

MINUTES  
**GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
REGULAR MEETING

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Tuesday

September 2, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular session of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: Chair Ashland, Vice Chair Lindsay, Commissioners, Alejandro, Cabral and Feather

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dan Candelaria, Executive Secretary, Chris Wasinger, Traffic Officer, Tony Aquino, Associate Engineer, Dai Vu, Associate Engineer, and Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary

**ORAL  
COMMUNICATIONS:**

Greg Schlup, 9872 Stanford Avenue, addressed the Commission. The area is between Brookhurst and Gilbert. The speed limit is 25 mph. However, there are numerous speeders up and down Stanford Avenue in this area because it is a straight and wide street. There are no sidewalks and there are a lot of pedestrians in the morning. The area has had some selected enforcement; however, once the offenders realize the traffic officer is no longer in the area the speeding starts again. He inquired about the radar trailer, possibly speed bumps. This is a continuing problem and hopes that something can be done to help relieve the speeding problem.

Greg Pitta, 9761 Stanford Avenue, addressed the Commission. He has an issue with speeders on the street. His father had a driver follow him up the driveway and try to intimidate him by telling him he should not slow down to pull into the driveway and yelling obscenities at him. Mr. Pitta has had people pass him yelling at him to speed up. He has difficulty pulling into his own driveway. He inquired about putting in stop signs.

Harry Pearce, 12752 Crestwood Circle, addressed the Commission. He has an issue with speeding. It is posted on the street and there is a legend painted on the street as well. Mr. Pearce introduced a map and pictures to the Commission. There have been several accidents there; one was a hit and run. He would like to see more enforcement in the area and/or speed bumps. He had several suggestions for staff: hiring officers strictly for community relations, code enforcement, and traffic; there would be enough tickets written to justify the salary several times over.

William Winchell, 9721 Stanford Avenue, addressed the Commission. He believes the issue of speeding is due to the width of the street. There are no cross streets with stop signs. The signage is not very visible. He believes drivers are avoiding Garden Grove Boulevard. He also brought to the attention of the Commission that when the Brookhurst Triangle is developed there will be even more vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The residents in this area have become proactive and he is asking the Commission to become proactive about solving this issue as well.

Chair Ashland directed staff to study this issue and put it on the agenda for the November 2008 meeting.

Staff responded that it is difficult to solve a speeding problem once the development has been built. Ideally, the problem should be tackled prior to the subdivision being built; if the developer showed a street being long and straight, staff would then have the developer change it and reconfigure the map.

There are many things that have been done to address speeding, not just on Stanford, but in other areas as well. To have the speeding reduced the street needs to be reconfigured; physical changes need to take place so that drivers don't feel it's safe to speed. The road may need to be narrowed in certain areas or intersections may need to be closed up. There are a number of ways to solve the problem, however, the drawbacks are that these are very expensive; the other issue is that anytime physical changes are put in the roadway parking may have to be removed, which will impact homes where the restrictions are located. The public may be able to identify a problem but when the changes are implemented to solve the problem other problems may occur because of those changes, i.e. parking spaces removed.

Commissioner Cabral suggested the residents put together a flyer and send it out to their community to let them know the impact speeding has on the neighborhood; because in her experience on her job it is usually the residents in the area that are the offenders.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of July 1, 2008 were approved as presented.

AYES: Chair Ashland, Vice Chair Lindsay, Commissioners: Alejandro, Cabral

NOES:

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Feather

ABSENT:

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Traffic Signal Study  
Lampson Avenue/Gilbert Street**

The staff report was introduced by Tony Aquino to determine if the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Gilbert Street should remain on the Traffic Signal Priority list.

Robin Marcario, 9721 Lampson Avenue, addressed the Commission. Ms. Marcario thanked Chair Ashland for coming to the yearly meeting of the Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association meeting. Mrs. Marcario is in favoring of removing this intersection from the Traffic Signal Priority List.

Commissioner Cabral is in favor of removing this intersection from the list.

Commissioner Feather inquired if there would be a cost involved in the construction of this traffic signal.

Mr. Candelaria responded that typically a new traffic signal is approximately \$250,000.00. However, this signal is not going to design or construction at this time. This public hearing is only to determine if this intersection should remain on the Signal Priority list.

Commissioner Ashland inquired if there would be another public hearing at the Traffic Commission to determine if the signal should be constructed.

