

MEETING MINUTES SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Vice-Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Yolanda Hayes
Commissioner Larry Tack
Commissioner Elias Nunez

ABSENT: Commissioner Kendra Howell (informed the Commission of her absence at the 5/11/17 Commission meeting)

STAFF PRESENT: James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer
Jose Saucedo, Assistant Engineer
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF):

Staff received communication from Tim Vanoli, Superintendent, of the Salinas Union High School District regarding crosswalks and other traffic issues at schools in the High School District. Copies were provided to Commissioners.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to report that last fall he attended an event called the "Silicone Valley Bike Summit" in Santa Clara. After the summit he offered to pay the registration fee for a City staff member or Traffic Commissioner interested in attending the 2017 event. The 2017 summit will be held on Tuesday, 8/8/17, in Santa Clara.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to report there is no bus shelter on Constitution, between Beacon Hill Drive and Las Casitas. Cover is needed during inclement weather.

4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 13, 2017 and May 11, 2017

COMMISSIONER HAYES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA (4/13 AND 5/11/17 Minutes), COMMISSIONER FLESCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, COMMISSIONER HAYES ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON 5/11/17 MINUTES DUE TO NOT BEING PRESENT, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. BUS STOP RELOCATION at 168 WEST ALISAL STREET – COUNTY COURTHOUSE

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend to City Council approval of the relocation of a bus stop at the County Courthouse

James Serrano presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Tack asked if the bus stop would be moved back once the renovation is complete, James Serrano advised the relocation is permanent.

Commissioner Hayes asked if the relocation will be completed before the renovation of the building, James Serrano answered that it will.

Commissioner Hill commented at the present time the delineators and barriers are blocking the new crosswalk and bus stop.

COMMISSIONER TACK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #1 (BUS STOP RELOCATION – 168 W. ALISAL), COMMISSIONER HAYES SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2017 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY LIST

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend Prioritization for Signalization of Intersections

James Serrano presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Tack asked about funding and “correctable” collisions, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Hayes asked about the cost of signaling an intersection compared to the cost of installing a roundabout and about police enforcement, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Tack asked for clarification about the order of staff's prioritization, James Serrano provided clarification.

Commissioner Nunez asked about the signalization of Alvin and El Dorado affecting a future signal at Alvin and Linwood, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Nunez asked about the signalization of Las Casitas and Constitution and about Boronda and Sanborn, James Serrano and Jose Saucedo provided information.

Commissioner Viarengo commented regarding the letter received from Salinas Union High School District. He believes the speed limit going over the overpass is too high to consider installing a signal at the location of Sherwood Drive and Sherwood Place.

Commissioner Flescher commented he could not find Las Casitas through MapQuest. Commissioner Flescher commented he remembered discussing signalizing the intersection of Constitution and Independence in the past and asked how the timing of the signals would be worked out, James Serrano provided information regarding a past development that was discussed at this intersection and changes that have already been made at the Manchester intersection.

Commissioner Hayes asked if it is possible to make pedestrian crossing times longer, James Serrano advised a standard is used for pedestrian crossings which is already maximized. Jose Saucedo provided information regarding pedestrian crossing times.

Commissioner Hayes asked about no right turns when the light is red, Jose Saucedo advised this is evaluated on an intersection by intersection basis.

Commissioner Hayes asked about the intersection of Danbury and Independence, Jose Saucedo provided an update.

Commissioner Nunez commented about the Everett Alvarez High School intersection. There is a problem with parents dropping their kids off at the crosswalk. Having a designated drop off area would help.

Commissioner Nunez asked controlling the intersection of Constitution and Las Casitas by placing restrictions on traffic movements, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Hayes suggested the Everett Alvarez entrance at Nantucket could be considered as an alternate drop off location.

Commissioner Hill commented the parking on Williams Road and Garner is a problem.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to comment regarding the Traffic Signal Priority List.

She believes accidents have not been counted correctly for the Constitution / Las Casitas intersection; there was supposed to be a signal installed at Saint Edwards years ago but other changes have been made; Garner and Williams Road received prior funding for signalization but the funds were used for other improvements on Laurel; a left turn light is needed at Laurel at the Madonna Church; the Alvin and Modoc intersection is also bad. It is important to find out when the traffic counts are taken, it makes a difference depending on the time of year.

Joanna, a creekbridge resident, approached the Commission to discuss the traffic congestion at Alvarez High School and the surrounding streets.

