

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2012**

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

1) Call to Order

The meeting of June 6, 2012, was called to order at 9:22 a.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Roll Call

Present: Chair Robert A. Ringler
Vice-Chair Thurston Reese
Commissioner Marvin Estey
Commissioner John Watkins
Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos

Absent but excused:

Commissioner Rhett Price
Commissioner Greg Knapp

Also in attendance were the following:

James Chon, Senior Civil Engineer; Guillermo Gonzalez, Associate Civil Engineer; Leonel Gallegos, Principal Civil Engineering Assistant and Irena Guilmette, Supervising Civil Engineering Assistant.

4) Approval of May 2, 2012, Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the May 2, 2012, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting were approved.

5) Citizen Appeal of denied request by Public Works

a) Traffic Signal at the intersection of First Street and Dangler Avenue

Appellant: Mr. David Ybarra

Chair Ringler informed the HSC that the appellant was not in attendance at the meeting and started discussion on the item by asking if there was anybody there to hear the item. At that time, Vanessa Gastelum, Case Worker for Supervisor Molina's Office, introduced herself and stated she was here to hear this appeal item. Ms. Irena Guilmette stated that she had spoken to the appellant, Mr. David Ybarra, and he was unable to attend the meeting because he had to work. Ms. Guilmette stated that Mr. Ybarra had informed her that in addition to his appeal of the traffic signal at the subject intersection, he also had concerns about the speed of motorists on First Street at Dangler Avenue.

Mr. Leonel Gallegos provided a power point presentation to the HSC in regards to the appeal for a traffic signal at the intersection of First Street and Dangler Avenue. Mr. Gallegos informed the HSC that Public Works did the following:

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

Mr. Gallegos stated the following conditions exist on Dangler Avenue

- ◆ 40 feet-wide north/south local roadway
- ◆ Two way traffic is permitted and parking is allowed on both sides.
- ◆ Prima Facie speed limit: 25 miles per hour (mph)
- ◆ Dangler Avenue stop controlled at First Street

Mr. Gallegos stated the following conditions exist on First Street:

- ◆ 65 feet-wide east/west secondary roadway
- ◆ 2 travel lanes in each direction and parking is only allowed on north side of roadway

- ◆ Posted Speed Limit: 35 mph
- ◆ 85th percentile Speed on First Street west of Dangler Avenue : 41 mph
- ◆ Dangler Avenue stop controlled at 1st Street

Mr. Gallegos informed the HSC there are 8 applicable Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Device (MUTCD) warrants that were used to consider the installation of a traffic signal and they are the following:

- 1) Seven Hour Vehicular Volume
- 2) Four Hour Vehicular Volume
- 3) Peak Hour
- 4) Pedestrian Volume
- 5) School Crossing
- 6) Coordinated Signal System
- 7) Collision Warrant
- 8) Roadway Network

Mr. Gallegos indicated that the vehicular and pedestrian counts at this intersection revealed that Part A of the Seven Hour Vehicular Volume Warrant was 17% satisfied, and Part B of the Seven Hour Vehicular Volume Warrant was 34% satisfied. In addition, the Pedestrian Volume Warrant was not satisfied, only 8 pedestrians crossed First Street during the peak hour. Mr. Gallegos presented the following table:

WARRANT	NOT APPLICABLE	SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED
WARRANT 1 - Seven Hour Vehicular Volume PART A 17% PART B 34%			X
WARRANT 2 - Four Hour Vehicular Volume			X
WARRANT 3 - Peak Hour			X
WARRANT 4 - Pedestrian Volume			X
WARRANT 5 - School Crossing			X
WARRANT 6 - Coordinated Signal System			X
WARRANT 7 - Collision Warrant			X
WARRANT 8 - Roadway Network			X

Mr. Gallegos stated that since none of the above warrants were met, Public Works does not recommend the installation of a traffic signal at this intersection.

