

**CITY OF DIAMOND BAR  
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 11, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair/Mehta called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Diamond Bar City Hall Windmill Community Room, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Pechy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Mahendra Garg, Ed Pechy, Vice Chair Cynthia Quan, and Chair Surendra Mehta.

Also Present: Kimberly Young, Senior Civil Engineer; Christian Malpica, Associate Engineer (Traffic); John Beshay, Associate Engineer; and Marcy Hilario, Administrative Coordinator.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of the April 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

VC/Quan moved, C/Pechy seconded, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2017. Motion carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Garg, Pechy, VC/Quan, Chair/Mehta
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**III. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

A. Traffic Enforcement Update:

1. Citations: February, March and April 2017
2. Collisions: February, March and April 2017
3. Street Sweeping: February, March and April 2017

C/Pechy asked why there were more street sweeping citations this year over last year. SCE/Young responded that the increase could be for many reasons: There is an additional citation officer who issues citations on Fridays because the primary CSO

works only four days a week (Monday through Thursday). It may also be because of additional street parking on Fridays and/or more aggressive patrolling by the Sheriff's Department.

Chair/Mehta asked how many days a week there is street sweeping. SCE/Young explained that street sweeping is done every day of the week Monday through Friday every other week, except for the months of December and January when street sweeping is done every week.

VC/Quan noticed that April was a much better month than February and March with respect to collisions. She asked if the DUI collisions involved individuals over or under 21. SCE/Young responded that DUI collisions refer to individuals driving under the influence and does not take age into consideration.

VC/Quan moved, C/Garg seconded to Receive and File the Traffic Enforcement Update for February, March and April 2017. Motion carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Garg, Pechy, VC/Quan, Chair/Mehta
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	C/Mirzaei

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**VI. STATUS OF PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS:** None

**VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

C/Garg referred to the April minutes regarding Item VI which mentioned an LED street light request on Diamond Bar Boulevard @ Cold Spring Lane. He asked for clarification about Rule 20A, as he is not familiar with it. SCE/Young explained Rule 20A is a portion of the fees that Edison collects from rate payers that is set aside for Diamond Bar to use on major infrastructure projects such as the example PWD/Liu gave at the last meeting. All of the street lights on Diamond Bar Boulevard, north of the freeway, were installed with Rule 20A funding when Edison undergrounded all of the overhead powerlines and street lights. SCE/Young offered to provide printed information, if available.

C/Pechy said he noticed a lot of sidewalk repair along Golden Springs Drive east of Diamond Bar Boulevard and up into the adjoining neighborhoods. He wondered if that was part of the information covered under Informational Items. SCE/Young replied that this activity is part of the City's annual maintenance for designated areas of which there are seven. Typically, the City works on one area each year. However, the City has increased from one to two areas per year in order to repair sidewalks in a

timelier manner. Since this is part of on-going maintenance performed regularly, it is not highlighted as an Informational Item, where critical projects are discussed.

#### VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. **Traffic Signal Infrastructure Upgrades Project/Phase I thru Phase III** – AE/Malpica – The final payment for Phase I was made to the contractor and the project has been completed and closed. Phase II is tentatively scheduled to begin June 5<sup>th</sup> and plans are currently under review for Phase III.
- B. **Adaptive Traffic Control Signal System/RFP** – AE/Malpica – Staff continues to work with the City's consultant to complete the Request for Proposals by June.
- C. **Copley Drive/Golden Springs Drive Intersection Enhancements** – AE/Malpica – The design phase will begin within the next couple of weeks.

Chair/Mehta asked about the type of enhancements planned for the intersection. AE/Malpica explained that the design will include the following enhancements: 1.) Converting the left turn lane, on westbound Golden Springs Drive (turning onto Copley Drive), from protective/permissive left turn phasing to protective only. This means cars turning left will only be able to do so during the left turn arrow phase; 2.) New video detection cameras will be installed at the intersection; 3.) The northwest corner traffic signal pole will be upgraded; 4.) A right turn restriction will be implemented on northbound Copley Drive (turning right onto Golden Springs Drive); 5.) New CCTV cameras will be installed at the intersection; and 6.) The intersection timing will be modified.

