

MINUTES  
**GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
REGULAR MEETING

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove CA 92840

Tuesday  
July 01, 2008

Pledge of Allegiance

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 Ashland, Vice Chair Lindsay, Commissioners: Alejandro and Cabral

ABSENT: Commissioner Feather

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Aquino, Associate Engineer, Chris Wasinger, Traffic Officer, Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary

ORAL  
COMMUNICATIONS:

Robin Marcario, 12862 Lampson Avenue, addressed the Commission. She distributed the newsletter of the Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association. Ms. Marcario voiced her concern regarding Trask Avenue eastbound left turn lane approaching Brookhurst. She would like to have the lane re-striped to facilitate a longer left turn lane.

APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES: The minutes for May 6, 2008 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ON-STREET DISABLED  
PARKING SPACE

A. 14335 WARD ST

The staff report was introduced to install a disabled person on-street parking space in front of 14335 Ward Street.

Ms. Myrtis Jordan, 14355 Ward Street, addressed the Commission. Although she does not own a vehicle she does have a valid disabled person plaque. Her quality of life will be improved with the installation of the blue curb as she could better access the vehicles that pick her

up and drop her off. Public transportation will have a place to park when transporting her to and from the doctor's office.

Commissioner Lindsay was not in support of the installation, as this application does not adhere to the policy as written. (TE 2)

Commissioner Alejandro noted that although Ms. Jordan does not have a valid drivers license he would approve with staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Cabral inquired as to who will benefit from having the blue curb installed and to why it would be needed if Ms. Jordan is relying on public transportation.

Chair Ashland agreed that this is a difficult and unique application and does not want to over-saturate the City with disabled on street parking, however, he is inclined to support staff's recommendation.

Chair Ashland moved, seconded by Commissioner Alejandro to accept staff's recommendation to install a disabled person on-street parking space in front of 14355 Ward Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Ashland, Commissioner Alejandro, and  
Commissioner Cabral  
NOES: Commissioner Lindsay  
ABSENT: Commissioner Feather  
ABSTAIN:

#### B. 10918 LAMPSON AVE

The staff report was introduced to install a disabled person on-street parking space in front of 10918 Lampson Avenue.

Diane Manzi, 10918 Lampson Avenue, addressed the Commission. She states it is very difficult to park in front of the complex as there are many vehicles parked on the street. Her garage is too short to fit her vehicle, which is fitted with a motorized lift to accommodate her scooter. Her husband is also disabled and it is a hardship for him to drop her off and walk back some distance to their home.

Commissioner Alejandro noted that the questionnaire that was given to Ms. Manzi is different than the one that was given to Ms. Jordan.

Staff stated that the second questionnaire is the revised version.

Commissioner Alejandro reiterated that there was already a disabled person parking space at this location.

Commissioner Lindsay is concerned that both these requests do not meet the requirements set by the policy.

Chair Ashland visited the site and spoke to the applicant. The applicant explained their situation.

Commissioner Cabral inquired as to why the applicant chose not to park in the existing disabled parking space.

Ms. Manzi replied that it was a courtesy to the neighbor to whom they know is coming home from work and will need the space.

Commissioner Alejandro motioned, seconded by Commissioner Ashland to accept staff's recommendation and install a disabled person on-street parking space in front of 10918 Lampson Avenue.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Ashland, Commissioner Alejandro, and  
Commissioner Cabral  
NOES: Commissioner Lindsay  
ABSENT: Commissioner Feather  
ABSTAIN:

#### TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDY LAMPSON /GILBERT

The staff report was introduced to restudy the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Gilbert Street to determine if a traffic signal is warranted.

Robin Marcario, 9721 Lampson Avenue, addressed the Commission. Ms. Marcario is the Chairperson of the Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association, and, as such, informed staff and the Commission that the majority of the association is against a traffic signal at this location. The association's yearly meeting is being held July 12, 2008 and Ms. Marcario will hold an open vote on this issue.

Commissioner Alejandro noted that this signal has been on the list for the last seven years that he has been on this Commission and it has always remained at the end of the list because of the low points assigned to it however, he reiterated that this is only a recommendation to keep this intersection on the list- not to install the traffic signal.

Commissioner Cabral stated that Gilbert Street remain as is that this street was never meant to be a main arterial and should remain status quo.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired as to the price of the consultant for the study and also inquired about the legitimacy of the data on the traffic count as well as the count of the traffic accidents.

Staff replied that the cost of the consultant was included, as part of the General Plan for the City and staff does not have this cost.

Commissioner Ashland inquired if this intersection, now having gone through a new study, would remain at the bottom of the list or be moved up.

