

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2008**

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

1) Call to Order

The meeting of March 5, 2008, was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Roll Call

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

Absent:                   Commissioner Rhett Price

Also in attendance were the following:

Mr. William Higley, Deputy Director; Mr. Bahman Hajialiakbar, Assistant Division Engineer; Mr. James Chon, Senior Civil Engineer; Mr. Martin Amundson, Senior Civil Engineer; Mr. Paul Barbe, Civil Engineer; Ms. Jalaine Madrid, Associate Civil Engineer and Ms. Irena Guilmette, Supervising Civil Engineering Assistant.

4) Approval of February 6, 2008 Minutes

The Minutes of the February 6, 2008, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting were approved as amended.

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

- a)     Follow-up Report of La Crescenta Avenue at Prospect Avenue: Removal of Marked Crosswalks

Appellant: Alexandra Hopkins, Prospect Avenue Neighborhood Association

Ms. Madrid informed the HSC that as part of the motion made at the February 6, 2008, HSC meeting, DPW was instructed to conduct a study to determine whether red light photo enforcement cameras could be installed at the intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and Prospect Avenue. She stated that a review of the collision history at the intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and Prospect Avenue determined that the intersection has only had one right angle, running red light collision within the last year and that this intersection does not meet County guidelines for installation of red light photo enforcement cameras.

Ms. Madrid informed the HSC that DPW was also asked to conduct a feasibility study of considering NO RIGHT ON RED signs at the east approach of the subject intersection. Ms. Madrid informed the HSC that Mr. Amundson could answer questions regarding the NO RIGHT ON RED signs. Mr. Amundson informed the HSC that installing a NO RIGHT ON RED sign at the east approach of Prospect Avenue at La Crescenta Avenue could create back-up of eastbound traffic on Prospect Avenue and there could be flagrant violations, particularly during non-school hours.

Ms. Madrid informed the Commission that part of the traffic signal design for the right-turn overlap for eastbound Prospect Avenue at La Crescenta Avenue includes including upgrades to the traffic signal that will include making the vehicle heads more visible to motorists.

Mr. Hajialiakbar informed the Commission that the pedestrian bridge information will be reported at the April or May HSC meeting.

Commissioner Estey then made a motion for Staff to do the following:

- 1) DPW Staff to contact the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to request they enforce traffic violations at intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and Prospect Avenue.
- 2) DPW Staff to recontact CHP after new traffic signal modifications, which include addition of an eastbound right turn lane and eastbound right-turn overlap on Prospect Avenue at La Crescenta Avenue have been implemented.
- 3) DPW to reevaluate the intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and Prospect Avenue and conduct an "after" study to determine the effectiveness of HSC's recommendations. This "after" study is to include conversations with crossing guards.

The motion was carried unanimously.

6) Report on business other than appeals

There was no business other than appeals.

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

There was no unfinished business or general notes.

10) New Business

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that there will be an appeal for a multi-way stop control at the intersection of Woods Avenue at Repetto Street.

11) Date for next meeting announced and adjournment

Ms. Guilmette informed the Commission that the next meeting of the HSC is scheduled for April 2, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

A recording of the discussions held at this meeting is on file at Public Works. The next meeting was scheduled for April 2, 2008, at DPW Headquarters in Alhambra.

Respectfully submitted,



IRENA GUILMETTE  
Executive Officer  
Highway Safety Commission