

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2010**

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

1) Call to Order

The meeting of October 6, 2010, was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Roll Call

Present:

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| Chair Robert A. Ringler |
| Vice-Chair Thurston Reese |
| Commissioner Rhett Price |
| Commissioner Marvin Estey |
| Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos |
| Commissioner John Watkins |

Also in attendance were the following:

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

4) Approval of September 1, 2010 Minutes

The Minutes of the September 1, 2010, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting were approved as amended.

6) Report on business other than appeals (taken out of order)

a. Crossing Guard Update

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that for the 2-month period since the July 7, 2010, HSC meeting, the following applies:

- 2 crossing guard requests received
- 0 crossing guard studies completed
- 0 locations where service was denied
- 0 locations recommended for service

The total number of locations with crossing guard service remains at 209.

Please note that the total number of crossing guards employed by the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for these 209 locations is 214 (which are due to some locations being served by more than one crossing guard.

The HSC received and filed this information.

5) Citizen Appeal of requests denied by Public Works

a. Appeal of denial of red curb at 4511 North Irwindale Avenue

Appellant: Ms. Veronica Miller

Mr. Slythe provided a power point presentation for the HSC. Mr. Slythe stated Ms. Miller contacted our Department with a request for installation of red curb on either side of her driveway. She stated it is difficult to merge onto Irwindale Avenue when exiting her private driveway due to limited sight distance because of cars parked along the west side of Irwindale Avenue.

Mr. Slythe informed the HSC that a field visit revealed that the sight distance from Ms. Miller's driveway is typical of sight distance from other driveways on Irwindale Avenue and a motorist can enter Irwindale Avenue without conflict when using normal caution. He also stated that it would require at least 20 feet of red curb on either side of her driveway to substantially enhance the sight distance. Mr. Slythe stated that red curb is typically installed to enhance sight distance at intersections and is typically not installed on private driveways. He stated that the last 2-year collision history ending April 30, 2010 revealed no reported midblock collisions on Irwindale Avenue between Cypress Street and Edna Place.

Mr. Slythe concluded his presentation by recommending the following:

- Based on the findings, the installation of red curb is not recommended at this time.
- It would be beneficial if red curb was installed along the whole west side of Irwindale Avenue, upon receipt of a petition since on-street parking would be severely reduced.

Commissioner Price asked where the boundaries of this petition would be. Mr. Alan Nino responded that the boundary would be between Rolling Estates Drive and Kingside Drive.

Ms. Miller presented her case to the HSC. She stated there are people parked in front of her house all the time, particularly the Verizon trucks.

She stated that these vehicles block her view making it difficult to exit her driveway. Ms. Miller indicated that there are currently overnight commercial vehicle parking restrictions in front of her house, but not during the day when this is occurring. Commissioner Price suggested to Ms. Miller that she write down the license plates of those parking in front of her house so that she can provide that information to the Sheriff's department for further enforcement. The HSC then asked for verification of whether or not the current commercial vehicle parking ordinances in Title 15 of the Los Angeles County Code allowed for commercial vehicle parking prohibitions for vehicles weighing less than 6,000 pounds. Chair Ringler asked for a recess while DPW Staff researched this answer. Chair Ringler called for a break at 10:15 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:28 a.m.

DPW Staff reported to the HSC that Section 15.64.055 of Title 15 of the Los Angeles County Code prohibited commercial vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or less from parking on Los Angeles County streets anytime. There is no ordinance prohibiting commercial parking for vehicles weighing less than 6,000 pounds.

After hearing the testimony of DPW Staff and Ms. Miller, the HSC made the following motion:

- Deny request for red curb at driveway at 4511 North Irwindale Avenue.
- Recommend Board of Supervisors modify existing regulation on the north side of Irwindale Avenue between Royal Estates Drive and Edna Drive prohibiting commercial vehicle parking for vehicles over 10,000 pounds between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to prohibiting commercial vehicle parking over 10,000 pounds anytime.

The motion was carried unanimously.

b. Appeal of denial of multi-way stop control at Hazard Avenue and Floral Drive

Mr. Gonzalez provided a power point presentation to the HSC. Mr. Gonzalez stated that Mr. Jesse Estrada requested DPW install a multiway stop on Hazard Avenue at Floral Drive.

Mr. Gonzales stated that DPW did the following:

- Counted the number of vehicles.
- Measured speed of vehicles.
- Reviewed the reported collision data.
- Observed pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Mr. Gonzalez informed the HSC that although 3 of 4 of the multi-way stop control warrants for residential streets were met, DPW did not recommend installation of multiway stop control at this intersection due to the existing 9% vertical grade of Hazard Avenue between Fairmount Street and Floral Drive. He stated that stop control would normally not be recommended where traffic would be required to stop on a steep grade. Also, stop control would normally not be recommended at offset intersections. The 55 feet width of Hazard Avenue and the 60 feet offset on Floral Drive at its intersection with Hazard Drive creates unfavorable conditions for a multiway stop control. Mr. Gonzalez informed the HSC that instead of installation of multi-way stop control at Hazard Avenue at Floral Drive, DPW recommends the following:

- Install offset roadway warning signs on Hazard Avenue approaching Floral Drive.
- Install CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP warning signs below stop signs at east and west approaches of Floral Drive at Hazard Avenue.

The appellant, Mr. Jesse Estrada, was not in attendance at the meeting and did not make a presentation. After hearing the testimony of DPW Staff, the HSC made the following motion:

- Install offset roadway warning signs on Hazard Avenue approaching Floral Drive.
- Install CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP warning signs below stop signs at east and west approaches of Floral Drive at Hazard Avenue.
- Install red curb to enhance visibility at the northwest and northeast corners of the intersection of Hazard Avenue at Floral Drive.
- Deny request for multi-way stop control at the intersection of Hazard Avenue and Floral Drive.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The HSC made the following second motion:

- Install edge line striping for northbound and southbound traffic on Hazard Avenue between the east approach of Floral Drive and the west approach of Floral Drive.

The motion was carried unanimously.

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 and general notes

There was no unfinished business or general notes.

11) New Business

There was no new business.

12) Date for next meeting announced and adjournment

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 3, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Officer
Highway Safety Commission

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