Commissioner Hill commented one of the problems with our traffic congestion is lack of enforcement due to manpower shortages. Hopefully this will improve with added funding to hire officers.

Commissioner Hayes asked if it is possible to install 'No Left Turn' from Nantucket to New Haven.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to discuss the Traffic Signal Priority List. Mr. Petersen suggested the Commission consider installing roundabouts vs. traffic signals.

Commissioner Viarengo made comments regarding roundabouts in Yosemite.

Commissioner Tack commented regarding traffic on Linwood and Alvin.

Commissioners Hayes and Hill commented regarding accident counts at each intersection.

COMMISSIONER NUNEZ MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE INTERSECTION OF ALVIN DRIVE AT LINWOOD DRIVE TO PRIORITY NUMBER ONE; BORONDA ROAD AT SANBORN ROAD TO PRIORITY TWO; WILLIAMS ROAD AT GARNER AVENUE TO PRIORITY THREE; AND CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD AT LAS CASITAS DRIVE TO PRIORITY FOUR AND TO STUDY OTHER OPTIONS FOR CONTROLLING / RESTRICTING TRAFFIC AT CONSTITUTION AT LAS CASITAS; COMMISSIONER HAYES SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Viarengo asked about the burned building in Chinatown, James Serrano provided an update of when the building would be demolished.

Commissioner Viarengo asked about turning into the new muni pool from North Main Street, if it is possible to turn left into the pool from Bernal.

- B. Commissioner Hill reported that on Padre and Blanco, for the west bound traffic from Main Street the trees have blocked the signal lights.
- C. Commissioner Hayes suggested Commissioners attend Council meetings to encourage more police enforcement.

Commissioner Hayes commented the crosswalk at Steinbeck School, on New Salem, could use some fresh paint.

Commissioner Hayes reported she will attend a meeting at the Steinbeck Elementary School in July, she will send an email out to Commissioners and staff with details.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: July 13, 2017

Commissioner Viarengo is unsure about his attendance at the July meeting, he will let staff know. All other Commissioners present plan to attend.

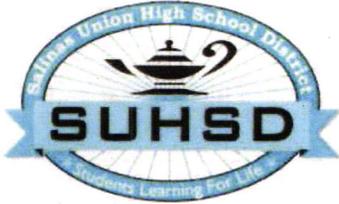
The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Hill, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary
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May 11, 2017

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Dear Mr. Corpuz:

As we prepare for our meeting on Monday, May 22, to discuss the Everett Alvarez High School crosswalks and traffic issues surrounding our other schools, I have provided a list of suggestions.

Everett Alvarez High School - Danbury and Independence Boulevard Intersection

There is a need for traffic signal lights that are synced to Boronda/Independence. Even if the City installs a roundabout this intersection needs to be controlled.

A less expensive option could be in-pavement signs to slow drivers down.

Salinas Education Center - Sherwood Drive and Sherwood Place

The District has requested traffic signal lights in the past.

Alisal High School

At Williams Road and Monte Bella Boulevard, the lighted intersection needs the crosswalk relocated to the opposite side to take the majority of crossing on the left side and allow for right turns out of the parking lot without having to wait for the walkers to cross the street. The light will need a left turn only in both directions and then a straight green light out of the parking lot only (this is where the crosswalk should be green also).

At Del Monte Avenue and Williams Road, the crosswalk needs to be repainted.

El Sausal Middle School

There is a need for slow down signs on East Alisal Street before the school. It is a very busy street and drivers need to be more aware of the students.

The crosswalks needs to be repainted at Eucalyptus Drive and Connely Street, Eucalyptus Drive and East Market Street and East Market Street and Towt Street.

Washington Middle School

The crosswalk at the intersection of Homestead Avenue and Iverson Street needs to be repainted.

Sharon Drive and Fairview Avenue

This intersection currently has no crosswalk or marking for the school bus stop.

East Bolivar Street

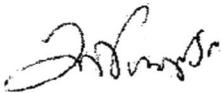
Most of our students are picked-up/dropped-off in between the crosswalks at the intersection of East Bolivar and Van Buren Ave and East Bolivar and Santa Rita Street. A crosswalk needs to be added in between these two locations.

North Salinas High School

The crosswalk on Kip Drive at the intersection of East Alvin Drive needs to be repainted.

I look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact me at 831-796-7010.

Sincerely,



Tim Vanoli
Superintendent

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