

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 4, 2019**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Gavilanes called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens.
- ROLL CALL:** Secretary, Veronica Sanchez took roll call.
- PRESENT:** Commissioner Rosa Galvan, Acting Chair Jayson Gavilanes and Commissioner David Heredia were present. Chau Vu, Director of Public Works and Cesar Roldan, Associate Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present. Commissioner Galvan made the motion to excuse Commissioner Victor Barbosa's absence. Commissioner Heredia second the motion.
- INVOCATION:** Ms. Vu led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Heredia led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POSTING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was posted as prescribed by law.
- PUBLIC AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Galvan and second by Commissioner Heredia to close public participation.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019:** Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve and Commissioner Heredia second the motion.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2019:** Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve and Commissioner Heredia second the motion.
- STOP SIGN WARRANT STUDIES 5 INTERSECTIONS:** Mr. Roldan, Associate Engineer representing Infrastructure Engineers, gave the report. The City received a formal request to conduct a traffic analysis investigation for installing stop signs at 5 intersections. Residents expressed their concerns regarding speeding, accidents, near misses, poor visibility and overall lack of pedestrian safety at these intersections. Observations were performed in March 2019 and the engineering analysis was conducted in April 2019 and these are the

findings: 1) Foster Bridge Blvd and Kress Ave/Charner St Intersection – The stop sign warrant analysis indicates that the MUTCD warrants for collisions and traffic volumes are not satisfied and neither is the removal of needed on-street parking. The installation of all way stops is not recommended. 2) Foster Bridge Blvd and Suva St Intersection – Same thing, the analysis indicated that the MUTCD warrants were not satisfied and neither the removal of on-street parking, so no installation of all-way stops is recommended. 3) Loveland St and Granger Ave Intersection – It is recommended to install stop signs on Loveland both eastbound and westbound at Granger Avenue approaches. This will create an all-way stop intersection and can be supplemented with the appropriate striping and pavement legends to mitigate future broadside collisions. 4) Florence Pl and Granger Ave Intersection – Again the warrants were not satisfied for collisions nor traffic volumes and removal of needed on-street parking is not recommended, no all-way stops is recommended. 5) Suva St and Loveland Street Intersection – Again this intersection does not meet the warrants for MUTCD and removal of residential on-street parking is not recommended. No stop signs installation is recommended.

Four out of the five intersections, is a receive and file. The installation of stop signs on Loveland Street at Granger Avenue is recommended and will create an all-way stop intersection and should be supplemented with appropriate signage and legend markings to mitigate future broadside collisions.

The fiscal impact is approximately \$850 and is available in the Street Maintenance Budget this year.

Commissioner Heredia mentioned that Loveland St and Suva St is very close to a school. Is there signage that at least indicates that for motorists. Ms. Vu clarified that there are 'school zone signs' in the proximity of every school. Mr. Roldan added that it is a state requirement to have these signs up.

Commissioner Galvan made the motion and Commissioner Heredia second the motion.

## **TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY CHALET DRIVE:**

Chau Vu gave the report. The City received a petition for traffic calming measures along Chalet Drive between Gage Ave and Foster Bridge Blvd. Residents are concerned with vehicular speeding and traffic safety. The traffic engineer documented vehicular speeding along the segment. A total of 18 traffic collisions have been reported within the past 3 years. Mid-block collisions were the results of vehicles not abiding to the

right-of-way laws, improper turns and unsafe speeds. To improve traffic safety and reduce speeding the following categories are necessary. Education – Community outreach is necessary. Engineering – Additional cost-effective methods are striping edge lines to define curb side parking will have the driver perceive narrower roadways thereby reducing their speeds. Other alternatives are speed humps, speed cushions but they also delay emergency response vehicles. Signs such as “Speed Enforced by Radar” could also help. And Enforcement – Police enforcement, police presence can help. Based on the engineering analysis it is recommended that the Commission authorize staff to meet with the community surrounding Chalet Drive to discuss alternatives and option since these will affect them and these things are permanent. Staff will then communicate their finds and come back to the Commission.

Commissioner Heredia – Agrees with the recommendation as it is a long stretch of road and believed community input would be good.

Commissioner Galvan made the motion and Commissioner Heredia second the motion.

#### **I-710 LOCAL ADVISORY**

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Chau Vu gave the report. In February 2008 the Local Advisory Committee was formed for the I-710 project to represent issues of each City related to the I-710 corridor. City Council appointed 3 members, Julia Asmus, Ron Hoyt and Clifford Dunbar, since then 2 of the 3 members have passed away. Staff reached out to Mr. Dunbar but he advised that due to his health he is not able to serve. The LAC is very important component to the I-710 widening project, our community is impacted by the I-710 with traffic flowing onto our streets, Garfield, Florence and Eastern. The committee provides input on current and future impact, suggest mitigation plans to reduce the impact of the project. The input and feedback from the LAC is recorded. Since this Commission is already formed to hear traffic issues and appointed by City Council, it would be appropriate that this Commission serve as the Local Advisory Committee. If this Commission agrees staff will recommend to City Council the appointment of the Traffic and Safety Commission as the Local Advisory Committee for the I-710 Corridor.

Commissioner Galvan made the motion and Commissioner Heredia second the motion to approve.

**COMMISSION RE-ORGANIZATION  
NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR  
AND VICE-CHAIR:**

This item was tabled for a future meeting, so that all Commissioners are present.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Ms. Vu – Thanked the Commission for agreeing to service on the I710 Local Advisory Committee. It is a very important role during the early action plans. The City receives funding for this project.

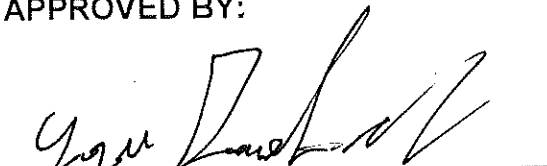
**COMMENTS FROM  
THE COMMISSION:**

No comments from Commissioner Heredia and Commissioner Galvan. Acting Chair Gavilanes is looking forward to be part of the I-710 Committee.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

Acting Chair Gavilanes adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Jayson Gavilanes, Acting Chair

**Submitted by:**

  
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Veronica Sanchez, Secretary