



**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2017**

City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Transportation Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on September 5, 2017 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Montgomery presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5	Commissioner:	Rose Casey
	Commissioner:	Carrie O'Malley
	Commissioner:	Sandy Moody
	Vice Chair:	Steve Greenberg (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
	Chair:	Ken Montgomery

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

1. SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY

Armando Rutledge, Senior Transportation Analyst, and Michael Wright, Motor Sergeant, presented the School Traffic Safety update and responded to questions.

Commission discussion included: Traditional versus year-round schedules for various schools throughout the City; Smart Start and Driver's Education being offered at all Irvine high schools for ages 15 and over; drop-off location regulations; signing and striping capabilities at staff levels; various means of tackling congestion issues at schools such as school busing, carpooling and bicycling; the importance of traffic signage and speed limit enforcement when children are present, not just during the expected start/end school hours; staff introduced the new citywide bicyclist, pedestrian, motorist safety program as a useful tool.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Casey and unanimously carried to:

Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on August 15, 2017.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

3. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION

Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer, presented the item and answered questions. Mark Ha, Supervising Transportation Analyst, was also available and responded to questions.

Commission discussion included: review of a letter received from Caltrans explaining why Caltrans is not able to accommodate specific staff requests; the challenges when trying to revise terms of agreements with Caltrans; the importance of securing request in writing from Caltrans to include specifying details to ensure customer satisfaction; holding Caltrans accountable for the quality and timeliness of work performed at the 40 intersections; staff confirmed that there are forms of deadlines that come with grants, the timeframe is not completely open-ended; it was suggested that the agreement should also specify that Caltrans will cover any necessary work done beyond the upfront cost, without the quality of work being affected.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Greenberg, motion carried 5-0 to:

Direct City Attorney's office to review agreement and insert language to provide City of Irvine some recourse, if needed, and then return to the commission for further consideration. If Commission then approves, staff will present and re-negotiate agreement with Caltrans.

4. TRAFFIC EVALUATION FOR ZONE CHANGE 00719550-PZC REFLECTING A LAND SWAP OF THE EXISTING AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (ARDA) TRANSFER SITE (TO BE RENAMED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 9) WITH A PORTION OF DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 2 WITHIN PLANNING AREA 51

Karen Urman, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the item and answered questions. Sun-Sun Murillo, Supervising Transportation Analyst, also responded to questions.

Commission discussion included: financial savings for a land swap; Government support at state level (adopted by California State Legislature and signed by Governor); a potential gap in funding, specific to the transfer site; funding commitments that will be in place after approval of documentation; traffic at El Toro and space at other locations; arterial roadway segments; traffic impact; volume of traffic segments per day versus peak hours and the responsibility of mitigating impact on freeways.

Public Comment:

Harvey Liss voiced his concerns with potentially increasing traffic in an area that he believes already has traffic issues. He suggested a firm representing the people should conduct a traffic study to prove his belief that this landswap is a bad idea.

Alan Meyerson spoke against the land swap with concerns about traffic congestion.

Mike Padian spoke in favor of ARDA transfer.

Patrick Shrader spoke on behalf of Heritage Fields, LLC in favor of the land swap.

ACTION: Moved by Vice-Chair Greenberg, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley, motion carried 3-2 (Commissioners Casey and Moody voting no) to:

Approve the traffic evaluation for Zone Change 00719550-PZC effectuating the land exchange between Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC (Heritage Fields)

and the City of Irvine. The traffic evaluation analyzes a shift of Research & Development (R&D) uses/intensity from a portion of Great Park Neighborhoods Development District 2 to the existing Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) Transfer Site in Planning Area 51.

5. MEASURE M2 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAMS (CTFP) GRANT APPLICATIONS

Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer and Mark Ha, Supervising Transportation Analyst, presented the item and answered questions.

Commission discussion included: upcoming application deadlines; who prepares applications and the use of consultant services to review these; signals within corridors having the same equipment; whether corridors include Caltrans signals; and that Bonita Canyon not including Newport Beach, which declined to participate.

Discussion regarding the Harvard/Michelson intersection included reasons for its exclusion in grant application, such as scoring too low and the reasoning behind the score, leading it to not compete well against other projects; the scope of project (second left turn). Commissioner O'Malley referenced a recent fatality in this area, leading to safety demands and its direct access to UCI; plans to revisit this project in the future and what can be done to make it more competitive. The traffic collision report was requested to be presented to the Commission; if it is a part of the IBC project and fund balance, it is requested to move this project up in priority.

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

Authorize staff to prepare grant funding applications for the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs for five recommended projects listed in the staff report and include the Harvard Ave//Michelson Dr. intersection as a sixth project.

6. CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY'S REQUEST TO CANCEL THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017

There was no discussion for this item.

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

Cancel the Transportation Commission meeting of November 21, 2017

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Previous City Council meeting recap by Transportation Director Linsenmayer: Council was dark so there was no update for last meeting. Director Linsenmayer will review Council agenda to next meeting scheduled for Sept 12, 2017 and will update at next Transportation Commission meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Request for staff to analyze different intersections throughout the City of Irvine for accident and fatality patterns and provide report to commission.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Chair Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m. to a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission on September 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., City of Irvine, City Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA.



KEN MONTGOMERY
CHAIR



MARK LINSENMAYER
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION



DEBORAH KELLY
RECORDING SECRETARY

9-20-17

DATE APPROVED