



MEETING MINUTES

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City Council Study Session Room
(Ground Floor- City Hall)
68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, CA 92234

DATE: September 6, 2012
TIME: 6:30 PM

Commission Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of Month

COMMISSIONERS:

Chair: Joseph Glowitz, Vice Chair: Christopher Sands,
William Baker, Janet Malachowsky, Sergio Espericueta, Odalys Gastelum (Ex-Officio member)

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners: Glowitz, Baker, Malachowsky & Espericueta
Also attending: Robert Mohler, City Traffic Consultant/Commission Liaison; Also meeting guests (logged Attendees): Residents on Willow Lane & Sterling Rd. (ref Item #1- Old Business agenda): Carolyn & Rick Ridenour, Joe Di Rienzo, and Joe Sugameli.
- II. **APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:** Commissioner Sands was out of town- previously excused at prior mtg. Commissioner Gastelum was unable to attend due to unexpected family emergency.
- III. **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES:** (August 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes)
Motion: Espericueta, Second: Malachowsky, the 8/2 meeting minutes were approved by the Commission.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Not related to Agenda items): None
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. Public Works Roadway Maintenance Projects: Report deferred by Public Works to 10/4 Commission Mtg.
 2. E. Palm Canyon Roadway Improvements: Report deferred by Public Works to 10/4 Commission Mtg.
 3. Review TRAFICOP Traffic Calming Products: Staff distributed brochures and cost estimates from Professional Pavement Products, Inc. of Jacksonville, Fla. citing their rubber-based Traffic Calming SPEED CUSHIONS used in various cities throughout USA & Canada and many in California (including nearby Indio & Palm Springs). The rubber TRAFICOP's come with gaps in the humps to allow Fire Trucks & Large Ambulances (with wide-tracks) to drive straight-thru the humps without slowing to avoid delays during emergency responses. The Commission and the Willow Lane & Sterling Rd. residents in attendance liked the design in their initial review of the product.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. Willow Lane & Sterling Rd. Traffic Calming Request: Staff updated residents with comments made by the acting Fire Chief and a Police Sgt. who had reviewed the neighborhood site with staff. They also reviewed the TRAFICOP Speed Humps (Speed Cushions) installed on Cahuilla Rd. in Palm Springs. The Police & Fire reps indicated that their previous department objection to the use of Speed Humps on Cathedral City residential streets has softened, and they are more receptive to their use on a case by case basis. The Fire Dept. had objected to the older style one-piece asphalt speed humps, but are more receptive to the newer style factory made rubber Speed Humps with gaps to allow emergency vehicles to pass-thru without slowing. The residents reviewed the supplier's TRAFICOP cost estimates and noted the estimated \$15K cost (not counting installation) for the cost of two sets to slow speeders in their Willow/Sterling neighborhood. Residents asked if the City Council would authorize funding for that expense, but staff cited the City's adopted Resolution #98-47, which discussed City policy & procedure for Traffic Calming, noting that the cost is intended to be born by property owners, unless otherwise funded with Council authorization (on a case by case basis). Staff will pursue higher

administrative and/or City Council direction to determine whether Traffic Calming can be assisted with City funding, or if funds are not available, whether the cost must be property owner funded. In that case, an assessment district style agreement would need to be formulated between the City and property owners, or some other method to get the work done. Staff will discuss with City Manager and see if the issue can be put on a City Council Study Session agenda for Council input and direction. The property owner attendees asked if staff can draft a "Petition Form" for their use in obtaining property owner signatures if they determine whether their other neighbors appear to support pursuing Speed Humps on the requested segment of Willow & Sterling. Staff will draw up the petition and keep their primary contact person (Carolyn Ridenour) updated on the City's continued efforts on the matter. An additional SPEEDsentry Speed & Volume Survey will be conducted in the neighborhood as soon as school sessions resume in September.

2. Recommend SUNLINE Transit Bus Transfer Station relocation from Hwy. 111 & Monte Hall/Van Fleet: Staff updated the Commission, explaining that a field meeting with SUNLINE reps had been held at a new proposed site ("B" Street at north-east quadrant of intersection of West Buddy Rogers). SUNLINE Transit Agency staff and City staff concurred that the new location was far easier to implement as a new downtown Transfer Station and the City was in process of drawing up plans for the street improvements necessary to satisfy SUNLINE's Bus Transfer needs. A 240 L.F. length of sidewalk would be added behind the "north" curb of "B" Street (east of W. Buddy Rogers) to accommodate (two) new Sunline Bus Shelters and a connector sidewalk will be built to connect bus riding pedestrians to E. Palm Canyon Dr. The City still hopes to have the project completed prior to January 1, 2013 in time for Sunline's new updated 2013 Bus Schedules. Motion: Glowitz, Second: Malachowski, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that the proposed downtown Sunline Bus Transfer Station be relocated to "B" Street & W. Buddy Rogers (as proposed by City staff & SUNLINE), and agreeing in concept to the verbal design description and awaiting final design plans from the City Engineer.

3. Red Curb Removal on S. Perez Rd. Cul-de-sac: Staff explained that the Acting Fire Chief and Pat Milos were to meet at the site to determine in the field where segments of Red Curb could be safely removed to accommodate the few business owner's requests for added street side off-site parking spaces in the area of Perez Rd. south of Hwy. 111 (EPC). That Fire/Public Works field meeting was to be held the week of September 10th.

4. Development Projects: No update this month from Community Dev.

VII. COMMISSION/ STAFF COMMENTS: None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next Commission Meeting: OCT. 4, 2012 at 6:30 PM (1st Thursday of the Month)