Mr. Candelaria explained to the Commission that once the Priority Signal list is approved by this Commission staff then proceeds on to have the list approved by City Council. Council must approve any changes made to the Signal Priority list. When staff takes a signal to the design and construction phase it first must go to Council for approval as well.

Commissioner Alejandro inquired if there were any signal now being considered for design and construction.

Staff referred the Commission to the Signal Priority list. Number one on the list would be the first to be designed and constructed should funding become available.

Commissioner Ashland asked if the list must have six signals on it.

Staff explained the procedure by which intersections are put on the list. There is no set number the list must have; it depends on the requests from the public and whether or not each requested intersection meets the criteria for being put on the list.

Commissioner Alejandro asked for clarification of the point system, i.e. if an intersection gets 45 points after the study is complete and the warrants are met where on the list would it be located?

Staff commented that this would then become number one on the list because it would have the highest point value and therefore the highest priority of being constructed.

Commissioner Alejandro inquired if there was funding available for number one on the list at this time.

Staff responded that the grant was denied for number one on the list and there is no funding available at this time for design and construction of the traffic signal at West Street and Wilken Way.

Commissioner Lindsay voiced his concern that should the City come into one and a half million dollars earmarked to build traffic signals all six signals currently on the list would be constructed without the Traffic Commission for approval of construction.

Staff responded once the Traffic Commission approves the list, City Council would approve it next and the signals would be built based on this approved list and the approval for construction would not come back through the Traffic Commission for its' approval again.

Commissioner Lindsay moved, seconded by Commissioner Cabral to strike the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Gilbert Street from the Signal Priority List.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**AYES: Commissioners: Ashland, Lindsay, Feather and Cabral**

**NOES: Commissioner Alejandro**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Red Curb**  
**Lampson Avenue**  
**Groveview Street**

The staff report was introduced by Dai Vu requesting a red curb on the south side of Lampson Avenue west of Groveview Street.

Ava Conn, 12502 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. She opposes any additional red curb. She believes more red curb will impede the parking on Lampson Street and vehicles will end up parking on Groveview Street and Fletcher Street. She doesn't believe there are enough vehicles that turn left out onto Lampson to warrant the extra red curb.

George Christiansen, 12702 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. There is a site distance problem (turning left). He is in favor of the red curb.

Marcia Christiansen, 12702 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. She is in favor of the red curb.

H & K Takegumu, 12691 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. She is in favor of the red curb.

Patricia McCowan, 12621 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. She is in favor of the red curb.

Jeff Haw, 12501 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. He is opposed to any extra red curb. Mr. Haw owns the white van that the neighbors' claim block the view on Lampson. Mr. Haw is willing to relocate his vehicle to help clear up some of the site distance problem. He also believes that if there is more red curb on Lampson it will put more parked vehicles on Groveview.

Ben Dunn, 12512 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. He is in favor of the red curb.

Bertha McGuire, 12662 Groveview Street, addressed the Commission. She is in favor of the red curb.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired as to the history of the current red curb that is in place.

Staff responded that this was an answer to a previous resident complaint. The reason more was not installed was because if staff installed the ideal amount of red curbing necessary at all intersections parking would be difficult at best and the city would be inundated with red curb.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired as to how many parking spaces would be eliminated by putting in the 128' of red curb.

Staff responded that at least five to six parking spaces would be eliminated. Commissioner Alejandro agreed with staff's recommendation to install the red curb.

Commissioner Lindsay motioned, seconded by Commissioner Cabral to approve staff's recommendation to paint red curb on the south side of Lampson Avenue west of Groveview Street.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**AYES:** Commissioners: Alejandro, Ashland, Cabral, Feather, and Lindsay  
**NOES:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**ABSENT:**

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Alejandro inquired if there will be a workshop in November. Staff noted that they had not received any information as yet.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired about the sidewalk under the SR 22 and any news from Caltrans.

Staff commented that money is the issue, not the permit. The City is not in a financial position at this time to build the sidewalk. The budget has already been approved and any pending projects have been funded by grant money. Staff continues to look for grant money.

Commissioner Alejandro inquired about a resident request from the July1, 2008 meeting who requested an on-street disabled parking space.

Staff replied that once she understood that the space was not specifically her own personal space and anyone with the appropriate placard or signage could park there she rescinded her requested.

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

Mr. Candelaria introduced Tony Aquino and Dai Vu and informed the Commission that they would be introducing their own staff reports.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Rosemarie Jacot  
Recording Secretary**