



MEETING MINUTES

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Date: August 16, 2007
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
(Monthly Meetings- Third Thursday)

COMMISSIONERS:

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

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners: Navarro, Blumberg, Nava, Baker & Gregoire.
Also attending: Robert Mohler- Traffic Manager (S&T Commission Liaison); (PD: Capt. Kevin Conner, Sgt. Carl Wolford, Lt. Chuck Robinson); and Darlene Bourgeau- Big Lots shopping center rep.; (Warren Bradshaw- Housing Director & Leisa Lukes- Planning Director, ref item #3 under new business).
- II. **APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:** N/A
- III. **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES:** (of June 28 2007 Meeting):
Motion: Baker, Second: Navarro, (Gregoire abstained) the Commission approved the 6/28/07 Minutes.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (not related to agenda items below): None
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. **Cathedral City Parking Regulations Ordinance:** 1st reading of amended Parking Ord. was approved by City Council on 8/8/07. Council asked for Commission to review, and (above) Police Dept. reps, made presentation to Commission. The existing ordinance was lacking and Police Dept. recommended Sec. 12.56.090 "Nighttime Commercial Vehicle Parking Prohibition", & Sec. 12.28.150 "Recreational Vehicle Parking Restrictions", to give enforcement officers more authority to deal with obvious (Commercial & RV) vehicle parking violations, primarily initiated by complaints from the public. After much discussion: Motion: by Baker, Second: Blumberg, the Amended Ordinance was recommended unanimously for approval by the Commission (5-0). The Parking Ordinance amendments go back to City Council for 2nd Reading in September.
 2. **Date Palm/Vasquez Alignment Study:** Council approved study with W2 Design, Inc. on 7/11/07. Study is well on it's way and W2 Design will have the draft report available for the Commission's first review in Oct.
 3. **Crossley Road (General Plan Amendment as "Collector" n/o Ramon):** City Planning & Housing Directors gave Commission a briefing on proposed Gen.Plan Amendment which would designate Crossley Rd. a Collector north of Ramon Rd. in two segments: a. (Ramon to Desert Primrose Trail= 60' Collector), b. (Desert Primrose to Chia Place)= 46' Modified Collector. The Modified Collector is designed to accommodate right-of-way acquisitions that Housing proposes to acquire from Dream Homes residents along the east side of the tract. Cathedral City and developer Traffic Engineers are analyzing the future projected traffic generated from proposed development projects along the Crossley extension, as well as a potential traffic option for Dream residents, who could use the new Crossley connection to Ramon Rd. as an easterly access in lieu of using San Luis Rey. Palm Springs inquired about traffic impacts to Ramon/Crossley Intersection, which is 50/50 in CC/PS (N. ½ in CC), and Hui Lai is responding (CC&PS both focusing primarily on future Level of Service (LOS) issues). Motion for approval: Baker; Second: Gregoire (Motion Passed 4-1). Leisa Lukes plans to take the Crossley Road General Plan Amendment to City Council for approval in September.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:** (Updates by R. Mohler to Commission)

1. FY 2007/08 TRAFFIC C.I.P. Budget (Status): Sheila McGrath issued PO's for purchase of Battery Backups, New Controllers, Video Detection Cameras, and ISNS Signs (see below).
2. New "Illuminated Street Name Signs" (First 10 ISNS signs being mfg., Pat Milos' crews to install). This will be a 2-year program to install some 111 ISNS overhead signs (Blue Background w/White Letters on LED sign) at 28 or more signalized intersections throughout Cathedral City. Once the sign deliveries begin to come in, Pat's crews hope to install 2 intersections per month, in between their other on-going assignments. The signs will include: City Logo, Street Name & Block Number.
3. New Federal Standards for Intersection Street Name Signs: Staff distributed a clarification letter from FHWA/MUTCD explaining a 2012 deadline for agencies nationwide to adopt improved Street Name signs for Major, Collector and Residential intersections with better reflectivity & larger letters for improved visibility. Due to lateness of 8/16 mtg., Commission will discuss further at their September meeting.

VII. **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS:** Leisa Lukes asked for a Commissioner to volunteer to be on a Steering Committee for the NORTH CITY SPECIFIC PLAN (Study by the Arroyo Group). The Steering Committee will include the consultant, City staff, a member of each City Commission and appointees Leisa said. Art Gregoire volunteered to represent the Streets & Transportation Commission on the Steering Committee.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next Commission Meeting: September 20, 2007