

MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
June 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Romo called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Romo; Vice Chairperson Coca; Commissioners Collins; Miranda, and Vallejo

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De León, Secretary; Sergeant Sam Reed, WPD Traffic Division

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Romo 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.

Planning Consultant, Laurel Reimer informed the Commissioners that the City was selected to participate in an active transportation plan workshop by the consulting firm, Studio One-Eleven. They will schedule a one-hour interactive workshop in the City Council Chambers for an evening in July 2019, and want to include City residents, Traffic Commissioners, and the Planning Commission.

We experienced a power outage that lasted approximately seven minutes.

There being no other persons to address the Commission, Oral Communications was closed at 6:17.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – May 2019

Sergeant Reed reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of May 2019. The report reflects fifty-three collisions, which is an increase of seven (7) compared to forty-six in May 2018. There were two (2) collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrian and zero (0) bicycle collisions. There were nine (9) hit-and-run collisions and nine (9) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Greenleaf Avenue/Telegraph Road (1); Santa Fe Springs Road/Los Nietos Road (1) and Slauson Avenue/Sorensen Avenue (1).

Commissioner Vallejo made a motion to receive the Traffic Bureau Report for May 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved by the Traffic Commission by roll call vote:

Ayes: Romo, Coca, Collins, Miranda, and Vallejo
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

5. 2018 Top Ten Intersections for Collision Frequency

Mr. Lopez provided a brief PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the top ten intersections along with the Primary Collision Factors for each. The report was informational only and did not require any action from the Commissioners.

Vice Chairperson Coca expressed concern for the traffic at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue and wanted to know if a traffic study had taken place recently for that intersection.

Mr. Lopez noted that a study had been completed at the intersection, and as a result of the study additional striping was added on the north and south sides of Bloomfield Avenue to increase visibility for left turning traffic. He indicated that another study will be conducted.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Miranda made a motion to approve and file the minutes for the May 16, 2019 meeting; the motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Coca and approved by the Traffic Commission by roll call vote:

Ayes: Romo, Coca, Collins, Miranda, and Vallejo
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Collins inquired on the status of the I-5 Freeway Florence Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Lopez noted that the project is moving along and still scheduled to be completed in 2020.

Commissioner Vallejo inquired about a rumor that the Metro Gold Line project would run through Santa Fe Springs.

Mr. Lopez confirmed that Metro has plans to install a rail line at one of two locations; either along the 60 Freeway in the San Gabriel Valley or through Commerce, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Whittier and Santa Fe Springs along Washington Boulevard.

Mr. Lopez noted that the alignment along the south side of the 60 Freeway would end at South El Monte. The other alignment would run through the City of Commerce, behind the Citadel and continue on Washington Boulevard and end at Presbyterian Hospital (PIH). He also indicated that Metro has a public meeting scheduled for July and would forward them the flyer from Metro.

Commissioner Vallejo inquired about the parking fee at the Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center.

Mr. Lopez indicated that Santa Fe Springs and the City of Norwalk share the Transportation Center and confirmed that as a result of the expansion of the east side parking lot in 2010 and coupled with the increase in maintenance costs for the facility, both cities agreed to institute a parking fee.

Staff

Mr. Lopez followed up on a request from Chairperson Romo regarding the visibility of the "No Right Turn on Red" sign located at the southwest corner of Norwalk Boulevard and Telegraph Road. He confirmed that the sign needs to be replaced with a larger, more visible sign. He said the replacement sign has been ordered and will be installed after it arrives.

Mr. Lopez indicated that the following street paving projects are scheduled to begin in the upcoming weeks:

- Santa Fe Springs Road, from Los Nietos Road to the UPRR railroad tracks.
- Ann Street from Santa Fe Springs Road to Sorensen Avenue.

Also, the Greenstone Avenue Street Improvement project (between Lakeland Road and Southerly End of Cul-De-Sac and Sunshine Avenue between Greenstone Avenue and Shoemaker Avenue) is currently under way.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Romo adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.



Nancy Romo, Chairperson

ATTEST:



for VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY