

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2009**

The meeting was held in Conference Room A at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Headquarters.

1) Call to Order

The meeting of June 3, 2009, was called to order at 9:25 a.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Roll Call

Present: Vice-Chair Thurston Reese
Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos
Commissioner Rhett Price
Commissioner John Watkins

Absent: Chair Robert Ringler
Commissioner Marvin Estey
Commissioner Praful Kulkarni

Also in attendance were the following:

Mr. Scott Schales, Assistant Division Engineer; Mr. James Chon, Senior Civil Engineer; Mr. Alan Nino, Associate Civil Engineer and Ms. Irena Guilmette, Supervising Civil Engineering Assistant .

4) Approval of May 6, 2009, Minutes

The Minutes of the May 6, 2009, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting were approved.

5) Citizen Appeal of Traffic Control Requests denied by Public Works.

- a) Appeal for traffic signal on Del Mar Avenue at Montrose Avenue:
Traffic Signal and Crossing Guard
Appellant: Nigel Burns

Mr. Alan Nino made a follow-up presentation to the HSC regarding the appeal for a traffic signal or crossing guard on Montrose Avenue at Del Mar Avenue. Mr. Nino stated that Mr. Nigel Burns requested DPW install a traffic signal and/or assign a crossing guard at the intersection of Montrose Avenue at Del Mar Avenue because there had been a recent collision at this intersection. Mr. Nino informed the HSC that at the April 1, 2009, HSC meeting, the HSC made the following motion:

- DPW to review the existing street lighting along Montrose Avenue.
- DPW to review the existing overhead flashing red beacon at the intersection
- DPW to upgrade the existing school zone signage in the area to fluorescent yellow-green (FYG).
- DPW to contact CHP for increased enforcement of speeding vehicles.
- DPW to review the north east corner of the intersection to determine if additional red curb is necessary to increase visibility of the crosswalk at the north approach of the intersection.

Mr. Nino informed the HSC that regarding the street lighting on Montrose Avenue, Southern California Edison (SCE) is authorized to install the following by October 2009 on Montrose between Ocean View Boulevard and City of Glendale jurisdictions:

- Install 2 Street lights on existing wood poles.
- Install 2 street lights on new concrete poles.
- Upgrade 13 street lights on existing wood poles from 100 Watt to 150 or 200 Watt.

Mr. Nino provided information regarding the overhead flashing red beacon. He stated the following:

- Original Turn-on Date: 11/01/1972.
- Retrofitted with 12" Circular LED in 2001-2002.
- 4-way Red Flasher that operates 24 hours a day.

- Meets minimum federal guidelines.

Mr. Nino informed the HSC that DPW contacted the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for enforcement and the CHP agreed to do the following:

- Enforce speeding during school drop off and pick up.
- Deploy speed trailer.
- Provide enforcement to motorists who are not stopping at the limit line.

Mr. Nino concluded his presentation by presenting the following recommendations:

- It is recommended to revise the existing school zone signage in the area to be consistent with current federal guidelines.
- It is recommended to refer the speeding concerns to the CHP for their enforcement.
- It is recommended to relocate the existing stop bar 15 feet back from its existing location in conjunction with the installation of 15 feet of red curb.

At that point, Mr. Burns mentioned that the Kindergarten classroom is located across the street from the Holy Redeemer School campus and that the children in the Kindergarten class must cross Montrose Avenue in order to access the activities going on at the main campus. He stated they are instructed to use the crosswalk at the north approach of Montrose Avenue and Del Mar Avenue. Mr. Burns stated that he believes westbound motorists on Del Mar Avenue do not see the stop sign at the east approach of the intersection and as a result, they roll through the crosswalk on Montrose Avenue. Father Dover stated that there is another church community on Del Mar Avenue that uses the crosswalk at Montrose Avenue on weekends.

Commissioner Villalobos asked if a multi-way stop control has been considered at the intersection of Mayfield Avenue at Briggs Avenue/Florencita Avenue. Mr. Nino informed him that DPW had not evaluated that intersection for multi-way stop control. Mr. Burns confirmed that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic near the intersection of Mayfield Avenue at Briggs Avenue/Florencita Avenue during church hours. Mr. Burns mentioned the last day of school was June 18, 2009.

After hearing the testimony of DPW, the appellant (Mr. Nigel Burns) and other community members, the HSC made the following motion:

- DPW to revise the existing school zone signage in the area to be consistent with current federal guidelines.
- DPW to refer speeding concerns to the CHP for their enforcement.
- DPW to relocate the existing stop bar 15 feet back from its existing location in conjunction with the installation of 15 feet of red curb.
- DPW to conduct a multi-way stop control study at the intersection of Mayfield Avenue at Briggs Avenue/Florencita Avenue.

The motion was approved unanimously.

6) Report on business other than appeals

7) Public Comments on any matter not on agenda

There were no public comments on any matters not on agenda.

8) Reports from special committees.

There were no special committee's announcements.

9) Special Orders

There were no special orders.

10) Unfinished Business

Appeal of denial for traffic signal at Indiana Avenue and 5th Street:

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that Mr. Nino has been working with the City of Los Angeles Staff on the HSC's recommendation to install In-Roadway Warning Lights with flashing beacons at the intersection of Indiana Avenue at 5th Street. Mr. Nino stated that City of Los Angeles Staff was still reviewing these recommendations and that the HSC would be notified when they submit their recommendation.

Removal of Marked Crosswalk at Normandie Avenue at 97th Street:

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that DPW had posted the sign informing citizens that they have the right to appeal to the HSC the removal of a crosswalk across Normandie Avenue at 97th Street. She stated that she would inform the HSC if this crosswalk removal becomes an appeal item.

Appeal of Denial of Traffic Signal at Valley Boulevard at Alderton Avenue:

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that a teleconference was held between the City of Industry's Public Works Director, Mr. John Ballas, and Chair Ringler. In this discussion, Mr. Ballas stated he was not in favor of installing In-Roadway Warning Lights with flashing beacons on Valley Boulevard at Alderton Avenue due to the higher speed of motorists on Valley Boulevard and the fact that In-Roadway Warning Lights may encourage pedestrians to cross 3 lanes of travel in each direction.

Ms. Guilmette also informed the HSC that METRO had reviewed the traffic conditions at the existing bus stop located on the south side of Valley Boulevard just east of Alderton Avenue and recommended removal of this bus stop location. Ms. Guilmette stated that Mr. Ballas and Chair Ringler were informed of this information also. Since he could not be in attendance at this June 3, 2009, HSC meeting, Chair Ringler has asked that HSC Staff reconsider the motion for installation of In-Roadway Warning Lights since there will no longer be a bus stop at this location. The other HSC Commissioners seemed to agree. Ms. Guilmette stated she would be scheduling a follow-up meeting to discuss these issues again at an upcoming HSC meeting.

11) New Business

There was no new business.

12) Date for next meeting announced and adjournment

Vice Chair Reese informed the HSC that the next meeting of the HSC is tentatively scheduled for August 5, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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A recording of the discussions held at this meeting is on file at Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irena Guilmette".

IRENA GUILMETTE
Executive Officer
Highway Safety Commission

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