase of twenty (20) compared to forty-eight (48) in March 2015. Upon Officer Igros arrival he reviewed the remainder of report, noting that there were four (4) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrians and two (2) bicycle collisions. There were twenty-five (25) hit-and-run collisions and nine (9) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Alondra Boulevard/Freeway Drive (2); Telegraph Road/Jersey Avenue (2) and Burke Street/ Dice Road (1).

Chairperson Radoumis took a moment to thank Officer Igros for his service to the City. Officer Igros noted that his departure is dependent on training the next incoming traffic enforcement officer and that testing for this position will be in September 2016. He also indicated that he has been patrolling and enforcing traffic regulations at the intersections of Florence Avenue/Pioneer Boulevard and Telegraph Road/Jersey Avenue.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to receive and file report Item 4; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Romo and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Radoumis, Martinez, Romo

Noes:

Absent: Hayes, Berg

5. Rosecrans Avenue/Marquardt Avenue Grade Separation Project - Update

Mr. Lopez provided a detailed presentation for Item 05, highlighting the fact that this \$110 million dollar project will not be funded by the City, but through a combination of sources, which includes Measure R (½ cent sales tax), Prop 1A, BNSF Railroad, and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Grade Separation Fund. He noted that this intersection has been No. 1 for twenty years on the Grade Separation Priority List which is published biannually by the CPUC. The concept of the offset grade separation has been approved by both the Santa Fe Springs City Council and MTA Board and it is currently under design and is projected to begin construction in March 2018.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Romo made a motion to approve and file the minutes for March 17, 2016; the motion was seconded by Chairperson Radoumis and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Radoumis, Martinez, Romo

Noes:

Absent: Hayes, Berg

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Romo noted that resident Marcisso Mergil had contacted her originally regarding the traffic issues on Florence Avenue/Orr and Day Road. Officer Igros indicated that he has seen Mr. Mergil during his patrols at this intersection and is pleased with results.

Commissioner Martinez inquired on the lack of traffic speed signs at her complex – the Villages of Santa Fe Springs. Mr. Lopez informed her that it is up to the Villages HOA to install signs since all of the streets are private and not maintained by the City. He noted that the Villages resident and HOA president Ron Beilke has been in to City Hall requesting information on speed bumps.

Staff

Mr. Lopez forgot to mention during his presentation of Item 05 that the total cost for the Valley View Avenue grade separation project was \$64 million.

Ms. De Léon wished Chairperson Radoumis a happy birthday and wished everyone a Happy Mother's day.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Commissioner Radoumis adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:39 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY