

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
AUGUST 19, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Coca called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Colón

Also Present: Noe Negrete, Public Works Director; Vivian De León, Secretary; Sergeant Paul Segura (6:14 PM), WPD Traffic Division

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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 6:01 PM.

Item 5 was presented out of order, to allow Sergeant Segura time to join the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Review of California Manual of Uniform Control Devices' Guidelines for Installation of Stop Signs

Mr. Negrete provided a presentation highlighting the four criteria required for the installation of a stop sign. He noted that Santa Fe Springs has difficulty meeting the criterion due to the 8-hour peak period required for stop sign installation. Generally, the City's peak hours are two-two hour periods from 7 am to 9 am and from 4 pm to 6 pm. In addition to the criterion, the City Traffic Engineer looks for sight distance issues.

Commissioner Miranda asked if the City performs traffic studies for all requests received.

Mr. Negrete responded that they are and that some are more complex than others.

The report is for informational purposes only and does not require any action by the Traffic Commission

4. Traffic Bureau Reports – March 2020 to June 2021

Sergeant Segura provided a brief overview of the Traffic Bureau Reports for 2020 to June 2021. He indicated that COVID-19 changed the traffic patterns, noting that in

2020 there were three fatalities, compared to eight for year-to-date 2021 and an increase in DUIs.

Commissioner Miranda was curious to find out if the traffic detail had changed during Covid. Sergeant Segura indicated that no change had taken place.

Commissioner Miranda made a motion to receive the Traffic Bureau Reports for March 2020 to June 2021; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Vallejo and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Approval of the Regular Minutes for March 18, 2021.

Vice-Chair Vallejo made a motion to approve the minutes as received; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Miranda stated that he was glad to be back for the meetings.

Vice-Chair Vallejo wanted to know if there would be an increase in patrols around schools now that schools are back in session. Sergeant Segura indicated that the officers are assigned a school and are aware that schools are in session. They are encouraged to patrol their designated school. Mr. Negrete noted that the Police Services Center places PSOs at schools for presence and that the elementary and middle schools have been sent safe driving awareness flyers home with students.

Chairperson Coca inquired about street resurfacing for Pioneer and Charlesworth.

Mr. Negrete indicated that the City Council approved adding the resurfacing project of Pioneer Blvd from Charlesworth to Los Nietos to the CIP list. The approximate million-dollar project is in the design phase and is anticipating construction to begin in the second quarter in 2022.

Chairperson Coca questioned the lack of maintenance of the northbound 605 Freeway, noting the extreme amount of accumulated trash. Mr. Negrete indicated that although

this section is in Caltrans jurisdiction, the City has requested for that area to be cleared by Caltrans several times this past year. He will contact Caltrans to request for them to clean up the location.

Chairperson Coca wanted to know if the City received ARPA (American Rescue Plan) COVID-19 funding. Mr. Negrete indicated that he was not aware and would look into this.

Staff

Ms. De León welcomed everyone back and wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day.

Mr. Negrete polled the Commissioners for their preference for either in-person meetings or continuance of Zoom meetings by the following roll call vote.

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

Sergeant Segura indicated his preference for in-house meetings; he is sympathetic to the safety concerns presented by the Commissioners and looks forward to future in-person meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Coca adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM.

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Linda Vallejo

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JOHANA COCA, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY