

MINUTES
GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Wednesday
July 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, Commissioners Kirkham, Alejandro, and Feather

ABSENT: Vice Chair Ettlin

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Aquino, Associate Engineer, Dan Candelaria, Project Engineer, Chris Wassinger, Traffic Investigator, Jeff Nightingale, Traffic Sergeant.

PRESENTATIONS: OCTA delivered a status report and power point presentation on the SR 22 Project.

ORAL

COMMUNICATIONS: Tim Rampey, 12472 Elmwood Street, addressed the Commission. Mr. Rampey is concerned with the traffic on Elmwood Street and Lampson Avenue. His father is legally blind and crosses at this corner and, although there is a crosswalk there, the traffic does not stop for the pedestrian. He would like to see signage put up notifying the motoring public that there is a blind person in the vicinity. He is concerned because when his father tries to cross the street, the oncoming traffic does not stop. The drivers still do not stop although California Vehicle Code No.21963 states that it is a misdemeanor for drivers not to yield the right-of-way to a blind pedestrian using a white cane.

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of May 2, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Adult Crossing Guard
Lampson Avenue and Pine Street
Lampson Avenue and Elmwood Street*

The staff report was introduced.

Commissioner Kirkham inquired about signage notifying the public of a blind person in the vicinity. He also inquired if a pedestrian actuated signal could be put in.

Chair Marcario asked staff to send Mr. Rampey a copy of the minutes and thanked staff for their effort in readdressing this issue.

Commissioner Kirkham motioned, seconded by Commissioner Feather to accept staff's recommendation to eliminate the crosswalk at the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Elmwood Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR MARCARIO, COMMISSIONERS, FEATHER, KIRKHAM,

ALEJANDRO
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VICE CHAIR ETTLIN
ABSTAIN: NONE

Chair Marcario moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirkham to accept staff's recommendation to assign an adult crossing guard at the intersection of Pine Street and Lampson Avenue and to move the existing crosswalk to the east side of Pine Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR MARCARIO, COMMISSIONERS, FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ALEJANDRO
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VICE CHAIR ETTLIN
ABSTAIN: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Stop Sign Evaluation Dale Street & Stanford Avenue

The staff report was introduced to re-evaluate the all-way stop at Dale Street and Stanford Avenue.

Chair Marcario would like a work order written to paint "STOP AHEAD" legends, for the northerly and southerly direction.

To keep consistency, Commissioner Alejandro would like the easterly and westerly direction also painted with "STOP AHEAD" legends.

Commissioner Kirkham moved, seconded by Commissioner Feather to accept staff's recommendation to retain the all-way stop at the intersection of Dale Street and Stanford Avenue.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR MARCARIO, COMMISSIONERS, FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ALEJANDRO
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VICE CHAIR ETTLIN
ABSTAIN: NONE

Stop Sign Study Belgrave Ave/Casper St.

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

Annette Konelo, 5442 Belgrave Avenue, addressed the Commission. She introduced photographs and is concerned with speeding and racing up and down on Belgrave Avenue. There was an accident on June 6, 2006. It was a DUI, which can happen on any street; however, she believes there is still a speeding problem. The street is very wide and long and is used as a racetrack. She suggested using speed humps.

Ralph Morehouse, 5461 Belgrave Avenue, addressed the Commission. He is concerned with the speeding and racing as well. One of his suggestions is to put a curve in the middle of the street to be used as a traffic-calming device. During the fireworks the night before, there were vehicles racing through the fireworks while the neighbors were outside. The speed radar trailer had been put on the street previously but that did not help.

William J. Teague, 12201 Manley Street, addressed the Commission. He reiterated what his other neighbors said and he thanked the Commission for a job well done.

Commissioner Kirkham noted the speed trailer was not working when he went to the subject site. He also noted that there is a concrete pad west of Belgrave Avenue and Casper Street. He inquired if the bus stop could be moved to this location instead of where it is located now. He felt a crosswalk could be installed at this location, which may have a slowing effect on traffic.

