

**CITY OF SAN MARINO
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

December 11, 2017

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

2200 Huntington Drive

San Marino, CA 91108

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Chair Crowley

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Crowley, Commissioner's Doo, Lo, Suetsugu, and Alternate Braxton

Commissioners Absent: Chair Chang

City Officials Present: Chief John N. Incontro and Michael Throne

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cordelia Donnelley –Inquired about Traffic Advisory Commission Meeting Rules –
Ms. Donnelley counted seven TAC meetings that had been cancelled since 2015. Does not understand how the other City Committees and Commissions have rules on attendance where very few absences are tolerated with appointees. States cannot find rules regarding the TAC Commission meetings. Wondering what the rules are for the Traffic Advisory Commission. Also, dissatisfied with the delays on providing the safety improvements to Monterey Road between Oak Knoll /Garfield and what can the residents do to expedite these concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2017:** Alternate Braxton requested that we make corrections to page #3 to read as follows: “concerned about traveling northbound on Winston at California looking west as pine trees are obstructing the view of oncoming traffic”. Commissioner Suetsugu made a motion to approve with corrections, seconded by Commissioner Doo. Minutes passed unanimously.
2. **UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CONCERN AT ST. ALBANS NORTH OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE GOING SOUTHBOUND:** Chief Incontro provided the update for Ruth Smith. The issues concerning this intersection have to do with southbound traffic backing up on St. Albans north of Huntington Drive going southbound. Currently we have through and left lane

and right turn lane only. Previously we had through and right turn lane and left turn lane only which were the same length. We have a through lane with the left lane. This is what is causing the traffic and backup. It's not feasible since it's a southbound left turn lane. We don't have intersections along Huntington with a separate Left Turn signal. We need to look at adding this left turn signal. There are some attached counts. She still needs additional data for study. Thee traffic data Ruth has that the southbound traffic for left turns are greater than southbound traffic on right turns. Most collisions involve Huntington. We will conduct additional field observation and adjustment to signal phasing for north and south. The information will be available sometime in January / February.

Commissioner Suetsugu – presented an option to consider. The street at Virginia is the same width as St. Albans. Virginia has a dedicated left through lane and right turn lane. Can we narrow that for St. Albans? Both of them are at 50' on both south and north side. Provided an example to Chief Incontro to give to Ruth for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

- 3. UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CONCERN AT OAK AND GARFIELD:** Chief Incontro provided report for Ruth Smith. Observed traffic collisions occurred on vehicles flow on Oak and Garfield. Analysis indicated Ruth Smith recommended installing East and West bound traffic signs would help.

Michael Throne stated they will schedule to install the signs

Commissioner Suetsugu - inquired if we will work with the City of South Pasadena.

Chief Incontro confirmed that we would be doing so.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Incontro stated the Police Department did not receive any written communication.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Lo – Inquired about repainting the area of Kewen and Oak Grove.

Chief Incontro stated we are looking at the missing signs along the curve and the City Engineer will take a look to determine where the signs need to be installed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Incontro reported on the following items:

We have had a 20% increase in traffic collisions YTD. 180 last year this time and 216 this year. We average an increase in 24% of Hit and Runs 36 this year versus 29 last year. Most of these

are during the night or with parked vehicles. We have had a 40% increase in injury traffic collisions. With 77 this year and 46 last year. We are about even on the traffic cites. We are working on traffic enforcement. We are down almost 4% on Non-Injury Traffic Collisions. 101 this year versus 105 last year. Top five locations: Huntington & San Marino – we had 7 traffic collisions. California & Winston – 6 traffic collisions, Robles & Sierra Madre – 6 traffic collisions Huntington & San Gabriel – 6 / Huntington and Winston 6 traffic collisions / California & Santa Anita we had 6 traffic collisions. We requested that the Sheriff's and CHP to do extra enforcement on the county side about two-three months ago. We are looking at six months with deploying motor officers. We have completed our hiring of officers. Primary collision factors continues to be speed, unsafe movements from lanes, vehicles not stopping. Also speed on northbound San Marino is causing issues. We are using our radar. Winston & California is a regular area our officers enforce including Los Robles. Hopefully, with the motor team it will be effective.

One of the issues we saw with our middle schools is students not wearing their bicycle helmets. We plan on putting a safety

Commissioner Suetsugu stated he is a proponent with using helmets. Middle schoolers for some reason decide to not comply with what they have learned in elementary school. Stated that it's the law. Encouraged for Law Enforcement and the School District to work together on this.

Vice Chair Crowley stated Winston & California continues to be an issue even with the presence of a Police vehicle.

Chief Incontro stated we had a traffic collision on Sunday due to a vehicle driving under the influence.

Alternate Braxton stated we talk about speed feedback signs. What would be the process of purchasing these signs?

Chief Incontro stated while at the IACP conference he spoke to a couple of vendors regarding these signs where the cost runs from \$8,000 -\$40,000. Looking at signs on tri-pods where you can move them around the City. Also, looking at adding a data package which cost \$10,000.00. Per Chief Incontro, with the approval of City Council looking at adding four of those signs. If we find another source of funding we will. Considering placing movable signs with solar panel.

Commissioner Doo – inquired about the demographic details, age, etc.

Chief Incontro stated we see commuters going northbound. We have seen St. Albans increase with traffic in part due to traveling from Alhambra road to St. Albans from the south. It has become a more common passage way. Our residents do drive a little too fast. Studies have seen that high schoolers are not driving as much. Most recently we found out the WAZE is fueled by its users. Google maps is also powered by WAZE.

Vice Chair Crowley – inquired about the holiday overnight parking schedule.

Chief Incontro stated we will put a notice beginning on Friday, December 22, 2017 – January 3, 2018. We will also ask residents to lock your cars.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Michael Throne apologized to Commissioner Lo regarding the red curbs on Rosalind. The pedestrian crossing on Ridgeway and Huntington was struck by a drunk driver. The equipment has been ordered and will be replaced in a few weeks. We will conduct maintenance on other crossings as well

Recommendation of striping of Sierra Madre and restricting movements on Robles will be taken to City Council on Wednesday. The project will commence after Christmas.

Commissioner Doo inquired about the bumps on Old Mill to El Molino where the bumps are fading.

Michael Throne stated those would be the raised markers and we will look into this.

Michael Throne inquired about the February 19, 2018 meeting as it falls on a City Holiday.

Vice Chair Crowley stated the February 19, 2018 meeting will be moved to Monday, February 12, 2018.

PUBLIC WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED

There were no public writings this month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Crowley adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. to the regular meeting to be held at City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. INCONTRO