Staff responded that since the new study was done the points have gone down. Therefore, it will still remain at the bottom.

Commissioner Ashland inquired if, as Ms. Marcario stated earlier, trees would have to be removed.

Staff responded that yes, trees would have to be removed and right-of-way would have to be purchased.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired if cost was a factor in the installation of the traffic signals.

Staff responded that only the warrants are factored in not costs.

Commissioner Alejandro would like to table the item until such time that the input from the Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association can be heard.

Commissioner Lindsay would like to see the list and inquired if all the intersections were on this list and how finite the list is.

Staff will email the current Traffic Signal Priority list to each Commission member.

Commissioner Cabral inquired as to how an intersection is put on the "list".

Staff explained the procedure of how an intersection gets on the "list".

Commissioner Cabral inquired if there is a warrant that determines if a survey to the community is warranted for the construction and installation of a traffic signal.

Staff responded in the negative.

Commissioner Cabral moved, seconded by Commissioner Alejandro to not accept staff's recommendation and to table this item until public input can be received.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR ASHLAND, COMMISSIONERS: LINDSAY,  
ALEJANDRO, AND CABRAL

NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER FEATHER

LEFT TURN PHASING  
ORANGEWOOD/DALE

The staff report was introduced to install left-turn phasing at the intersection of Orangewood Avenue and Dale Street.

Commissioner Cabral lives on the corner of this intersection and noted that there are several agencies involved; were all agencies taken into account for the accident data or was it only Garden Grove? If all the agencies data were documented would that change the recommendation of staff and is there a cost associated with staff's recommendation. She also inquired if non-vehicular accidents are included in this data. Also since school is out during the summer months, traffic volume would be lower so is this the best data to use for making this recommendation?

Staff noted that only the City of Garden Grove's data was taken into account. Staff did the study at the Commission's request stemming from the July meeting; therefore, this was the most current data available.

Officer Wasinger noted that if it is a non-injury accident it is the policy Garden Grove Police Department is to not respond. Usually only an exchange of information is given so not all accidents are documented. Therefore, the data is not completely accurate. He also noted that "SWITRS" is between 18 and 24 months behind in inputting the data in to the database, which is why the dates may only go to 2006.

Commissioner Alejandro inquired if the County would be participating in the costs of the split phasing with the City of Garden Grove.

Staff responded they could ask the county for help with the financial portion, however, the City is only asking for their consideration in allowing the split phasing should the recommendation pass.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired that since he does not have the day-to-day familiarity of this particular intersection would this be a helpful choice or should they try and get the full left turn phasing?

Commissioner Cabral responded that although she believes it's a good start, but she is emotionally involved and she doesn't believe she is the appropriate person to make the decision. She is concerned though that staff is using old and incomplete data that there is a greater safety issue at stake with the children that cross at this intersection.

Staff can initiate the split phasing and have a 6 month trial period at the end of which time a re-study can be completed and confirm that the intersection is made more safe.

Commissioner Ashland inquired if this would satisfy the concerns; will it correct a situation that needs to be fixed?

Staff responded that yes, it will make the intersection more safe but it will be less efficient.

Robin Marcario addressed the Commission, she inquired if the intersection could be widened and could another study be completed during the fall months when school is in full operation.

Commissioner Ashland inquired as to how soon the split phasing would be implemented.

Staff responded that once the County's permission is obtained it would be approximately one month to complete after the parts are ordered and received.

Commissioner Ashland moved seconded by Commissioner Cabral to accept staff's recommendation to install split phasing on the northbound and southbound approaches at the intersection of Orangewood Avenue and Dale Street with a study to be conducted at the end of a 6-month period to determine if the intersection is more safe.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR ASHLAND, COMMISSIONERS: LINDSAY,  
ALEJANDRO, AND CABRAL

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER FEATHER

#### MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lindsay asked staff to investigate the issue of no sidewalk at Knott and SR 22 on Garden Grove Blvd at the May 6 2008, Traffic Commission meeting.

Staff informed the Commission that Caltrans' response was that since there was no sidewalk prior to the widening of the SR22 they (Caltrans) was not in fact going to construct one in that location. Staff is considering constructing a sidewalk at a future date and will get the appropriate encroachment permits from Caltrans.

Commissioner Lindsay is concerned with City liability regarding the bus stop in that location and the sign limiting pedestrian access.

Staff will investigate Commissioner Lindsay's request regarding the accessibility in that location.

Commissioner Alejandro would like the Signal Priority list emailed to the Commissioners.

Staff replied that the list would be emailed on Wednesday July 2, 2008.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Rosemarie Jacot*  
Recording Secretary