

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

The meeting was held in the Traffic Management Center's Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Headquarters' Annex Building.

1. Call to order

At 9:38 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited.

3. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marvin Estey  
Commissioner Rhett Price  
Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos (chairperson for meeting)  
Commissioner John Watkins

Absent but excused: Chairperson Thurston T. Reese  
Vice Chair Greg Knapp  
Commissioner Robert A. Ringler

Also in attendance were the following:

Dean Lehman, Assistant Deputy Director; Emiko Thompson, Assistant Division Head; Mary Reyes, Senior Civil Engineer; Leonel Gallegos, Associate Civil Engineer; Guillermo Gonzalez, Associate Civil Engineer; Irena Guilmette, Supervising Civil Engineering Assistant; Zograb Akelyan, Supervising Civil Engineering Technician

4. Approval of June 3, 2015, Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of June 3, 2015, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting were approved.

5. Citizen Appeal of Denied Request by Public Works

There were no new citizen appeals of denied requests by Public Works.

6. Report on Business Other Than Appeals

Crossing Guard Update.

During the 2-month period since our June 3, 2015, Highway Safety Commission meeting, Public Works completed six studies for crossing guard services. Of the six studies conducted, only two sites were recommended for crossing guard services. Also, Public Works is still evaluating ten additional locations for crossing guard services.

The total number of locations with crossing guard service is 216. Please note that the total number of crossing guards employed by the Los Angeles County Office of Education for these 216 locations is 224, which is due to some locations being served by more than one crossing guard.

7. Public Comments on Any Matter Not on the Agenda

None.

8. Reports from Special Committees

None.

9. Special Orders

None.

10. Unfinished Business and General Notes

Item 10b was taken out of order.

b. Denial of Crossing Guard at the intersection of 120th Street and Success Avenue; Appellant: Damian Kessler, Principal

Mr. Leo Gallegos presented the attached power presentation and summarized that Public Works will be do the following:

- Install a ladder-style crosswalk with accompanying school crosswalk signs at the south approach of Success Avenue at its approach with the 120th Street's South Frontage Road.
- Upgrade the existing Pedestrian Heads to newer Pedestrian Count Down Heads.

- Update the pedestrian timing to meet the current standards.
- Complete an Engineering and Traffic Survey on 120th Street between Wilmington and Central to establish a radar enforceable speed limit.
- Relocate the marked crosswalk on 120th Street at Parmelee Avenue to the Compton Creek path, and install a traffic signal

Commissioner Villalobos mentioned that visibility of a pedestrian on 120th Street could be impaired by a bus. Ms. Mary Reyes explained that a bus stop on the far side of the intersection is not a requirement. Considering that the intersection is signalized and since buses stop in the travel way, a bus stop on the far side could back up traffic into the intersection and crosswalks. Ms. Reyes stated that the Metropolitan Transit Authority has authority to relocate bus stops and that we referred their concerns to them. Commissioner Price asked whether the traffic signal timing had been modified as suggested by Ms. Ayala at a previous meeting. Ms. Reyes stated that we had no record of any maintenance activities of modifications to the signal after the accident. Ms. Reyes stated that pedestrian countdown signals will be installed at this intersection which may help pedestrians better understand how the signal operates. Commissioner Price stated that pedestrians need education on how to cross within a crosswalk at a signalized intersection. Ms. Reyes stated that Public Works does not have the funds within their budget to provide an education on how to cross at a traffic signal. Commissioner Price suggested the Office of Traffic Safety get involved with this type of education.

Commissioner Villalobos commended Public Works' Staff on their recommended traffic improvements at the subject location. Commissioner Watkins stated the recommendations seem like they will be very helpful.

HSC then made the following motion:

- HSC recommends crossing guard service be continued at the intersection of 120th Street at Parmelee Avenue until the crosswalk is relocated and a pedestrian signal is installed and activated on 120th Street. At that time, the crossing guard at 120th Street and the Compton Creek multiuse trail should be removed and relocated to 120th Street and Success Avenue.

The vote went as follows:

Commissioner Marvin Estey	Yes
Commissioner Rhett Price	Yes
Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos	Yes
Commissioner John Watkins	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The HSC had a recess at 10:07 a.m.

The HSC meeting resumed at 10:23 a.m. at which time Commissioner Villalobos introduced Ms. Emiko Thompson as Guita Sheik's replacement as the Assistant Division Head for Traffic and Lighting Division.

- a. Denial of speed humps on Orkney Street/Enid Avenue between Azusa Avenue and Arrow Highway; appellant: Mr. Rick Whittey

Mr. Zograb Akelyan presented the attached power point presentation and summarized that Public Works will do the following:

- Install speed humps on Enid Avenue between Orkney Street and Arrow Highway upon approval by the Fire Department and receipt of a signed petition from 75 percent of the affected residences on Enid Avenue.
- Install a modified Dead End sign on Orkney Street east of Enid Avenue for westbound traffic.
- Refer installation of a curb ramp on the west side of Enid Avenue at Newburgh Street to Design Section for their review and recommendation.

After hearing Mr. Akelyan's presentation, Commissioner Estey stated he was surprised that the speed of traffic on Enid Avenue was 43 mph. Commissioner Villalobos stated there was a double-yellow centerline at the west and south approaches of Orkney Street at Enid Avenue and maybe the County should connect this centerline. County staff stated that the double-yellow centerline could not be connected because this roadway was a "T" shaped intersection, not an "L" shaped intersection.

Mr. Whittey stated that both Orkney Street and Enid Avenue are being used as by-pass roadways to circumvent Arrow Highway and Azusa Avenue. Mr. Whittey stated that the volume of counts has increased since school started and the County should still consider installing a multi-way stop control at Orkney Street and Enid Avenue to control speeding. Mr. Lehman informed Mr. Whittey that stop signs are not installed to control speeding and that they are installed to assign the right of way. Mr. Whittey stated that his property has been hit numerous times. Mr. Whittey stated that soccer teams have practices and there has been no slowing of traffic along Enid Avenue. Commissioner Villalobos asked if raised reflective markers could be installed along the existing centerlines of Orkney Street at Enid Avenue. Mr. Lehman informed Mr. Whittey that raised reflective markers could be installed but they would be very noisy in a residential neighborhood. After hearing the testimony of both Public Works' staff as well as Mr. Whittey, the HSC made the following motion:

- Approve Public Works' recommendation to install speed humps on Enid Avenue between Orkney Street and Arrow Highway upon receipt of a signed petition from 75 percent of the affected residences on Enid Avenue and contingent upon approval by the Fire Department.
- Public Works will install a modified Dead End sign on Orkney Street east of Enid Avenue for westbound traffic.

The vote went as follows:

Commissioner Marvin Estey	Yes
Commissioner Rhett Price	Yes
Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos	Yes
Commissioner John Watkins	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 11. New Business

There were no new business items.

12. Date for Next Meeting Announced and Adjournment

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 7, 2015. This meeting was adjourned in honor of Commissioner Estey's wife, Sharon Estey, who passed away on July 21, 2015. The Commissioners and Public Works' staff were saddened to hear this news and expressed their deepest condolences to Commissioner Estey and his family.

Respectfully submitted,



IRENA GUILMETTE  
Executive Officer  
Highway Safety Commission

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