



MEETING MINUTES

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City Council Study Session Room
(Ground Floor- City Hall)
68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, CA 92234

DATE: August 2, 2012
TIME: 6:30 PM

Commission Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of Month

COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman: Joseph Glowitz, Vice Chair: Christopher Sands,
William Baker, Janet Malachowsky, Sergio Espericueta, Odalys Gastelum (Ex-Officio member)

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners: Glowitz, Sands, Malachowsky, Espericueta & Gastelum
Also attending: Robert Mohler, City Traffic Consultant/Commission Liaison; Also meeting guests (logged Attendees): Residents on Willow Lane (ref Item #2 on Agenda): Carolyn Ridenour, Joe Di Rienzo, Regina Armstrong, Joe Sugameli, Shannon Wilsey & George Espinoza of Greensboro Ct. Also Steve Vettel (ref Item #3 on Agenda) representing Pacific Collision Centers at 36705 S. Perez Rd.
- II. **APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:** Commissioner Baker was not in attendance at meeting.
- III. **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES:** (June 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes)
Motion: Sands, Second: Malachowsky, the June meeting minutes were approved by the Commission.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Not related to Agenda items): Mr. Bond Shands of Palm Springs asked why his issue about Bikeways was not on this agenda, but he had recently stated, then sent an email to staff saying he would not attend this meeting. He chose not to address the Commission during public comments and left.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. Introduced Sergio Espericueta appointed by City Council as new Commissioner effective July 1, 2012. Mr. Espericueta replaced Commissioner James Navarro who retired from the Commission on June 7th.
 2. Traffic Calming requested on Willow Ln. & Sterling Rd: Carolyn Ridenour of 69638 Willow Ln. addressed traffic speeding concerns as spokesperson for she and her neighbors in this residential neighborhood located southwest of the Century Park area. She said motorists speed through their knuckle-turn at Willow & Sterling and cited a speeder running over & killing a neighbor's dog recently. She and her neighbor Joe Di Rienzo said they and neighbors petitioned the City for Traffic Calming in 2006. In response, City Public Works crews installed raised center-line double markers, signage and inverted gutters at the curve in 2006 to help slow traffic speeds. Now, 6 years later, Ridenour & Di Rienzo and their neighbors are next pursuing Speed Hump installations, since speeders ignore the previous traffic calming efforts. The Commission requested a fresh petition, due the 6 year time passage, which the City can assist by preparing the forms. The City Manager asks that the Fire & Police Departments review Speed Hump requests on a case by case basis before petitioning is done, so staff is setting up a field meeting with Police & Fire at the site. Staff mentioned an alternative factory made rubber speed-hump that was been used successfully in other local cities to the satisfaction of their Fire & Police departments. Also the City is installing the SPEEDsentry radar sign at the site (now that school session has resumed) and speeds & traffic volumes will be recorded there for at least one week. Those results will be distributed to all concerned parties by the next Commission meeting.

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3. Red curb removal request on remainder of South Perez Rd. cul-de-sac: Steve Vettel of Pacific Collision Center at 36705 S. Perez Rd. requested that portions of existing red curbs be removed fronting his business due to a lack of sufficient on-site parking at his business. He also made this same request representing his fellow business owners on the entire red-curbed cul-de-sac from E. Palm Canyon to the south end near his business. Staff explained that the cul-de-sac bulb at the end needs to remain red-curbed to accommodate Fire Trucks and large semi-trucks and car haulers. A similar red-curb removal request was approved by the Commission and City Council for the *Cathedral City Collision* auto repair at 36550 S. Perez Rd. in May, 2012.

Motion: Malachowsky, Second: Sands, the Commission unanimously recommended to City Council that the City Traffic & Public Works staff meet with Pacific Collision Center and remaining other business owners on the south Perez Rd. cul-de-sac and determine where red-curbs can be re-painted grey whenever possible to allow for more street-side parking on S. Perez. This would take into consideration sight-distance and turning movement concerns when making these recommendations. The resulting final recommendations will be turned over to the City Engineer, who will take a summarizing Resolution to City Council for adoption.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. SUNLINE Transit Bus Transfer Station relocation from Hwy. 111 & Monte Hall/Van Fleet: Staff updated the Commission, explaining that a field meeting was held at the proposed new site (parking lot behind NAPA and the old Community Center) with SUNLINE Transit Agency and staff to review details on how best to complete the parking lot revisions required to convert the lot to a Bus Transfer Station. The City hopes to have the project completed prior to January 1, 2013 if right of way issues and project funding are resolved.

2. Development Projects: Staff circulated the June 2012 update from Community Development Dept. listing twelve new development projects or businesses in various stages of review by the City.

VII. COMMISSION/ STAFF COMMENTS: None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next Commission Meeting: SEPT. 6, 2012 at 6:30 PM (1st Thursday of the Month)