

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**January 26, 2010**

\*\*\*THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMISSION.\*\*\*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Cesar Cano called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Public Works Office Specialist, Maria Padilla, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Commissioners: Commissioner Cesar Cano (Veres)  
Commissioner Angel Zobel-Rodríguez (De La Torre)  
Commissioner Sylvia Ballin (M. Hernández)  
Commissioner José Ruelas (E. Hernández)  
Commissioner Ralph Perez (Esqueda)

ALSO PRESENT: PW Director, Ron Ruiz  
Police Sergeant, Kevin Glasgow  
Public Works Office Specialist, Maria Padilla

ABSENT:

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Cano led the pledge.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez motioned to approve the Transportation & Safety Commission agenda for January 26, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ballin. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Ruelas motioned to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2009, Transportation & Safety Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ballin. The motion carried unanimously.

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### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

The Commission allowed Public Comments during the discussion of agenda items.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Oath of Office, Ralph Perez** – Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Ralph Perez by Commissioner Cesar Cano.
2. **1101 Mott Street** – Ron Ruiz briefed the Commission on the issue. Mr. Ruiz met with the resident to discuss the resident's concern. As a way of providing additional parking on Mott Street, there was a reduction of the red curbing. Commissioner Ballin thanked Mr. Ruiz for helping solve the issue.
3. **Maclay Speed Limits** – Commissioner Ballin asked that the various speed limits on Maclay be revisited. After discussion, the Commission agreed with Commissioner Ballin's request of taking the issue back to City staff and report back to the Commission at a later meeting.
4. **Elementary School #8** – Maria Cano – LAUSD Regional Manager for Community Outreach Boddy Einsenberg - Senior Manager and Rimas Tumas –Owner's Representative briefed the Commission on the design and progress of the construction. The team also addressed the Commission's traffic concerns. Ms. Cano provided the Commission with a project fact sheet. Traffic signal designs will be provided to Public Works when they become available.
5. **O'Melveny/Workman Stop Signs** – Ron Ruiz briefed the Commission on the request for stop signs or other traffic controls at O'Melveny and Workman. Residents attended a prior Council meeting to voice their concerns. The Council directed staff to look into the matter. Staff has visited the site, met with residents, and issue was taken to the traffic consultant for further analysis. Initial results by traffic engineer were that location does not qualify for stop signs. Traffic volume and traffic speed criteria were not met. Although the site does not qualify for stop signs, the Commission can make a recommendation to the City Council to approve the stop signs. This item is agendaized for the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Mr. Ruiz mentioned that there was also a request for stop signs on Kalisher and O'Melveny.

Gabriel Villaseñor (327 O'Melveny) – Mr. Villaseñor expressed concern regarding pedestrian safety. He would like stop signs installed at O'Melveny and Workman. Mr. Villaseñor stated that he has a petition with 119 signatures.

Salvador Ponce (763 Kalisher) – Mr. Ponce stated that his main concern was the safety of the families crossing Workman/O'Melveny. Mr. Ponce encouraged Commissioners to visit the site.

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Ron Ruiz went over different scenarios involving the installation of stop signs O'Melveny and Workman. There is a driveway and light pole that would have to be relocated and sidewalk replaced. Mr. Ruiz stated that the Council would be informed of these scenarios.

Commissioner Perez - will visit site at different times to observe traffic.

Commissioner Ruelas - believes that measures can be taken to improve safety.

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez – sees a need to find a way of slowing people down as they come into the City. One of her biggest concerns is making sure that the right thing is done and that the solution makes sense and does not add on to the problem.

Sgt. Glasgow – Sympathizes with issues brought forth by the residents. According to data, that particular intersection does not show a significant amount of risk (just based on number of traffic collisions that have occurred at that location). Sgt. Glasgow stated that when there is an intersection (any kind of intersection) whether there is a crosswalk painted there or not, there is still a pedestrian right-of-way. Enforcement goes both ways – 1) Drivers can get cited for not yielding to pedestrians. 2) Pedestrian can get cited for stepping off the curb when vehicles are close enough to present a hazard.

Commissioner Ruelas stated that it make sense to putting some extra effort to fining people that are breaking the law at that location.

Sgt. Glasgow stated that a pedestrian sting can be arranged at Workman and O'Melveny. An officer can be stationed for couple of hours a day on random days. Sgt. Glasgow stated that if the Commission recommends the crosswalk sting, it is very easy to arrange and it can be done on a trial basis. If there are a lot of violations, it can continue to be done until the violation rate goes down. All the Commissioners favored the crosswalk sting.

Commissioner Cano motioned to move this issue to council and have staff present them will all the possible solution as well as the enforcement side, and all the dollar amounts involved. Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Morningside Court–One way street – Ron Ruiz updated the Commission on the issue. Left – hand turn request was denied. The Commissioners were provided a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Oliver Ramirez. Mr. Ruiz thanked Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez for attending the meeting with Mr. Ramirez (site visit).
2. Jessie Street-Speed Humps – Ron Ruiz informed the Commission that the overall consensus was for no speed humps at this location.
3. High Speed Rail – Mr. Ruiz briefed the Commission on the information that was provided at the last Council meeting.
4. Commission Task List – Commissioners discussed the task list with staff.

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**COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez welcomed Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Ruelas welcomed Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Ballin welcomed Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Perez stated he is thrilled to be part of the Commission.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Ron Ruiz offered Commissioner Perez a tour of Public Works.

Sgt. Glasgow offered Commissioner Perez a tour of the Police Department. Sgt. Glasgow commented on the High Speed Rail project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

\*\*The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Ballin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ruelas. The motion carried unanimously.