# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2010

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

### 1) Call to Order

The meeting of January 6, 2010, was called to order at 9:12 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 Guillermo Villalobos

Commissioner John Watkins Commissioner Marvin Estey

Absent: Commissioner Rhett Price

Chair Ringler excused Commissioner Rhett Price

Also in attendance were the following:

Mr. William Winter, Assistant Deputy Director; Mr. Scott Schales, Assistant Division Engineer; Mr. James Chon, Senior Civil Engineer; Mr. Alan Nino, Associate Civil Engineer; Ms. Irena Guilmette, Supervising Civil Engineering Assistant and Mr. Carlos Slythe, Senior Civil Engineering Assistant.

## 4) Approval of December 2, 2009, Minutes

The Minutes of the October 7, 2009, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting were approved.

#### 10) Unfinished Business and general notes

The unfinished business was taken out of order.

a) Update on Del Mar Road at Montrose Avenue
Additional study at Briggs Avenue at Mayfield Avenue
Appellant: Nigel Burns

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Mr. Carlos Slythe presented a Power Point Presentation to the HSC as an update to the Del Mar Road at Montrose Avenue appeal. Mr. Slythe stated that at the June 3, 2009 HSC meeting, the HSC made the following motion in regards to this appeal:

DPW to conduct a Multiway Stop Control Study at the intersection of Briggs Avenue at Mayfield Avenue.

Mr. Slythe indicated that DPW completed the following at the intersection of Briggs Avenue and Mayfield since then:

- ♦ Counted the number of vehicles and pedestrians at the intersection.
- Measured speed of vehicles.
- ♦ Reviewed the reported collision data.
- ♦ Observed pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- ♦ Conducted a multi-way stop study

Mr. Slythe informed the HSC there are four warrants that are used to consider multiway stop control for residential neighborhood streets and they are:

- 1. Minimum Volume Warrant
- 2. Accident Experience Warrant
- 3. Visibility Warrant
- 4. Speed Warrant

Mr. Slythe provided statistics of the warrants in his power point presentation. Mr. Slythe stated that as a result of this warrant analysis multiway stop control was not recommended. Mr. Slythe stated that DPW also conducted a multiway stop study for locations using the intersections adjacent to school warrants. He provided the statistics of those warrants in his power point presentation also. Mr. Slythe concluded his presentation by providing the following recommendations:

- ♦ Multiway Stop Control is not recommended at the intersection of Briggs Avenue at Mayfield Avenue.
- ♦ It is recommended to refer the speed results to the CHP for their appropriate enforcement.

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Next, Ms. Susan Fite, Principal of Holy Redeemer School, and Mr. Doug Sinning, Business Manager for Holy Redeemer School spoke on behalf of the appellant, Mr. Nigel Burns, who could not be present for the meeting. They informed the HSC that since DPW relocated the STOP and stop bar at the intersection of Del Mar Avenue and Montrose Avenue, traffic conditions have improved. They expressed to the HSC that they were pleased with the traffic changes made around Holy Redeemer School and thanked both DPW and the HSC for their endeavors.

After listening to Mr. Slythe, Ms. Fite and Mr. Sinning, the HSC made the following motion:

Deny request for multiway stop control at the intersection of Briggs Avenue and Mayfield Avenue.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Ringler resumed the meeting back to the original order at Item 5.

### 5) Citizen Appeal of requests denied by Public Works.

Ms. Guilmette stated there were no citizen appeals of requests denied by Public Works.

#### 6) Report on business other than appeals

Informational Item: Sunset Review

Ms. Guilmette stated that on December 21, 2010, she received a copy of the letter sent to Chair Ringler from the Executive Office requesting that he help evaluate the performance and objectives of the Highway Safety Commission by completing some forms for the Auditor Controller's office to review. She mentioned that these forms are similar to the last Sunset Review that was completed. Ms. Guilmette stated that she would be compiling the background information on Chair Ringler's behalf. She stated that when the forms are completed, she would bring them back to the HSC for their review. Ms. Guilmette stated that due to the short deadline, the Executive Office provided an extension until March to complete the Sunset Review.

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## 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.

# 11) New Business

Ms. Guilmette also informed the HSC that the appeal for Kagel Canyon Road and Lopez Canyon Road may be heard in February or March.

### 12) Date for next meeting announced and adjournment

Chair Ringler informed the HSC that the next meeting of the HSC is tentatively scheduled for February 3, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted.

IRENA GUILMETTE Executive Officer

**Highway Safety Commission** 

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