

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008, 5:00 P.M.**  
**City Council Chamber, City Hall**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J. Michael Cochran  
Stephen Hall  
Edmundo Duvignau  
Rob Hallstrom  
Lesley Mahaffey  
Johnnie Simmons

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer  
Sgt. Steve Williams, Fullerton Police Department  
Lt. Kevin Hamilton, Fullerton Police Department  
Kirke Warren, Community Preservation Supervisor  
Teri Carlson, Engineering Aide III  
Janelle Pasillas, Administrative Assistant I

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 4:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION made by Commissioner Hall, SECONDED by Commissioner Simmons, and CARRIED unanimously, that the Minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting be APPROVED as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOTION made by Commissioner Duvignau, and SECONDED by Commissioner Mahaffey, that Commissioner Hall be named Chair, CARRIED unanimously.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hall, and SECONDED by Commissioner Cochran, that Commissioner Duvignau be named Vice Chair, CARRIED unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE DATA AS PRESENTED IN THE 2008 ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS IN THE CITY OF FULLERTON REPORT

City Traffic Engineer Miller explained the Engineering and Traffic Survey in the City of Fullerton 2008, which had been provided to the Commissioners, and discussed some of the highlights of the report. To legally use radar for speed enforcement, the Vehicle Code required an Engineering and Traffic Survey be conducted to establish speed limits, within five years prior to an alleged violation. The Vehicle Code allowed the five year requirement to be extended to 7-10 years if certain criteria were met, but Fullerton had elected to complete the survey every five years.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked how the 173 locations/segments were chosen, and Mr. Miller explained that, by law, if the City desired to use radar for traffic enforcement, a survey would be

required. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if new segments were added, and Mr. Miller responded affirmatively. As characteristics changed in the roads, segments would be added.

Commissioner Cochran asked how long it would take to change the signage, and Mr. Miller responded signage should be complete by the end of the summer, depending on the number of signs required in a section. The City would also paint the speed limit on the road, which took additional time. Commissioner Cochran asked if, in the segments where the speed was being reduced, it was due to drivers being more cautious or an increased volume of cars. Mr. Miller responded there were a variety of reasons, and it was had to pinpoint the exact cause for the reduction in speed.

Commissioner Simmons asked about the intersection of Euclid Street and Malvern Avenue, and the four accidents reported; she stated she had seen more than four at that location. Mr. Miller responded the report only included "reported" accidents. Also, intersection accidents did not apply to the speed survey.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked which intersection was the most accident prone in the City, and Mr. Miller responded that he did not have that information here at the meeting, but could provide a list at the next meeting. He explained that the accident rates were based on the number of cars entering an intersection.

MOTION made by Commissioner Cochran, SECONDED by Vice Chair Duvignau, and CARRIED unanimously, that said report be recommended to City Council for approval.

## **COUNCIL REVIEW**

City Traffic Engineer Miller gave an update on recent traffic-related Council actions.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Mr. Miller invited the Commissioners to the Traffic Commissions workshop to be held Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Cal Poly Pomona. For those Commissioners who had previously attended he could provide a copy of the workbook.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the traffic circle that had been installed on Valencia Mesa and the reasons for it. Mr. Miller responded it was a traffic round-about that had been installed by Providence. Traffic projections showed substantial traffic in the area, and a four way stop would have resulted in traffic congestion. The roundabout was intended to prevent this congestion.

Commissioner Hallstrom commented the round-about had limited the view from a driveway on the east side, and it may be necessary to stripe the curb red in that area. Mr. Miller responded he would look into the issue.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lt. Kevin Hamilton, Fullerton Police Department, explained that he had requested Mr. Morey and Mr. Nguyen speak before the Commission in order to get a historical background on the parking encroachment issue in their neighborhood.

Paul Nguyen, 601 W. Gage Avenue, spoke regarding a ticket he received for encroachment on the public right-of-way, and wanted to work with the Commission and Police Department to come

to a solution. He explained that, due to the number of cars in his family, and the short driveway leading to his garage, vehicles that were parked in his driveway encroached onto the sidewalk, which is why he had been cited.

Chair Hall clarified that the violation was for parking in the driveway and encroaching onto the sidewalk. Lt. Hamilton said Mr. Nguyen could not get an exemption for the encroachment, but would need to get an overnight parking exemption. Sgt. Williams commented that some people parked in the swale area between the street and sidewalk, and that would not be a violation.

Commissioner Cochran asked if any of the streets in the area were exempt from overnight parking, and Lt. Hamilton responded they were not.

Allen Morey, 601 W. Roberta Avenue, spoke regarding parking encroachment on the sidewalk, and provided the Commissioners with a handout explaining the history of parking encroachments in their neighborhood. He believed that the 1950's style garages were not large enough for two cars to fit safely. He did not want an overnight parking exemption, but would like Council to declare the pedestrian walks adjacent to these existing garages non-pedestrian.

Chair Hall recommended Mr. Morey and Mr. Nguyen speak with Mr. Miller to see what solution, if any, they could come up with.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Morey what conclusion was brought about as a result of the discussions in the 1980's. Mr. Morey responded that there was some type of "grandfather" clause, and if a person was ticketed under this clause the ticket would be voided. Mr. Miller stated staff would meet with the two gentlemen and survey the area to see what, if anything, could be done, and how many homes in the area were affected.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Transportation and Circulation Commission adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of June 2, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

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Janelle Pasillas  
Administrative Assistant I