

**CITY OF SAN MARINO
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

February 25, 2019

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

2200 Huntington Drive

San Marino, CA 91108

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Boegh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Boegh

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Chair Boegh, Vice Chair Chang, Commissioners Ramirez, Loeffler and Boozell

Commissioners Absent: None

City Officials Present: Parks & Public Works Director / City Engineer, Michael Throne, Police Chief John Incontro, Fire Chief Mario Rueda and Commander Aaron Blonde'.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) **Eileen Hale** - Spoke about the traffic management plan from 2002 and 2003. Encouraged for the Commission to take a look at those documents. These concepts included traffic calming on side streets as well.

Chair Boegh spoke about developing traffic flow patterns through the neighborhoods. Does your material include that?

- 2) **Miriam Nakamura – Quan** – Spoke about the 710 issue and the Transportation System Management / Transportation Demand Management alternative. TSM/TDM alternatives widens streets and focuses on traffic signal synchronization projects. We are currently focusing on the TSM / TDM alternative. It is supposed to increase capacity. Want to make sure we are doing the right thing for our City and residents.

Commissioner Ramirez asked Mr. Ansari if there will be any negative impact and how it will spill over to secondary and cursory routes.

Mr. Ansari stated the process of documentation mandates we provide detail analysis of minimum built out of the maximum. The next level is TSM/TDM projects and Cities are encouraged to pick up their approved projects from METRO. Mr. Ansari noted that projects Metro approved for San Marino and other cities came from the city staff, which emphasized the hotspots, the problem areas and submitted a list of projects tailored to the community. This money is only good for capacity enhancements, operational improvements, traffic signal synchronizations, items that pass the traffic through and not traffic calming measures.

- 3) **Dr. Roumani** - Spoke about the buses on Oak Knoll which are causing increased traffic traveling north and south sides.

Mr. Abdollah Ansari stated the ridership has decreased on public transportation due to Lyft, Uber and other methods of private transportation services being offered. Mr. Ansari stated he would share the concern with the traffic department.

Stephanie Johnson – Had a question about the proposed congestion management plan. Asked as to who prepared this plan? Inquired about the proposed alternative plans.

Director Throne stated we went through the Metro’s documents on the Huntington Drive alternatives and prepared a proposal based on Metro’s allowed plan.

Chair Boegh stated it is safe to say our Staff prepared the plan. Four items have been identified by the City and it is not the detailed plan. This is the recognition of where the potential problems lie. What we are looking for is input from the Community and an opportunity to identify potential issues related to the four items identified.

Dora Liang – Asked if the congestion management plan considered changing existing angled parking to parallel parking. Objected to the idea of having parallel parking by stating angled parking provides more space. Angled parking also increases retail activities and more sales tax revenue. Whatever we do, we need to provide better parking especially at the Huntington corridor.

Director Throne stated there is no plan to narrow the median nor is there a plan to add another lane.

Laurie Barlow – Spoke about Rosemead and San Gabriel Boulevards should be improved as they are major arterial’s connecting to our City. We should not widen Huntington Drive traveling east bound.

Christa Lakon – Inquired on adding a lane east of Huntington Drive regarding priority #2 on the list. Where will you be adding this lane?

Director Throne stated the intent is to push the parking area south at the number # 3 lane. By segregating those vehicles from the travel way it will increase capacity. There is no plan to narrow the median. We will simply narrow parkway strip. Vehicles will still be allowed to park on an angled way.

Chair Boegh stated we have not finalized our plan at this time. We are taking input.

Dr. Raymond Quan – Spoke of how the TSM/TDM will further increase traffic volume by 4% and further increase traffic delay by 3%.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Boozell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez. Minutes passed unanimously.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. DISCUSSION ON COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES – SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

Commissioner Loeffler provided a report stating they met with Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Fowler regarding the Communication Initiatives within City Departments. Commissioner Loeffler emphasized that this item will now be administered by Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Fowler based on the direction given by City Manager, Dr. Marlowe. An analysis report will be shared with the Sub-Committee where a meeting will be held on May 13, 2019 to discuss further.

