

# **REGULAR MEETING of the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES September 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Transportation Commission of the City of Rialto was held in the City Council Chambers located at 150 South Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

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This meeting was in accordance with the provision of the **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Allan Kirst called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and the following Commissioners were present: Allan Kirst, John Plasencia, Joshua Holeman and Stacy Augustine. Michele Aguirre advised the Commission that Vice-Chair Henshaw provided notification that she resigned from the Commission effective September 1, 2019 and both Commissioners Moore and Rodriguez advised that they would be absent. City Staff Present: Azzam Jabshah, Traffic Engineer, Moises Peralta, Assistant Engineer; Ron Russo, Rialto PD Sergeant and Michele Aguirre, Commission Clerk.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting of August 7, 2019**

- ◆ The minutes from the August 7th meeting were reviewed by the Commission and approved as written.
- ◆ Commissioner Holeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7th meeting as written.
- ◆ Commissioner Plasencia seconded the motion.
- ◆ The motion was carried to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting as written.

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### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORT**

Ron Russo, Traffic Division Supervisor reported on the following:

- ◆ Email from Azzam Jabshah regarding truck issue at Linden Avenue and Bohnert Avenue. Russo advised that if any of the Commissioners witness any other issues, to please send him an email at [rrusso@rialtopd.com](mailto:rrusso@rialtopd.com)

#### **Questions, Comments, Issues & Requests**

- ◆ Commissioner Holeman reported several abandoned cars in the north end.
- ◆ Chairperson Kirst reported Big Rig issues at Baseline Road and Ayala Drive and on Riverside from Valley north through the City.

- ◆ Commissioner Augustine discussed an issue with traffic signal timing on Riverside bridge over the I-10 on/off ramps. A discussion ensued regarding the signals and constant issues at that location.
- ◆ Commissioner Holeman reported that he noticed a lot of trucks parking at a vacant business on Locust and Bohnert Avenues. Russo advised he would have Code Enforcement check that location out.
- ◆ Chairperson Kirst suggested that the “No Trucks” signs be made bigger. Jabshah advised that he would talk to Traffic Safety about this.

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## **RUSD LIAISON REPORT**

No Report.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **Focused Traffic Impact Analysis – Warehouse Development on the South Side of Casmalia Street between Locust Avenue and Laurel Avenue**

Jabshah reviewed the staff report and recommendations for the item.

#### **Questions & Comments**

Jabshah and Moises Peralta answered questions and responded to comments from the Commission regarding:

- ◆ Clarification on the issue that trucks for buildings 2 and 3 would have to drive to Ayala Drive to get to the freeways.
- ◆ If a recommendation could be made to the developer to provide an on-site circulation for the traffic signal.
- ◆ If under the Recommendation where it states, “Set final conditions and recommendations related to approval,” is where the Commission would make their recommendations for the developers.
- ◆ If there was enough room to accommodate a left hand turn from Casmalia Street into Laurel Avenue.
- ◆ If a left turn will be included as part of the conditions of approval.
- ◆ The fact that the street was not originally designed as originally planned with all trucks entering the site from one location.
- ◆ If the Commission conditioned to have three (3) access points to enter in to the development would it lessen anything to get in or out or would it help in anyway to get traffic in and out.
- ◆ If there would be a potential for this TIA to come back to the Commission should the developer have issues.

#### **Suggestions, Requests & Recommendations**

- ◆ Jabshah advised that he would be adding one more recommendation to include fair share contribution to the current signal at Laurel Avenue. As a previous develop had the signal installed with the intent to be reimbursed when new developments are built.

- ◆ Chairperson Kirst provided a summary of the Commissions requests and recommendations which were:
  - Reinvestigate utilizing Laurel Avenue as the only ingress/egress point for trucks.
  - Need to provide the necessary fair share for the traffic signal issue at Laurel Avenue, Westbound/Eastbound ramps at Alder Avenue, and improvements at Casmalia Street/Ayala Drive and Ayala Drive/Westbound Ramps only if the revised access is not provided.
- ◆ Chairperson Kirst recommended that the remaining two (2) driveways be for passenger vehicles only and fire and safety.
- ◆ Commission Holeman requested to condition the maximum length for the left turn pocket from Casmalia Street to Laurel Avenue.

#### Concerns

- ◆ Chairperson Kirst expressed concern with the appearance that the impact analysis on Ayala Drive and Casmalia Street included the already approved improvements for the two (2) developments on the west and east sides of Ayala Drive. He pointed out that the LOS for the area would be more at a level E with all the other developments being built in that area.
- ◆ Commissioner Holeman express concern with the back up of trucks at the stop sign at Casmalia Street and Cedar Avenue.
  - A discussion ensued regarding how the trucks would travel around the area.

#### Action

- ◆ Commissioner Augustine made a motion to accept staff's recommendations in addition to the following:
  - To re-investigate the use of Laurel Avenue as the only ingress/egress point for trucks.
  - Provide fair share contribution for the traffic signal at Laurel Avenue.
  - Provide fair share contribution to the Westbound/Eastbound ramps on Alder Avenue.
  - Provide fair share contribution to improvements at Casmalia Street/Ayala Drive and Ayala Drive/westbound Ramps only if the revised access is not provided.
  - The remaining two (2) driveways be for passenger vehicles only and fire and safety access.
  - To require the maximum length for the left turn pocket at Laurel Avenue.
- ◆ Commissioner Holeman seconded the motion.
- ◆ All voted in favor of accepting staff's recommendations in addition to the following:
  - To re-investigate the use of Laurel Avenue as the only ingress/egress point for trucks.
  - Provide fair share contribution for the traffic signal at Laurel Avenue.

- Provide fair share contribution to the Westbound/Eastbound ramps on Alder Avenue.
- Provide fair share contribution to improvements at Casmalia Street/Ayala Drive and Ayala Drive/westbound Ramps only if the revised access is not provided.
- The remaining two (2) driveways be for passenger vehicles only and fire and safety access.
- To require the maximum length for the left turn pocket at Laurel Avenue.

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## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jabsheh provided and update on the following items:

- ◆ Randall Avenue Widening
- ◆ Valley/Cactus/Linden Widening
- ◆ Traffic Signal at Pepper Avenue and Winchester Drive
- ◆ Updating of Traffic Signal Timing through SBCTA
- ◆ Traffic Signal at Maple Avenue and the Pacific Electric Inland Empire Trail
- ◆ Casa Grande Street/Locust Avenue Crosswalk

### **Questions, Comments & Requests**

- ◆ Commissioner Holeman asked about the completion of Casa Grande Street through to Sierra Avenue in Fontana. Chairperson Kirst suggested that Jabsheh contact Fontana to see what their plan is.
- ◆ Commissioner Holeman asked about the Traffic Signal at Riverside and Sierra Avenues. Jabsheh advised that he would be waiting for the new Director to discuss this item.

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## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- ◆ No new additions or deletions.

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## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- ◆ Commissioner Augustine – No Report
- ◆ Commissioner Holeman – Reported the following:
  - Complaints received regarding the traffic signals at Alder Avenue/Casmalia Street, Riverside Avenue/Randall Avenue and Riverside Avenue/Ayala Drive.
  - Issues with cars exiting the right only exit at the ARCO station on Casmalia Street making U-turns at the traffic signal. Requested a No U-Turn Sign if possible.
- ◆ Commissioner Plasencia – No Report
- ◆ Chairperson Kirst – No Report

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

- ◆ Commissioner Plasencia made a motion to adjourn.
- ◆ Commissioner Augustine seconded the motion.
- ◆ The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.