

**CITY OF DIAMOND BAR
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Mehta called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Diamond Bar City Hall Windmill Community Room, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Mehta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Mahendra Garg, Shokoufeh Mirzaei, Cynthia Quan, Vice Chair Surendra Mehta

Absent: Chairman Ed Pechy was excused

Also Present: David Liu, Public Works Director; Fabian Aoun, Assistant Engineer; Christian Malpica, Associate Engineer (Traffic), and Marcy Hilario, Administrative Coordinator.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of the September 8, 2016 Regular Meeting

C/Garg moved, C/Quan seconded, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the September 8, 2016. Motion carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. Traffic Enforcement Update – Continued to the next Regular Meeting.

- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
- VI. **STATUS OF PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS:** None

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

C/Mirzaei said she noticed the green light at the intersection north of Golden Springs Drive (near the old Kmart site) flashing instead of being solid. AE/Malpica explained that the flickering indicates the light it is about to burn out. He assured C/Mirzaei that he would report this to the City's contract maintenance provider to be replaced. She asked if there were any updates regarding the retail stores coming to the Kmart location.

PWD/Liu shared there has been a lot of activity at the Kmart location. Plans have been submitted to the City for review and plan checking. If all moves forward according to schedule, a grocery store will open in that location in the spring of next year. AE/Aoun reported that along with stores that are being upgraded, the former Kmart building will be split into three buildings, one of which will have two tenants. There is a new building proposed on the edge of the shopping center at the Diamond Bar Boulevard driveway which will be split into two portions, one of which will house a coffee/café and a healthy fast food establishment. In addition, the entire parking lot will be repaved and the left turn pocket proceeding north on Diamond Bar Boulevard will be lengthened to accommodate the new/additional traffic. Plans are under review and although he is not at liberty to say what tenants will occupy the buildings, he believes residents will be pleased. PWD/Liu stated there would be a health/grocery store, a coffee house (not Starbucks), a pet supply store, a clothing store and one to be determined. In addition, the McDonalds, which is adjacent to the Kmart project, recently submitted a plan to modernize their building.

C/Mirzaei asked if there were statistics available regarding attendance and other information about City events available on the website. PWD/Liu responded that information regarding City sponsored events and programs are available through the Parks and Recreation Department.

VC/Mehta stated that the 4th of July event at the Diamond Bar High School this year was the first he had attended and it was so nice. Everything went very smoothly and everyone enjoyed the fireworks display.

C/Mirzaei asked if Measure M passed and PWD/Liu said that it did.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. **Traffic Signal Infrastructure Upgrades Project, Phase I & Phase II** – AE/Malpica reported that the contractor and communications consultant have completed all installations for Phase I and the project is now in the final phase of construction. Phase III will be presented to the City Council on November 18th for consideration.
- B. **Adaptive Traffic Control Signal System – RFP** – AE/Malpica indicated that the City's Traffic Engineering Consultant is in the process of gathering field and critical data to begin the design. This system is expected to be ready for deployment by January 2018.
- C. **Copley Drive/Golden Springs Drive Intersection Enhancements** – AE/Malpica stated that the project is currently in the study stage, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of January 2017.
- D. **Battery Backup Project** – AE/Malpica shared that plans and specs will be advertised the week of November 14th, with a bid date set for December 8th and construction by January/February 2017.
- E. **Area 4 Road Maintenance Project** – AE/Malpica reported that the project is proposed to be completed by November 16th. There are approximately 20 streets on the punch list and work continues through Saturday, November 12th. Approximately 350 manhole frames will be raised to cover the street to the new finished surfaces. Striping will occur project-wide next week.
- F. **Diamond Bar Boulevard/Grand Avenue Clock Project** – PWD/Liu shared that when this item was brought before the City Council, Council decided to table this project and look at other types of improvements in the area.
- G. **Willow Heights Construction Update/Diamond Bar Boulevard/Brea Canyon Road Intersection Enhancements** – AE/Aoun indicated that final paving of this intersection was completed November 4th and 5th and slurry seal operations along Diamond Bar Boulevard and Brea Canyon Road were completed on November 9th as part of the Willow Heights enhancements. Over the next two weeks, the final stage of the project will be the installation of crosswalk pavers. AE/Aoun then displayed a video currently being shown on DBTV every hour that provides more information about this project. Once pavers are installed, striping will be put in place which will complete the street work.
- H. **Lemon Avenue Interchange Project** – AE/Malpica presented a PowerPoint presentation showing what will be presented to the City Council on December 6th. This project consists of three stages and as part of Stage 1, there will be construction along Golden Springs Drive and Lemon Avenue, which will last for 12 months. There will be closures on Lemon Avenue (two left-turn pockets) and reduction of lanes, which will likely affect the Walnut School District. On

Golden Springs Drive, the eastbound and westbound left turns will be closed, with one of the remaining two lanes assigned to left turns. Staff continues to work with the City's Traffic Engineer to coordinate retiming signals. In addition, the contractor sent out public notifications to business owners, residents and the school district and installed three message boards, two on Golden Springs Drive and one facing southbound on Lemon Avenue. These will remain in place for one month.