Mr. Gallegos informed the HSC that a crossing guard study was also conducted at the intersection of Dangler Avenue and 1st Street. He stated that hand counts were taken one hour before and one hour after school on May 30, 2012 and May 31, 2012. He stated that the requirements for a crossing guard are the following:

- ◆ 500 vehicles per hour across the leg of the intersection
- ◆ 20 elementary age pedestrians per hour

Mr. Gallegos presented the following crossing guard summary table:

Morning	NL	SL	EL	WL
Vehicle	49%	0%	100%	100%
Pedestrian	45%	0%	0%	55%
WARRANT	NOT SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED

Afternoon	NL	SL	EL	WL
Vehicle	100%	100%	32%	100%
Pedestrian	50%	0%	60%	0%
WARRANT	NOT SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED

Mr. Gallegos informed the HSC that the crossing guard warrants were not met.

Mr. Gallegos also stated that a flashing beacon study was completed at the intersection of Dangler Avenue and First Street. Mr. Gallegos stated that the requirements set by the Pedestrian Safety Task Force require the following before DPW considers the installation of flashing beacons:

- 1) There is an existing marked crosswalk
- 2) Crosswalk not within 300 feet of a signalized intersection
- 3) 40 or more pedestrians during the peak hour or 30 or more during any two hours of the day
- 4) More than 3,000 vehicles per day

Mr. Gallegos summarized that requirement 3 was not met because only 8 pedestrians crossed during the peak hour.

Mr. Gallegos informed the HSC that advance pedestrian crossing signs have been installed on First Street approaching Dangler Avenue as well as at the crosswalk on First Street at Dangler Avenue. He also informed the HSC that the East Los Angeles office of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has been contacted for speed enforcement and placement of a speed feedback trailer.

After hearing the testimony of Public Works' Staff, the HSC made the following motion:

- Approve DPW's recommendation to deny request for a traffic signal at the intersection of First Street and Dangler Avenue.
- Public Works to request the CHP to deploy a radar speed trailer on First Street at Dangler Avenue to advise motorists of the speed at which they are traveling.

The HSC voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

- 6) Report on business other than appeals.

a) Crossing Guard Update

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that during the one month period since the May 2, 2012, HSC meeting, Public Works has not received any new requests for the crossing guard program. The total number of locations with crossing guard service is 209. Please note that the total number of crossing guards employed by the Los Angeles County Office of education for these 209 locations is 214, which is due to some locations being served by more than one crossing guard.

7) Public comments on any matter not on the agenda

There were no comments on matters not on the agenda.

8) Reports from special committees

There were no special committee announcements.

9) Special orders

There were no special orders.

10) Unfinished Business and general notes

Follow-up item regarding Pearblossom Highway

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that at the July 6, 2005, HSC meeting, the HSC made the following motion:

- 1) Continue crossing guard service at the intersection of 82nd Street and Pearblossom Highway
- 2) Reevaluate the need for crossing guard service after construction of a sidewalk and curb ramps at the intersection of Pearblossom Highway and 82nd Street was completed by CALTRANS.
- 3) DPW to work with CALTRANS to make sure construction of sidewalk and curb ramps are expedited. The motion

Ms. Guilmette informed the Commission that since the time of the motion, the sidewalk and curb ramps have still not been installed by the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS). Therefore, DPW hasn't been able to reevaluate the need for crossing guard service. Ms. Guilmette stated that Mr. Fred Tieu, a CALTRANS field engineer for this job, informed DPW Staff that the sidewalk/curb ramps at the intersection will most likely be installed at the end of the year. Ms. Guilmette stated that DPW will continue to monitor this location and will reevaluate the need for crossing guard service after construction of the sidewalk and curb ramps. Additionally, Alpine Elementary School Staff informed DPW Staff that there is still a crossing guard at the intersection of 82nd Street and Pearblossom Highway.

Commissioner Biographies for HSC Website

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that she will be updating the HSC website and stated that if they had any changes for the Commissioner Biography section, to let her know so that she can update it.

Sexual Discrimination and Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Refresher Courses

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that recently, she has been informed by DPW Staff that the Sexual Discrimination and Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Refresher Courses may not be mandatory for the Commissioners. Ms. Guilmette stated she will continue to find out verification whether this is true.

The HSC received and filed the above mentioned information.

11) New Business

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that there were no new items scheduled at this time.

12) Date for next meeting announced and adjournment

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 1, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Irena Guilmette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

IRENA GUILMETTE
Executive Officer
Highway Safety Commission

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