

MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010, 4:00 P.M.  
City Council Chamber, City Hall

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:           Edmundo Duvignau, Chair  
  Stephen Hall, Vice Chair  
  David Rizzo  
  Johnnie Simmons  
  Robert Duncan  
  Jay Park

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:           Rob Hallstrom

STAFF PRESENT:                    Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer  
  Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst  
  Craig Brower, Police Lieutenant  
  Becky Stevens, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chair Duvignau at 4:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Linda McAlwee, Parking Control Officer at the Fullerton Police Department, announced that she would be retiring and thanked the Commissioners for their assistance with the parking hearings. The Commission presented her with a card and best wishes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION made by Commissioner Hill SECONDED by Commissioner Park, and CARRIED unanimously, that the Minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting be APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**ITEM NO. 1**

**A REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF FORD AVENUE AT BROOKDALE AVENUE AND FORD AVENUE AT JACARANDA PLACE**

City Traffic Engineer Mark Miller reported that staff was recommending approval to the City Council for two-way stops at the intersections of Ford Avenue at Brookdale Place and Ford Avenue at Jacaranda Place. Staff had received numerous complaints over the years for some type of stop control in the east/west directions of both Brookdale and Jacaranda. Additionally, Ford Avenue increases in grade heading northbound, making it difficult for a vehicle to stop. Neither of these intersections meets traffic warrants, however based on pedestrian/traffic volumes and sight visibility restrictions at both intersections, staff felt that stop controls at these intersections were warranted. Another alternative would be increased red curbing; however, residents would most likely not favor the inability to park in front of their own homes.

Commissioner Duncan concurred that he had observed high speed limits on these streets and concurred with staff's recommendation.

Public hearing opened.

Mike Eckerson, 342 Jacaranda Place, indicated he has personally witnessed four accidents and noted that a lot of children live on this street. In traveling either direction, drivers do not know if opposing drivers would yield. Restricting parking in front of one's home was not a favored option; in fact, he asked if some of the existing red curb could be removed.

Traffic Engineer Miller informed him that if the City Council approves the request, a work order would be prepared and some of the red curb would be removed; however some red curbing would remain at the intersection so the signs would not be blocked by parked cars.

Commissioner Duncan made a motion to APPROVE staff's recommendation, Commissioner Simmons seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by voting members present.

## **ITEM NO. 2**

### **A REQUEST TO EXTEND THE EXISTING "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" 220 FEET SOUTHERLY ON THE WEST SIDE OF EUCLID STREET SOUTH OF LAGUNA ROAD; AND INSTALL 20-MINUTE LOADING/UNLOADING ON THE EAST SIDE OF EUCLID STREET SOUTH OF LAGUNA ROAD**

Traffic Engineer Miller reported that this request came from attendees of the Mormon Church, who were experiencing difficulty in exiting the southerly driveway. When exiting the driveway and looking north, visibility is hindered because of parked cars. The east side of Euclid from Rosecrans to Laguna is presently posted "No Stopping Anytime"; consequently workers of the retirement home on the east side will park on the west side of Euclid. Staff felt it would be beneficial for those employees to be able to park in front of the facility, and the area could also be utilized by a shuttle bus and/or delivery vehicles. Rather than a white curb, a yellow curb is recommended and the retirement facility is in favor of this option, until that time that Euclid becomes a three-lane road in both directions. Some red curbing will remain around the main driveway.

Commissioner Hall asked if "No Stopping Anytime" was posted for the west side of Euclid in front of the church. Traffic Engineer Miller confirmed that it was posted as such, from the horse crossing at Laguna Road to the northerly entrance driveway of the Mormon Church. It had not been extended further south because staff knew that the workers at the retirement home would need a place to park.

MOTION by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Rizzo that staff's recommendation be APPROVED. Motion passed unanimously by voting members present.

### **ITEM NO. 3**

#### **A REQUEST TO INSTALL “NO STOPPING ANYTIME” ON THE EAST SIDE OF ACACIA AVENUE NORTH OF DOROTHY LANE AND INSTALL 1-HOUR PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DOROTHY LANE BETWEEN ACACIA AVENUE AND VICTORIA DRIVE**

Traffic Engineer Miller reported that Lt. Brower and Police Officer Daniels visited Acacia School and spoke with the principal. They observed that northbound drivers on Acacia pulling into the school do not stop against the curb, but remain in the through lane, which causes traffic gridlock north of Dorothy Lane. Staff recommended that a “No Stopping Anytime” restriction be installed on the east side of Acacia Avenue and that a turn pocket be striped in front of the school, thus keeping northbound traffic flowing.

In addition, there is presently a two-hour parking restriction on Dorothy Lane (from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.) to allow parents to attend school conferences. Staff has observed that CSUF students are parking in this two-hour zone. A number have been cited within the past six months, but it is taking parking from parents who attend the school for conferences. The principal of the school asked that the two-hour restriction be changed to one hour, so it would be more difficult for CSUF students to use it. Parents would then be able to attend conferences or park while dropping off and picking up children. Lt. Brower noted that he had witnessed students parking in this area on Dorothy Lane and then skateboarding to CSUF. He concurred with staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Duncan inquired if the right-turn pocket would create congestion on eastbound Dorothy Lane from parents waiting to turn left onto Acacia, and Lt. Brower replied that this would actually create better flow. Traffic Engineer Miller will also suggest that the Chapel on Wheels trailer that normally parks in front of the school on Thursdays move to Melody Lane and away from this area. There will be 100-200 feet of red curb proposed at the corner.

Chair Duvignau asked if a right-turn pocket would affect any bike lanes, and Traffic Engineer Miller answered it would not. Chair Duvignau also asked if the school would inform parents of this proposal and Traffic Engineer Miller answered affirmatively.

MOTION by Commissioner Rizzo, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, and CARRIED unanimously by voting members present, that staff's recommendation be APPROVED.

### **COUNCIL ACTIONS**

Traffic Engineer Miller reported that the requests for “No Parking” on the west side Casa Blanca off of Fern Drive, and “No Stopping Anytime” on the north side Valencia Mesa west of Harbor Blvd. were approved.

### **STAFF/COMMISSION COMMUNICATION**

Chairman Duvignau noted that a large number of cars are parked at the rear of the Big Lots store on Chapman and State College (which he suspects may be CSUF students) and asked if area could be enforced. Lt. Brower explained that this is private property, except for the alley, but that the Police Department would investigate.

Commissioner Hall announced that his term on the TC&C was concluded and wished to thank the Commission and staff for his time served. He requested that the PD also investigate the parking situation in front of the Olde Ship on North Harbor Blvd. He had noticed since the restriping of Harbor Blvd., the distance between the number two lane and cars parked in front of the Olde Ship is extremely narrow.

Chairman Duvignau also indicated that his term was expiring and wished to express his gratitude to the Commission and staff. Commissioner Simmons echoed the sentiments of Chairman Duvignau.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Transportation and Circulation Commission adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until the next regularly-scheduled meeting of February 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. The January 3, 2011 meeting has been canceled.

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Becky Stevens  
Administrative Assistant