VC/Mehta asked if there will be an additional lane on Golden Springs Drive once construction is complete. PWD/Liu explained to VC/Mehta that when this project is completed, eastbound trucks will no longer be able to exit onto Golden Springs Drive and make left turns onto Brea Canyon Road. Westbound trucks will continue to exit onto Brea Canyon Road on the existing off-ramp. There will be traffic impacts during construction and, while the contractor could further mitigate those impacts, it would require that construction be broken up. The plans and specs were designed to be constructed in certain ways and if those plans and specs were changed to reduce the construction period from 12 to 8 months, for example, there would be additional costs (approximately \$50,000).

AE/Malpica added that as part of the construction, a new traffic signal is under construction at Lemon Avenue in Walnut, north of the proposed on and off ramps. The traffic signal should be up and running by January/February 2017, which will control traffic along Lemon Avenue.

- I. **SR-57/60 Confluence Project** – PWD/Liu shared that currently, Phase I of the three-phased project is under construction, which is the westbound on-ramp. Most of the work that has taken place is within the Caltrans/freeway right-of-way. Phase II involves the construction of the westbound off-ramp, which will most likely commence in December or January. Phase II also includes widening of the intersection of Grand Avenue and Golden Springs Drive as well as, frontage improvement along the golf course between the freeway on/off ramp. This portion of Phase II is in the design phase and development of a landscape conceptual plan. The remaining piece is Measure M, which passed by a nearly 70 percent margin (1/2 cent sales tax). With Measure M, all projects were listed, which included Diamond Bar's \$205 million SR-57/60 Project Phase III. This means that the \$205 million for this project could be made available beginning in 2017.

- J. **TR 63623 – South Pointe Residential Development** – AE/Aoun reported that this development is well underway. Most of the utilities have been completed (sewer, storm drain, streets) and dry utilities have been installed. The four (4) model homes are under construction, with grading for the entire complex to get underway, for which plans are under review. In addition, the park plans were recently approved and once processed, grading will begin on the park.

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- K. **Grand Avenue/Golden Springs Drive Intersection Improvements Update** – As discussed under Item I.
- L. **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)** –
- **Armitos Place** – AE/Malpica indicated that staff is waiting for the captains to collect the required 60 percent petition signatures to proceed with the final design and construction. The original meeting was held on September 29th.
 - **Crooked Creek Drive** – The initial meeting was held on October 6th and because the required number of signatures was submitted with a previous petition, staff is working on preliminary plans for the project. The next meeting date for this neighborhood has not yet been set. Preliminary plans include striping, speed cushions and signage between Cold Springs Lane and Diamond Bar Boulevard along Crooked Creek Drive.
- M. **Washington Street Cul-de-Sac at Lincoln Avenue Project** – AE/Aoun stated that the project was substantially completed on October 25th. Final striping was delayed to November 10th, after Washington Street was slurry sealed and paved by the Area 4 Road Maintenance Project. The contractor completed all of the punchlist items and the new curbs will be painted red in order to prevent unsafe parking and to provide better visibility. The 90-day landscape maintenance period continues until January 15, 2017. Thereafter, the project will be processed for City acceptance and the Public Works team is coordinating emergency services and detour plans.
- N. **Morning Canyon Road Rehabilitation Project** – AE/Aoun reported that the design of this project is complete. However, the City's consultant, Onward Engineering, is in the process of revising the specifications for the CDBG Fund. On October 4th, the City Council adopted the Resolution amending the CDBG program for FY2016-17. The new project will provide for repair of the existing and uplifted sidewalks in a residential neighborhood that has become a tripping hazard. Approximately 5,500 feet of sidewalk will be replaced and there will be eight (8) new curb ramp installations. Incidental work may include repair of adjacent curb and gutter, adjacent driveways and reconstruction of three catch basins, and approximately 33,000 square feet of asphalt/concrete pavement. These improvements will be constructed on Morning Canyon Road between Diamond Bar Boulevard and Stonepine Drive.
- O. **Diamond Bar Boulevard/Maple Hill Road Median Modification Project** – AE/Aoun stated that the project was advertised on November 8th, with a bid opening scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd. Award of the contract will go before the City Council at a meeting in December. Construction is anticipated to commence in January and continue for a period of 30 working days with completion by the end of February.

VC/Mehta asked the importance of this modification project. AE/Malpica responded that this is a program that the City took under consideration a couple of years ago, with the analysis of intersections with line-of-site issues. This is the 6th such citywide modification project. The purpose of this project is to improve the line-of-site to allow motorists to make a safe left-turn.

PWD/Liu shared that last week, the City received a notice from the American Public Works Association that the Grand Avenue Beautification Project received an award in the "Creative and Innovative" category, which was very encouraging to staff. The award will be presented at the awards luncheon on December 6th.

All Commissioners voiced their congratulations.

VI. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE CITY EVENTS:

As presented in the agenda. VC/Mehta pointed out that Veteran's Day is approaching and that the next Traffic and Transportation Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8th.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Traffic and Transportation Commission, VC/Mehta adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are hereby approved this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

David G. Liu, Secretary

Attest:

Vice Chair Surendra Mehta