

# MINUTES TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING August 15, 2017

City Council Chamber 1 Civic Center Plaza Irvine, CA 92606

# CALL TO ORDER - 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5 Commissioner: Casey Commissioner: Moody Commissioner: O'Malley Vice Chair: Greenberg Chair: Montgomery

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance

# INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions

# ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions

# ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

# **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

This item was taken out of order

### 4. IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM UPDATE – TRANSPORTATION GRANT HISTORY

Scott Smith, Deputy Director, Public Works department and Bill Jacobs, Principal Planner, Community Development department presented the item and answered questions. Sun-Sun Murillo, Supervising Transportation Analyst, Community Development department was also available for questions.

Commission discussion included: evidence of success in grant activity, grant funding is project and site specific, the next traffic study for the transportation mitigation program will be scheduled during this fiscal year once fees are adopted, fund balance availability, fair share contributions from the City of Santa Ana and Costa Mesa, review increasing fees over the next 20 years based on the Construction Cost Index (CCI) and reviewed the current project list.

Public Comment: Steve LaMotte spoke against the significant proposed fee increase.

# ACTION: Moved by Commissioner O'Malley, seconded by Vice-Chair Greenberg, motion carried, 5-0 (with all members present) to:

Approve the 2017 Irvine Business Complex Transportation Mitigation Fee Program increase only by the CCI, continue to aggressively pursue grant funding and continue reviewing fees every two years.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 1. MINUTES

#### ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Chair Montgomery and unanimously carried to:

Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on August 1, 2017.

#### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

#### 2. JEFFREY/ALTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Uyenly Bui, Senior Civil Engineer, Public Works department and Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer, Transportation department presented the item and answered questions. Tran Tran, Senior Transportation Engineer, Transportation department was also available for questions.

Commission discussion included: the lengthening of an existing left-turn lane, the need for a third left-turn lane; project timelines, the benefits of widening Alton. Concerns were raised regarding the intermingling of motorist traffic and cyclists, right-of-way impacts, the option for a shared third lane, signal limitations and right of way impacts. Commissioner O'Malley expressed concerns regarding expanding to three left-hand turn lanes at Alton to Jeffrey. Commissioner O'Malley also expressed interest in the option to elongate the current two left-hand turn lanes instead of adding a third lefthand turn lane.

#### ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Commissioner Moody, motion carried 5-0 (with all members present) to:

Approve the Project Report for the Jeffrey/Alton Intersection Improvement Project and direct staff to proceed with final design and right-of-way project phases.

Commissioner O'Malley left at 6:35 p.m.

#### 3. UNIVERSITY DRIVE STRIPING EVALUATION BETWEEN RIDGELINE DRIVE AND MICHELSON DRIVE

Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer and Tran Tran, Senior Transportation Engineer, Transportation department presented the item and answered questions.

Commission discussion included: Improper use of new lane striping on westbound University that came about as a result of the installation of the new signal at Barry Place (formerly known as Parkview). Staff presented different alternatives/approaches to address issues at this intersection, along with the pros and cons of each.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Vice-Chair Greenberg, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioners Casey, Moody, Greenberg and Montgomery voting yes; Commissioner O'Malley absent) to:

Recommend that City staff proceed with implementation of Alternative 2, as described in the staff report, for striping modifications on University Drive between Ridgeline Drive and Michelson Drive.

# 5. CITYWIDE BICYCLIST, PEDESTRIAN, MOTORIST SAFETY PROGRAM

Marc Caswell, Senior Planning and Program Specialist, ALTA Planning & Design, Mike Davis, Transit Programs Administrator and Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer, Transportation department presented the item and answered questions.

Commission discussion included: an overview of the program to include marketing and events, requested clarification on how accurate the accuracy of Google bike maps was, and discussed the current conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians which lead the discussion to recommend combining the current three cycling groups as well as pedestrians as potential stakeholders.

#### ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Casey, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioners Casey, Moody, Greenberg and Montgomery voting yes; Commissioner O'Malley absent) to:

Receive and file the Citywide Bicyclist, Pedestrian and Motorist Safety Program presentation, and provide recommendations to City Council regarding additional stakeholders that the City should pursue in creation of the Citywide Bicyclist, Pedestrian, Motorist Safety Program.

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

#### ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Chair Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. to a regular Transportation Commission meeting on September 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., City of Irvine, City Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA.

EN MONTGOMERY CHAIR

DEBORAH KELLY RECORDING SECRETARY

MARK LINSENMAYER DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

DATE APPROVED