C/Garg asked about the start date of construction and the approximate completion date. AE/Malpica stated that the entire project is slated to be completed is about 30 days, depending on the availability of materials.

- D. **Battery Backup Project** – AE/Malpica – Construction is slated to begin next week with installation of 20 new units throughout the City.
- E. **Area 5 Road Maintenance Project/Brea Canyon Cutoff Improvements** – AE/Beshay – The Area 5 Road Maintenance Project will consist of crack sealing and slurry sealing as part of the annual pavement management program. Brea Canyon Cut-off improvements include enhancement of drainage as well as, street overlay. The project was advertised May 8<sup>th</sup> and bids will open May 25<sup>th</sup>. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$1.8 million and the project is expected to be completed within 60 working days once work commences.
- F. **Lemon Avenue Interchange Project** – SCE/Young – Construction continues in this area. To date, no overnight street closures for storm drain work has been requested, which was expected for late March/April. The focus of the

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project has been changed to get the retaining walls completed along what will be the eastbound on and off-ramps and one retaining wall on the westbound on-ramp. Foundations are being poured and within the next couple of weeks the decorative walls will be installed. The project is scheduled to be completed by early spring 2018.

- G. SR-57/60 Confluence Project** – SCE/Young – Construction on the westbound on-ramp and off-ramp continues. The original plan was to complete the westbound on-ramp by fall of 2017; however, the contractor expects a delay of the retaining wall construction until early to mid-2018 to complete. Congestion is heavy on the SR-57 southbound, where the SR-57/60 freeways merge, due to traffic being forced to merge sooner than normal, which is part of the phasing and requirement to construct the new improved westbound off-ramp.

Chair Mehta inquired about the specifics of the SR-60 freeway construction at Grand Avenue with respect to where the new westbound on-ramp will merge with the mainline and the excavation of the existing westbound on-ramp landscape area. SCE/Young replied that she will bring specifics of the two ramp projects to the next meeting.

- H. Grand Avenue/Golden Springs Drive Intersection Improvements Update** – SCE/Young – This project continues to move forward with the design process. Staff is finishing plan check of the plans for this City of Industry project that lies within the City of Diamond Bar. The landscape design should be finished within the next few months and the City of Industry negotiations will continue for them to obtain the right-of-way from the golf course. It is expected that the project will go out to bid in October, with construction to commence prior to or just after the holidays.

- I. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) – (Armitos Place Neighborhood)** SCE/Young – No additional update. Staff continues to wait for team captains to submit signatures for the petitions for staff to proceed with plans and specs. Since staff has received no feedback, this item will likely be removed from the agenda until further input is forthcoming.

**(Crooked Creek Drive)** AE/Malpica – The captain who was chosen to collect signatures for approval of preliminary plans is physically unable to perform those duties; therefore, the residents have been invited to attend the next Traffic and Transportation Commission to express their approval or disapproval of the preliminary plans.

- J. Morning Canyon Road Rehabilitation Project** – SCE/Young – This project was awarded by Council and a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for next week with construction slated to commence shortly thereafter. As previously reported, this project will repair the roadway and widen the parkway for the large stone pine trees.

- K. TR 63623 – Southpointe Residential Development/Larkstone Park –** AE/Aoun – 99 homes are planned to be built in the development. The lower park pad for Larkstone Park is essentially complete, with the exception of some irrigation items. Construction in the park is now focused on the upper pad where the restroom building has been installed. The parking lot is being paved and walkways are being installed.
  
- L. Diamond Bar Ranch Shopping Center (Old Kmart) – Development Update** AE/Aoun – Construction is underway with the large frontage going up on the building. Permits are under consideration for the new building pad that will be the Chipotle/Coffee Bean. The contractor hopes to open the center by the end of this year.

**VI. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE CITY EVENTS:**

As indicated in the agenda.

C/Garg stated he would not be able to attend the June 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Chair/Mehta thanked staff for very efficiently bringing information forward on each item at every meeting. Staff is always on top of each and every project and the projects are moving pretty fast, which is not always the case in other cities.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Traffic and Transportation Commission, Chair/Mehta adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are hereby approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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David G. Liu, Secretary

Attest:

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Chairman Surendra Mehta