Chair Boegh made a motion to accept as noted. A motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez. Chair Boegh directed Chief Incontro to share the results of the survey from the Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Fowler.

3. UPDATE ON RING CAMERA PROGRAM:

Commander Aaron Blonde' stated he made contact with Ring to make recommendations for having security cameras available at a discounted rate. The opportunity is there for an allocation of \$50 from Ring and another \$50 from the City for a total of \$100 discount. The City will need to dedicate \$10,000. Which results in 200 residents participating in the program. Commander Blonde' asked for more time to complete his research.

Chair Boegh inquired if it would benefit to have the support from the Commission to include the numbers within your budget request. City Council's direction is to achieve more with the same.

Commander Blonde' stated any support will be helpful. We will need a thorough staff report.

Chair Boegh moved to make a motion and asked the Police Department to include this item as part of their budget proposal with an amount of \$10, 000 to support the Ring Camera Program to be developed.

Commissioner Boozell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Boegh asked that this recommendation be shared with the City Council.

Commander Blonde' inquired if the Commission requested a Staff Report?

Chair Boegh confirmed.

4. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CONGESTION AND CAPACITY PROJECTS TO ALLEVIATE HIGHWAY 710 IMPACTS TO LOCAL STREETS:

Director Throne, provided the presentation on the continuation of the proposed congestion and capacity projects to alleviate 710 impacts to local streets. Originally the 710 project was to be connected to the 210 tunnel project where Metro decided to put a hold and use Measure R funds for improvement projects locally. Metro Board decided to move ahead with the alternative projects instead of the no project alternative and/or tunnel project. They encouraged the City to submit on a variety of capacity and congestion projects along the corridors. Intersection improvements on Huntington Drive, widening of Huntington Drive and actually make better use of the number 3 lane. Signal Synchronization project on Huntington Drive from Atlantic/ Garfield intersection to Rosemead Blvd. Traffic Signal Synchronization from San Gabriel / Longden to Colorado Blvd. Director Throne introduced Mr.

Abdollah Ansari – Sr. Executive Officer for program management from Metro. Director Throne, provided the general breakdown of the allowed usage for the designated Metro funds in the amount of \$32 million dollars.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Raymond Quan – Submitted comments on SR 710 North Draft EIR-EIS on 2-20-19

Eileen Hale – Submitted the Neighborhood Management Plan (August 1995), Traffic Management Program (2002), Conceptual Traffic Management Strategies (December 2002) and Conceptual Traffic Management Strategies (March 2003).

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

NONE

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commander Blonde' provided the report for the San Marino Police Department. Highlighted an incident which took place on Canterbury Road on January 2, 2019 where a burglary occurred and a vehicle pursuit ensued. The Officers pursued the vehicle where it ended outside of our City. One suspect was captured and subsequently we may have additional suspect(s) connected to this incident through the Verdugo lab results.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Rueda highlighted an incident where a City Club meeting took place at the Huntington Library last week. Chief Rueda stated he heard the words he always dreads where someone asked if there was a doctor available. We had a person who was in distress. The Fire Department started working on the individual immediately. Chief Rueda stated he ran the response numbers and they prove to be outstanding in this circumstance. It took 41 seconds for the call to be dispatched. Total response was by our count three minutes.

The Department received a couple of donations for \$1,000 from a group of local women who belong to the San Gabriel Bunco Club and one from the Reitnouer Family who donated the Auto Post Resuscitation System. Chief Rueda stated he will provide a demonstration of the system during the next Public Safety Commission meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Throne stated the Department is the vanguard for the City's Volunteer Program and distributed the application form to each Commission Member.

PUBLIC WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boegh adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. the Public Safety Commission will meet on March 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. INCONTRO