Commissioner Alejandro inquired if the City Traffic Engineer could override the warrants and use his discretion to provide a stop sign at Casper Street.

Commissioner Kirkham and Commissioner Feather asked if any data was received from the speed radar trailer.

Officer Nightingale responded that there was not significant speed or traffic to warrant a stop sign at this location. The speeds and traffic were no different than on Blackmer.

Chair Marcario explained the criteria for the warrants and how many need to be met for action to be taken. She suggested that a 4" white stripe be painted along both sides of Belgrave Avenue between Bartlett Street and Blackmer Street so that it creates the perception of a narrower street just as was done on Lampson Avenue.

Commissioner Kirkham moved, seconded by Commissioner Feather to accept staff's recommendation and deny the request to install an all-way stop at the intersection of Belgrave Avenue and Casper Street.

AYES: CHAIR MARCARIO, COMMISSIONERS, FEATHER, KIRKHAM,
ALEJANDRO
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Commissioner Ettlin
ABSTAIN: NONE

Chair Marcario moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirkham to request staff to write a work order to paint a 4" white stripe on both sides of Belgrave Avenue between Bartlett Street and Blackmer Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR MARCARIO, COMMISSIONERS, FEATHER, KIRKHAM,
ALEJANDRO
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Commissioner Ettlin
ABSTAIN: NONE

*Left Turn Phasing
Garden Grove Blvd
Ninth St. - Nina Pl*

The staff report was introduced to consider a request to install left-turn phasing on Garden Grove Boulevard at Ninth Street/Nina Place.

Commission Kirkham inquired as to what type of left-turn would be installed.

Mr. Aquino responded that a protected left turn phase would be installed.

Commissioner Alejandro inquired about the two red light signals at this intersection.

Mr. Aquino responded that this is an offset intersection with Nina Place on the south and Ninth Street on the north and that the traffic signals are synchronized.

Commissioner Alejandro questioned staff with regards to finding other problem areas within the City as opposed to waiting for residents to complain.

Officer Nightingale responded that staff and the Police Department Traffic Division meet once a month and the traffic officers report any traffic issues that the officers come across to staff at this meeting. The officers view these issues on a daily basis then they report to staff on a monthly basis for review.

Commissioner Marcario suggested a right turn only lane on Ninth Street.

Mr. Aquino said staff will field check this and see if it is feasible to install red curb along the west side of Ninth Street at Garden Grove Boulevard to allow traffic to make the right turn unobstructed.

Chair Marcario moved, seconded by Commissioner Alejandro to accept staff's recommendation and approve the installation of left-turn phasing on Garden Grove Boulevard at Ninth Street/Nina Place.

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

**MATTERS FROM
COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Kirkham presented a written request to not remove the palm trees on Garden Grove Boulevard from Palm Street to Harbor Boulevard. Another concern he brought up is westbound traffic coming from College Street merging into southbound traffic on Main Street as they enter into Westlake Condominiums on the west side of Main Street.

Commissioner Alejandro commented that he liked having the synopsis of the previous traffic commission's meeting "Report on Citizens Comments" on the agenda.

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Aquino reported that the work order has been written to install 30' of red curb on Lampson Avenue at the southwest corner of Pine Street and Lampson Avenue.

Regarding the curve on Pine Street and Jerry, a work order has been written to install curve-warning signs with 15mph plates at the approach of the curve in both directions on Pine Street.

Regarding the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Jerry Lane and Pine Street, staff conducted a field review and determined that this is not an intersection, but a 90⁰ curve that changes Pine Street into Jerry Lane. Stop sign controls can only be used at a defined intersection. No study was done, as this is not an intersection.

A work order has been written to install a 4" white parking lane stripe on Lampson Avenue between Brookhurst Street and Gilbert Street and to re-stripe Lampson Avenue between Gilbert Street and Loreleen Street on both sides.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Jacot
Recording Secretary