

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION  
AMENDED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

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

1) Call to Order

The meeting of February 6, 2008, was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Roll Call

The meeting was held in Conference Room A at DPW Headquarters.

Present:                      Chair Robert Ringler  
                                    Vice-Chair Thurston Reese  
                                    Commissioner John Spix  
                                    Commissioner **Marvin Estey**  
                                    Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos  
                                    Commissioner John Watkins  
                                    Commissioner Rhett Price

Also in attendance were the following:

Mr. William Winter, Assistant Deputy Director; Mr. James Chon, Senior Civil Engineer; Mr. Martin Amundson, Senior Civil Engineer; Ms. Jalaine Madrid, Associate Civil Engineer and Ms. Irena Guilmette, Supervising Civil Engineering Assistant.

4) Approval of November 7, 2007 Minutes

The Minutes of the November 7, 2007, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting were approved.

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

- a)    La Crescenta Avenue at Prospect Avenue: Removal of Marked Crosswalks  
      Appellant:    Alexandra Hopkins, Prospect Avenue Neighborhood Association

Ms. Madrid informed the HSC that in March 2007, DPW received a request from Mr. Hank Paz to study the following regarding the intersection of La Crescenta Avenue at Prospect Avenue:

- Area traffic flow.
- Area parking to determine if it hinders traffic flow.
- Review intersection volumes and collision history to determine the need for photo enforcement cameras.
- Determine if one crossing guard is adequate for the number of pedestrians crossing both streets.

Ms. Madrid informed the HSC that Public Works did the following:

- Conducted 12 hour hand counts of the number of vehicles and pedestrians at the intersection.
- Measured the speed of vehicles.
- Reviewed the reported collision data.
- Observed pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- Conducted a signal timing study.

Ms. Madrid informed the HSC that as a result of this study, DPW recommended the following:

- Placed a second crossing guard at the subject intersection on April 9, 2007.
- Recommended the removal of the crosswalk at the south approach of La Crescenta Avenue at Prospect Avenue.
- Installed signs to emphasize the existing green curb (10 minute parking 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SDO) on the south side of Prospect Avenue west of La Crescenta Avenue.
- Reviewed Traffic signal timing and found it to be in conformance with nationally accepted standards, no adjustments were necessary.

- Considered relocation of Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) bus stop pending crosswalk removal.
- Recommended that the school develop a drop off/pick up plan.

Next, the HSC listened to the presentation by representatives from the community. At 10:40 a.m., Chair Ringler requested a 10-minute recess. At 10:50 a.m. Chair Ringler called the meeting back to order.

After listening to DPW Staff and representatives from the local community, the HSC had discussion regarding the appeal and the following motion was made:

- 1) Retain the crosswalk at the south approach of La Crescenta Avenue and Prospect Avenue.
- 2) Recommend an eastbound right turn lane with an accompanying right turn signal (eastbound right turn lane overlaps with northbound thru/left operation) be installed at the west approach of the subject intersection.
- 3) DPW to conduct study to determine feasibility of implementing Red Light Photo Enforcement at the intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and Prospect Avenue (Report back at March Meeting).
- 4) DPW to conduct feasibility study of considering NO RIGHT ON RED at west approach of intersection. (Report back at March meeting).
- 5) DPW to conduct feasibility study of installing a pedestrian bridge across La Crescenta Avenue at its intersection with Prospect Avenue. (DPW may wish to check Federal funding and available O.T.S. grants for this type of bridge. Report back at either April or May meeting).

The motion was carried unanimously.

6) Report on business other than appeals

- a) Information on Photo Speed Enforcement legislation

Ms. Guilmette informed the Commission that they received information regarding recently proposed legislation related to the possibility of Photo Speed Enforcement being deployed in the State of California.

Mr. Winter informed the HSC that the Cities of Pasadena and San Jose have already attempted to use Photo Speed Enforcement, but did not have much success because currently, California law doesn't allow for photo enforcement for anything other than red light and railroad. DPW has suggested to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to adopt a position regarding photo speed enforcement. Mr. Winter stated that in order to do this, there needs to be legislature backed by a senator or assemblyman in order for photo speed enforcement to be deployed in the State of California.

After discussing the issue, Vice-chair Reese made a motion for the HSC to support legislation recommending the use of Photo Speed Enforcement in the State of California. The vote went as follows:

Chair Ringler:	aye
Vice-Chair Reese:	aye
Commissioner Villalobos:	aye
Commissioner Watkins:	aye
Commissioner Estey:	aye
Commissioner Spix:	aye

Commissioner Price:	abstain
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The motion was carried by majority vote.

7) Reports from special committees.

There were no special committees announcements.

8) Special Orders.

There were no special orders.

9) Unfinished Business and General Notes

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that she handed out a copy of a report prepared by the Los Angeles County Fire Marshall. This report was sent to the residents of San Martinez Road. Mr. Winter informed the HSC that Supervisor Antonovich asked the Fire Marshall to make a recommendation regarding speed humps. Mr. Winter also mentioned that the Fire Marshall did not consult the Department of Public Works before they sent out this letter to the residents.

Ms. Guilmette asked for a copy of all the Commissioner's business cards so that new business cards could be ordered for them to reflect the changing of officers in the HSC.

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that she has been working with the Office of Affirmative Action regarding setting up classes for the Commissioners for the Cultural Diversity and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Classes.

10) New Business

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that there is a potential appeal for speed humps on Sesame Street in the west Carson Area of Los Angeles County by the Mariner Park Village Condominium Association.

11) Date for next meeting announced and adjournment

Ms. Guilmette informed the Commission that the next meeting of the HSC is scheduled for March 5, 2008.

A recording of the discussions held at this meeting is on file at Public Works. The next meeting was scheduled for March 5, 2008, at DPW Headquarters in Alhambra.

Respectfully submitted,



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Highway Safety Commission