

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

**September 21, 2011**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Ballin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Public Works Office Specialist, Maria Padilla, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Commissioner Phillip Ballin (S. Ballin)  
Commissioner David Mendoza (López)  
Commissioner Ralph Pérez -7:10 p.m. (Esqueda)  
Commissioner Angel Zobel-Rodríguez (De La Torre)  
Commissioner Cecilia Martínez (Hernández)

ALSO PRESENT: PW Director, Ron Ruiz  
PW Office Specialist, Maria Padilla  
Police Sergeant, Nichole Hanchett

ABSENT:

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ballin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Cecilia Martinez by Mr. Ron Ruiz, Public Works Director.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez motioned to approve the Transportation & Safety Commission agenda for September 21, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mendoza. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the August 17, 2011, Transportation & Safety Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mendoza. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

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Richard Avila (Lazard Street) – Mr. Avila inquired about getting street lights installed on Lazard Street between Fourth and Fifth Street. Mr. Avila turned in a petition signed by neighbors. Mr. Avila also inquired about having street humps installed. Staff will be conducting preliminary analysis of the area.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Street Lights on Lazard St. (between Fourth and Fifth St.)** – Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that there are currently no funds budgeted for installation of street lights. The only option available now would be for residents to pay for street lights.

Mr. Richard Avila (Lazard Street) – Mr. Avila asked that street lights be budgeted in the future when funds become available.

2. **Street Humps on Lazard St. (between Fourth and Fifth St.)** – Traffic count was done and data collected does not meet the criteria for speed humps.

Mr. Richard Avila (Lazard Street) – Mr. Avila asked that traffic count data be overlooked and street humps be installed if possible.

3. **Trolley Route Consolidation** – Mr. Ruiz provided the Commission with an update of the proposed Trolley Route Consolidation. Currently there is a Route A and B, but in the near future there will only be one consolidated route. Mr. Ruiz brief Commission on the proposed route. Some of the proposed stops are Sam's Club, Swap Meet, La Rinda Plaza, and the new high school.

A special joint meeting of the Public Safety, Veterans Affairs, Technology and Transportation (PVT) Standing Committee and Transportation & Safety Commission will be scheduled to test run the proposed trolley route.

4. **Bus Shelters** – Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that the PVT Standing Committee will be looking at 6 potential types of bus shelters and choosing 3. The 3 selected styles will be presented to City Council for final decision. Mr. Ruiz would like to bring this issue to the Commission for input. Some of the criteria being looked at: aesthetics, maintenance issue, and vandalism issue.
5. **New Bike Path Construction** – The Commission was informed of plans to continue the existing bike path that runs through the City. The City of Los Angeles will finish constructing the bike path behind Cesar Chavez Memorial. Mr. Ruiz will bring drawings to next meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Valley Regional High School #5** – Mr. Ruiz provided update. Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez was present the first day the school started and stated she felt it (traffic/safety issues) went well.

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Mr. Ruiz thanked Principal Padilla for her involvement.

Item to be removed from the agenda.

2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Transportation & Safety Commission-** Item tabled.
3. **Nueva Esperanza Charter School-** Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that the pick up was an issue on the first day, but has worked out well after that. Item to be removed from the agenda.
4. **Brand and O'Melveny Traffic Signal Light –** Mr. Ruiz provided the Commission with a list of suggested improvements. Sgt. will provide information to the Neighborhood Watch group. Item to be removed from the agenda.
5. **Commission Task List –** Commissioners discussed the task list with staff.

### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez welcomed Commissioner Martinez.

Commissioner Perez welcomed Commissioner Martinez.

Commissioner Ballin mentioned faded red curbs up and down Maclay Ave (towards Foothill).

Commissioner Martinez asked if red curb on Maclay Ave. near Morningside Court could be extended.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Ruiz welcomed Commissioner Martinez and offered her a tour of PW Facilities.

Sgt. Hanchett welcomed Commissioner Martinez and offered tour of Police Department. Sgt. Hanchett encouraged Commissioners to come out to the OTS Operations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.