Transportation and Public Works Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday – September 19, 2011
City Council Chambers
809 Center Street

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Roll Call Chair: Schlenger, Vice-Chair: Pomerantz, Commissioners: McKee, Noroyan, and Searle

Absent with Notification Commissioners Garza and Elston

Staff Mark Dettle, Robert Solick, Christophe J. Schneiter, James Burr, Nathan Nguyen, V. Anne Lynch

Public 13

Presentations

- *Climate Adaptation Planning** by *Robert Solick*

Statements of Disqualification None

Oral Communications

- Debbie Bulger recently observed the roundabout at Depot Park for an hour and a half as part of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition. She notes that Pedestrian safety has improved and drivers don't have to stop pedestrians. She recommends "sharrows" lane markings to instruct bikers to take the lane. Pedestrians cross the street where the sidewalk disappears on bike shop side towards downtown.

Announcements

- Commissioner McKee suggested moving up Item 3 on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

1. *Transportation and Public Works Commission Minutes of May 16, 2011**

Motion carried to approve minutes of May 16, 2011 as submitted.

Consent *None*

General Business Item 3 addressed out of order before Item 2 by Commission

2. *2011-2015 Engineering and Traffic Survey* *
   There were two corrections noted by James Burr, Transportation Manager, on the submitted report: 1) Attachment 1 "prima facie" misspelling; 2) Segment 47 on the map has wrong limits.

Public Comment:

- Debbie Bulger feels that speeders set our speed limits and would like the city to add traffic calming to city streets. Her group, Mission Pedestrian, does not approve of this item. Also she would like to add an amendment that lowers speed limit to 20 mph in school zones.

Motion carried to recommend that City Council 1) adopt a resolution to certify the Engineering and Traffic Survey 2011-2015 for radar enforcement on certain streets and rescind resolution NS 27-024, and 2) introduce an ordinance amending Section 10.60.010 of

the Municipal Code pertaining to increase of local speed limits, with friendly amendment if feasible that traffic calming measures be studied.

3. *Laurel Street Pedestrian Improvements**

Public Comment:

- Jeffree Lee would like a traffic light investigated. Parking is a problem by removing 19 spaces. Could the city use the empty field?
- Wendy Pasquin is concerned with the trees on north side that need trimming to safely enter traffic. She feels that Laurel Street needs be repaved for bike safety.
- Chris Zegers feels speed uphill is an issue as well as cutting into the bike lane by cars. Could the city add a light at Felix?
- Keresha Durham said the trees at Walti and Felix need trimming. Ms. Durham said these improvements and traffic calming are necessary and is in favor of this project. She is concerned about car door clearance for bikes passing parked cars.
- Trish Unruh feels that the accident count is low because of unreported accidents. She likes the left turn pockets and is happy to give up close parking for a safer street. There are two issues: 1) cars during evening commute do not see the bikes passing on their right and make turns into them, 2) the bike lane ends at the top of the hill between California and Mission this needs to be addressed in the future.
- Michelle Taniguchi appreciates the commissions' work and suggests a crosswalk be placed at Myrtle for students and better lighting in the area.
- Debbie Bulger, representing Mission Pedestrians, is happy to see this project and design that will increase bike and pedestrian safety. She recommends bringing the speed survey data to the City Council Meeting. Ms. Bulger would like to work with the high school to save the magnolia heritage trees. She also suggests adding two bollards on the bike lane line at the curve.
- Ms. Pasquin noted that when pushing a stroller on California and Laurel you have to go into the street to go down the hill.

Motion carried to recommend that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for Laurel Street Pedestrian Improvements project, provide additional funding for the project, and authorize staff to advertise for bids, with friendly amendment adding trimming of the trees, effort to preserve heritage trees, add signage warning of bike traffic.

Commission suggested forming a Traffic Calming Sub-Committee with Commissioners McKee, Searle, and Pomerantz.

Information Items

4. *American Society of Civil Engineers "Failure to Act: The Economic Impact of Current Investment Trends in Surface Transportation" Executive Summary**

**Written materials provided.*

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

- Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force, Alan Schlenger
  Single bag use ordinance was passed by the County in September goes into effect in 6 months. County is on path with their Eco-Park. City is only interested in the composting portion. Mark Dettle added that there will be a pilot program for commercial food waste grindings in the Wastewater Treatment Facility digester.
- Ad Hoc Committee for Refuse Rates — Not established yet; no report

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- How items get on the agenda (November)
- Process for review of agenda (November)
- Refuse Collection on Monthly or Bi-monthly basis
- Single person utility/refuse rate as separate, lower cost category
- Grey Water Ordinance / Update
- West Cliff Drive Path Pavement Rehab
- Lighthouse Point erosion control plan/Update
- City plans for green Streets, Pervious Surfaces/ Update
- Review of CIP Unfunded Projects (November)
- Plan for Highway 1/9 Improvements including Harvey West emergency exit and Hwy 1 bridge widening / Project Updates

Adjournment at 9:57 pm

The Transportation and Public Works Commission will adjourn from the September 19, 2011 regularly scheduled meeting to the next scheduled meeting on November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.