

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
OCTOBER 17, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairperson Coca; Commissioners Collins, Miranda and Vallejo
Absent: Chairperson Romo (Excused)
Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De León, Secretary;
Fernando Sanchez, Traffic Safety Officer

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Vice Chairperson Coca 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 6:02 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – September 2019

Traffic Safety Officer, Fernando Sanchez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for September 2019. The report reflects fifty-three (53) collisions, which represents a decrease of fourteen compared to sixty-seven (67) in September 2018. The report reflects fifty-three collisions, which is a decrease of fourteen (14) compared to sixty-seven (67) in September 2018. There were three (3) collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; two (2) pedestrians and zero (0) bicycle collisions. There were twenty-six (26) hit-and-run collisions and two (2) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The Traffic Enforcement Index for the month is 10.1, compared to 3.6 for September 2018. The Year-to-Date Traffic Enforcement Index is 9.8, compared to 6.8 for Year-to-Date 2018. The three high collision intersections for the month were Los Nietos Road/Dice Road-2 (right-of-way), Dice Road/Slauson Avenue-1 (right-of-way), and Florence Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue-1(right-of-way).

Commissioner Vallejo made a motion to receive and file the Traffic Bureau Report for September 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda, and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

5. Request for Parking Restriction on Spring Avenue south of Pumice Street

Mr. Lopez provided a brief presentation for the parking restriction request received from AGE Nameplate located on 14831 Spring Avenue to prohibit the parking of vehicles over 6,000 pounds along Spring Avenue in front of their business.

Their request stems from semi-trucks parking long-term along their frontage road and causing visibility problems to the employees exiting the facility and compromising delivery access to their facility. Mr. Lopez noted that sign installations are paid for by the requestor.

There was a brief discussion regarding updating the City code to address vehicle weight limits and to see if staff can check with surrounding cities to see how they handle parking restrictions.

Mr. Lopez will provide the Commissioners a follow-up for these items.

Commissioner Miranda made a motion for the Traffic Commission to recommend that the City Council approve the request from AGE Nameplate for the installation of a "No Parking Vehicles Over 6,000 Pounds" parking restriction with a provision for the towing of vehicles that violate the parking restriction on the west side of Spring Avenue along the frontage of 14831 Spring Avenue. Commissioner Vallejo seconded the motion and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and file the minutes for the September 19, 2019 meeting; Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Miranda inquired on the status of the Santa Fe Springs Road project.

Mr. Lopez indicated that the paving on Santa Fe Springs Road is complete. However, the Gas Company will complete their gas line installation in the next 9 to 12 months.

He noted the list of upcoming street improvement projects:

- Ann Street Improvements (Santa Fe Springs Road to Sorensen Avenue)
- Florence Avenue Widening (Pioneer Boulevard to Orr & Day Road) will commence once Caltrans has completed its segment.
- Rivera Road (Sorensen Avenue to Chetle Avenue)

Mr. Lopez will provide the Commissioners a list of the City-Wide Street Pavement Evaluation and Analysis improvement plan that was approved by the Capital Improvement Plan Subcommittee.

Commissioner Collins commented on traffic statistics and the need for another traffic enforcement officer.

Commissioner Vallejo inquired on a possible meeting with the City Council to discuss adding traffic enforcement without violating the Brown Act.

Mr. Lopez advised that they can as concerned residents and on their own accord contact their appointing councilmember and discuss adding a traffic enforcement officer. However, he maintained that they would have to abide by Brown Act guidelines. Additionally, he suggested for Ms. De Léon to seek the City Clerk's assistance to provide them with Brown Act guideline information.

Commissioner Vallejo informed the Commissioners that she will not be attending the November traffic commission meeting.

Vice Chairperson Coca had an inquiry about the in-ground flashing lights at Orr and Day Road and Whiteland Street. She also had a question regarding parking restriction for the corner at Orr & Day Road and Pioneer Boulevard.

Mr. Lopez indicated that a motorist took out the controller and was awaiting repairs. Ms. De Léon added that part of the delay is that the supplier is having a difficult time securing parts for this unit.

Staff

Mr. Lopez mentioned that one half of the Valley View Avenue Bridge was opened to through-traffic, and cautioned the commissioners to avoid the area near Firestone Boulevard, since there would only be one lane of traffic open in each direction.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Vice Chairperson Coca adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



JOHANA COCA, VICE CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY