



# MEETING MINUTES

## STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

DATE: February 21, 2008  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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### COMMISSIONERS:

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

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners: Navarro, Blumberg, Baker and Gregoire.  
Also attending, Robert Mohler- Traffic Manager (Commission Liaison).
- II. **APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:** Commissioner Nava called Chairman Navarro, explaining a family illness.  
Motion to approve absence: Navarro, Second: Gregoire, Nava's absence was approved by the Commission.
- III. **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES:** (Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008). Motion: Baker, Second: Navarro, (Gregoire abstained- not at 1/22 mtg.), the Minutes were approved by the Commission.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (not related to agenda items below): Visitor Gary Lueders- Rancho Mirage resident, representing the Coachella Valley Community Trails Alliance. Mr. Lueders said he had also addressed the Cathedral City Parks & Recreation Commission on Feb. 19th about his group's concern for improving bike trails throughout Coachella Valley. He mentioned an email addressed to Councilman Greg Pettis dated 2/20/08, which listed a variety of bikeway concerns in Cathedral City, as well as other locations in Coachella Valley addressing: Sand, Signage, Traffic Control, Trail Extensions, etc. He mentioned that his Trails Alliance is putting together a valley-wide bikeway map to assist local & visiting bikers. Mohler said he and Public Works Manager Pat Milos would meet Mr. Lueders in the field to address his Cathedral City bikeway concerns.  
\*(See attached- Mr. Lueders' 2/20/08 email, received by staff after meeting, regarding local bikeway concerns).
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Two East Palm Canyon Traffic Studies approved by City Council on February 13, 2008:
  - a. Study authorized for W2 Design, Inc. to study costs, right of way needs and traffic impacts of widening E. Palm Canyon Drive from 4 to possibly 5 or 6 lanes, in downtown primarily from Date Palm to Perez.
  - b. Study authorized for Hui Lai, City Traffic Engineer to conduct Traffic Signal Warrants Study on E. Palm Canyon Dr. (12 signals), to improve downtown traffic flow and determine if any signals can be eliminated.2. Riv. County & Caltrans requests for City participation in signal maintenance costs on Palm Dr. (ref: annexation).
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:** 1. Status: FY 2007/08 Traffic Division CIP Budget (City-wide Traffic Signal system upgrades).  
2. SPEEDsentry Radar Sign speed surveys in local residential neighborhoods (surprising high speeds noted).
- VII. **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS:** 1. Gregoire: Send results of Elna Way Speeds Survey. 2. Navarro:
  - a. Inquired about Date Palm widening (I-10 to Varner), b. Noted \$15 Mil. approved by CVAG for valley roads.
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM. Next regular Commission Mtg: 6:30 PM, March 20, 2008.  
(Note: Commission meetings are routinely held Monthly on the third Thursday, in the Study Session Room)  
\*ATTACHMENT: 2/20/08 email from Gary Lueders, Coachella Valley Community Trails Alliance