

**MINUTES**  
**GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Tuesday  
September 5, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular session of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

**PRESENT:** Chair Marcario, Vice Chair Ettlin, Commissioners: Kirkham and Alejandro

**ALSO PRESENT:** George Allen, Executive Secretary, Tony Aquino, Associate Engineer, Chris Wassinger, Traffic Investigator, Jeff Nightingale, Traffic Sergeant.

**ORAL**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Karl Treen, 10041 Ridgley Drive, addressed the Commission. Mr. Treen is requesting the signage south of the SR 22 on Brookhurst Street at Traylor Way and Woodbury be replaced with new faceplates so that when vehicles are traveling either north or south on Brookhurst the streets are clearly marked from either direction.

Verla Lambert, 12341 Marble Place addressed the Commission. She commented to the Commission "the City and the community can work together". She thanked the City for planting new trees in the sidewalk adjacent to Garden Grove Boulevard, cleaning the planters, and planting a garden along the City owned block wall. She is still hoping to keep the trees in the median on Garden Grove Boulevard.

**APPROVAL**

**OF MINUTES:** The Commission voted to accept the minutes of July 5, 2006 as presented with Commissioner Ettlin abstaining.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

***TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDY***

*Trask Avenue and Cypress Street*

The staff report was introduced to consider a request for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Trask Avenue and Cypress Street.

Ms. Carol Davis, 13451 Bowen Street, addressed the Commission. Her main concern is the speed on Trask Avenue and trying to get out on to Trask from Cypress. She would like to see a traffic signal installed.

Commissioner Kirkham commented on the broadside collision reports and looked at the location several different times. He tried to make the left turn to go east it took him 2 minutes to get out and across. He does not believe this is a good time to evaluate the intersection, as there is so much traffic with the construction of the SR 22. He believes it would be premature to turn down the request at this time.

Commissioner Alejandro suggested making Cypress right turn out only just as was done with the two streets Hope and Bowen just west of Cypress.

Mr. Allen noted that this was installed due a neighborhood meeting during the design phase of the widening of Trask Avenue. There are other streets that are completely closed off to through traffic from Trask Avenue. He commented that a signal at this time is not viable because it does not meet the warrants. Staff will continue to study this intersection and bring it back to the Commission.

Commissioner Marcario suggested removing the block wall and a large tree that blocks visibility on the southwest corner looking easterly. A wrought iron fence would increase visibility such as is on the northwest corner it would also eliminate some of the graffiti problem on that corner.

Mr. Allen commented that these items may be located on private property and if that is the case then the City will not be able to take these measures. Staff will research this information and bring it back to the Commission.

Commissioner Ettlin inquired if the tree could be trimmed and not removed.

Commissioner Marcario stated that this is not a case where trimming would be helpful. The tree is directly in the line of sight and trimming would not give visibility.

Mr. Allen commented that this is five-year data collected and the majority of accidents took place in 2002 prior to the widening of Trask Avenue.

Commissioner Ettlin moved, seconded by Chair Marcario to accept staff's recommendation and deny the traffic signal at Cypress Street and Trask Avenue, also directed staff to continue to study the intersection and bring back a report in three months.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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| AYES:    | COMMISSIONERS, ETTLIN, MARCARIO, ALEJANDRO and KIRKHAM |
| NOES:    | NONE   |
| ABSTAIN: | NONE   |
| ABSENT:  | COMMISSIONER FEATHER                                   |

*STOP SIGN STUDY*  
*Woodbury Avenue and Erin Road*

The staff report was introduced to consider a request for the installation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Woodbury Avenue and Erin Road.

Commissioner Kirkham is not in favor of this stop sign. He believes the intersection is controlled enough with the east and west stop signs being sufficient.

Commissioner Alejandro noted that since there is considerable volume at this intersection as well as being close to the school he supports this stop sign.

Chair Marcario moved, seconded by Commissioner Alejandro to accept staff's recommendation and approve the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Woodbury Avenue and Erin Road.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS, ETTLIN, MARCARIO, and ALEJANDRO  
NOES: COMMISSIONER KIRKHAM  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER FEATHER

*PARKING REMOVAL*

*Newhope Street west side*

*Trask Avenue to Westminster Avenue*

The staff report was introduced to consider the removal of on-street parking on the west side of Newhope Street from Trask Avenue to Westminster Avenue.

There was positive input from all Commissioners.

Commissioner Kirkham moved, seconded by Commissioner Ettlin to approve staff's recommendation to remove the parking on Newhope Street, west side, from Trask Avenue to Westminster Avenue and to install bike lanes north and south bound on Newhope Street from Trask Avenue to Westminster Avenue.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS, ETTLIN, MARCARIO, ALEJANDRO and KIRKHAM  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER FEATHER

Commissioner Kirkham moved, seconded by Commissioner Marcario to accept staff's recommendation to forward this recommendation to City Council for action.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS, ETTLIN, MARCARIO, ALEJANDRO and KIRKHAM  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER FEATHER

*MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS*

Commissioner Alejandro inquired about the flashing lights on the crosswalks in the street.

Mr. Allen responded by telling the Commission that these are called in-line pavement markers. The city had an opportunity to receive grant money to have these installed. Tony Aquino, Associate Engineer, went to various cities to see how they worked. They proved to work well at nighttime, however during the day unless they were in a shadow they did not work well enough to warrant installation as most of the pedestrian activity in this City is during the daylight hours.

These are not considered an approved traffic control device. They must go to the California Traffic Commission to get authorization to have them installed as an experimental project.

Commissioner Marcario inquired about having the in-line pavement markers put in the intersection of Gilbert Street and Lampson.

Mr. Allen noted that the in-line pavement markers could only be installed at crosswalks. He also commented that another experimental study is leds (light emitting diode) being used around stop signs.

Commissioner Marcario asked staff to report back on this use when the data is available from the studies. She inquired about flashers for the intersection of Gilbert and Lampson.

Mr. Allen commented that this is not an option as conduit would have to be run and it would disturb the roots of the trees in the area.

Commissioner Ettlin apologized for not being able to give notice of her absence last Commission meeting. She had an emergency at the senior home and was unable to contact Mr. Allen. She also let the Commission know that there may be a time when this happens and she will be unable to make it.

#### *MATTERS FROM STAFF*

Mr. Allen updated the information on the crossing guard at Lampson Avenue and Pine Street. This is going to council on Tuesday September 12, 2006. The crossing guard will be assigned in January 2007 when the new adult crossing guard contract is in. The current crossing guard budget is limited and cannot support an adult crossing guard. Pedestrian actuated flashers will also be placed at this intersection along with bright green fluorescent school signs.

Traffic Engineering has been awarded a grant for five more school pedestrian actuated signals. The total of pedestrian actuated signals equals 15 school crossings. When there is another call for grants Mr. Allen will apply for five more.

Mr. Allen reviewed fifty-five pages of plans for the Amber Alert System and will continue with the plan review. The plans for the signs are complete.

An experimental program is going to be put into effect on Garden Grove Boulevard from Palm Street to Euclid Street. This will also be in effect from Brookhurst Way to Magnolia Street. Both areas will be east and westbound, on the green indications a clear plastic face with black numbers showing the speed limit of the section of roadway so vehicles traveling the boulevard will have a clear view of the speed limit without hindering the green indications. There will be no cost to the City for this experiment. A before and after speed study will be conducted to see the calculated results.

Mr. Allen gave a brief synopsis of the progress on the SR 22 and a progress report on the raised medians.

#### *ADJOURNMENT*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Jacot