



**MINUTES**  
City of Cathedral City  
**STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

City Hall - Study Session Room  
68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero  
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Date: APRIL 20, 2006  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
(Monthly Meetings- Third Thursday)

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**Commissioners:**

**James Navarro (Chairman), Harold Blumberg (Vice Chairman),  
Rosalina Nava, William Baker, Art Gregoire**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners: Navarro, Nava, Baker, Gregoire.  
Also attending: Robert Mohler- Streets & Transportation Commission Staff Liaison.
- II. **APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:** Commissioner Blumberg absent (Unanimous Commission approval)
- III. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (MARCH 16, 2006)**  
Moved by Baker, Second by Gregorie and unanimously approved by the Commission.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (Items not related to agenda items listed below): NONE  
(Note: Four local residents spoke under New Business- Item #1)
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:** (Four residents addressed Commission regarding their petition ref. Item #1):
  1. **Traffic Calming Request in "Tapestry Tract" area (N.E. of Mc Callum Way & Santoro Drive):**  
The following "Tapestry" area (west of Century Park) residents spoke: Bill and Robert Nilsen, (69731 Willow Lane), Joe Di Rienzo (69516 Willow Lane), and Amy Farhi (69591 Pleasant Grove). A petition was submitted to City (signed by 45 residents) on 4/5/06, requesting improved Traffic Calming measures primarily on Willow Lane and Sterling Road, due to speeding motorists on those residential streets. The petition requests: Improved Traffic Calming Devices (Speed Humps), and Increased use of Stop Signs and Safety Signage. Staff had met with 3 Willow Lane residents on 4/11/06 to review 2 exist. Speed Humps on Willow (installed in late 1990's), which appear to be too low, (2 ½" high vs. 3 ½" high in other cities) and don't slow traffic as intended. Amy Farhi complained about speeders on Pleasant Grove & Brighton Way as well.  
**Recommendations of Commission:** 1. Install "yellow centerline stripes with reflectors" on curves at Willow & Sterling, and at Pleasant Grove & Brighton Way; 2. Add "Slow for Oncoming Traffic" and "Children at Play" signs in both neighborhoods; 3. Conduct warrants study for added stop sign at SW corner at Walden Way & Willow Lane; 4. Study methods of improving the 2 Speed Humps on Willow Lane (possibly raising height 1-inch) with paving to 3 ½" high to slow speeders.  
(Motion by Navarro, Second by Gregorie, unanimous approval by Commission).

2. Proposed Joint-City Maintenance Agreement with Palm Springs for 3 Ramon Rd. Traffic Signals: (Signals located on common border between PS/CC at 1. San Luis Rey, 2. Crossley, 3. Landau) Recommend for Approval by City Council (Motion-Baker, Second-Navarro; unanimous approval).

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:** (updates by Commission liaison Mohler):

1. Proposed City-Wide Striping Plan- Discussed proposal from Dale Bolls, Public Works Manager, to purchase a Striping Machine to do City-Wide Striping in-house rather than by contract crews at a lower cost. No additional staff will be required, using existing Public Works personnel.
2. Illuminated Street Name Signs- Traffic Tech Wayne Walker is conducting an inventory and condition survey to determine the status of the deteriorating illuminated signs on the 43 City Traffic Signals. A signal equipment supplier (Carmanah) is trying to get approval to install free test LED signs for two intersections: 1. Date Palm & Perez, and 2. Ramon & San Luis Rey. The modern LED type signs are low energy & long lasting. Staff is estimating costs to budget for replacement of all illuminated street name signs (approx. 4 X 43 signals= 172 signs) for upcoming FY 06/07 budget.
3. Commission Review of New Development Projects- Commission at 3/16/06 Mtg. asked to review any significant new development that affects General Plan Streets (Esp. Major, Secondary & Collectors). Staff to help formulate a "threshold of significance" to determine candidate projects.
4. Date Palm & Market Place Traffic Signal- At 3/16 Commission Mtg. Hui Lai was authorized to investigate problem with traffic delays on Date Palm due to this signal, that may or may not meet traffic warrants. Lai is providing a cost estimate to do a traffic warrants study for the City.
5. Sunflower Safety Signs- Council authorized 40 more signs at 10 more intersections on 3/22 at the sole expense of local residents Marc & Patti Breslow (now 80 signs total). Persons or companies can sponsor signs for \$250 ea. (incl. "sponsored-by" sign) by phoning the Breslows at 202-0792.
6. E. Palm Canyon Dr. "future Traffic" Route Alternatives (Hui Lai Study "B")- The Commission had met jointly with City Council twice (on Jan. 12 & Feb. 16) to discuss 3 Alternatives: 1. Widen Officer David Vasquez to 4-lanes; 2. Perez Rd. Route; or 3. Widen EPC to 6-lanes (Ref. the CVAG projection of 50% Traffic Increase on EPC by year 2020 to 55,000 cars/day). The Commission was unclear how to proceed next, as another joint meeting was requested by Council on 2/16/06 but no date has been set for the Council requested 3<sup>rd</sup> joint meeting.

VII. **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS:**

The Commission requested guidance from the City Council on how to proceed next with Item #6 above. They felt the original urgency in moving ahead with route selection was based on the City's desire to preserve right-of-way for one of the selected routes, via a General Plan amendment before current and future development effectively closes off route options.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Next meeting: May 18, 2006 (Commission meetings are now scheduled "Monthly" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday).