

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of November 9, 2010

Present: Commissioners Shayne, Leinen, Elstob, Roehl, Terry & Prock
Staff: John P. Miller, Commander and Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer,
Others: Council Member Ken Cuneo, Hunter Harvath, MST and Catherine Badin, Resident
Absent: Commissioner Stephen Wagner

The Public Safety Commission meeting was recorded. Recordings are kept at the Police Department for review. Recordings are kept for a period of ninety days following the meeting.

1. **The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shayne at 4:06pm.**
2. **Oral Communications:**
None
3. **Minutes of the Traffic Commission's Public Meeting held on Sept 7, 2010. MOTION was made by Winston Elstob and seconded by Jan Roehl that the minutes of the Public Meeting held on September 7, 2010 be approved as written. MOTION Passed Unanimously.**

**Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 12, 2010
MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Tony Prock to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 meeting as written.
MOTION Passed Unanimously**

4. **Commission and Staff Announcements:**
 1. Commissioner's Leinen and Roehl discussed their participation in the TAMC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub Committee. Currently Commissioner Leinen is the current designated Pacific Grove's representative on this Sub Committee with Commissioner Roehl as an alternate member. Commissioner Leinen commented that lately he has been unable to attend these meetings because of a conflict with other meetings on his schedule. Commissioners Leinen and Roehl suggested that they "flip" their roles, Commissioner Roehl would be the appointed representative and Commissioner Leinen would be the alternate. This item will be agendized for the next Commission meeting
 2. Commissioner Terry commented on the upcoming "½" Big Sur Marathon this weekend. Information only
 3. The Commissioners had a discussion relating to red curbs and bus stops. The Commissioners would like to have input on all red curbs and bus stops and in particular the bus stops for the upcoming trolley. The Commissioners requested that the location of bus stops especially trolley stops be agendized on the next meeting of the Commission.
 4. Commissioner Roehl commented on the vehicle parking at the Dog Park adjacent to Congress Avenue. They park diagonally in the parallel spaces where signs indicate "Parallel Parking Only" and everywhere else. Commander Miller said that they will check on the parking situation.

5. **Correspondence**

Malcolm reported that he received an e-mail supporting the 4 to 3 lane conversion on Pine Avenue.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Pedestrian Safety Assessment for the City of Pacific Grove – Update by Staff.

Malcolm reported that in April of this year, the Commission authorized the installation of one double faced “in street” pedestrian warning sign for westbound traffic on Central Avenue immediately east of Grand Avenue. The sign was installed approximately two months ago. The original sign was run over and destroyed, two days later another sign was installed and it again was struck and destroyed. Each unit and its installation probably cost in excess of \$200.00.

The Commissioners discussed the situation and requested that it be agendaized for the next meeting of the Commission.

Commissioners inquired when we were going to discuss other locations that were noted in the pedestrian priority list which included consideration of stop signs at intersections. The intersections were Upper Lighthouse @ Eardley, Eardley @ Central and Grand @ Laurel. Malcolm noted that he is waiting for traffic counts from Public Works to determine warrants.

B. Continue discussion of TAMC’s New 2010 Monterey County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as it pertains to the City of Pacific Grove and in conjunction with the Traffic Safety Commission’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Sub Committee’s Recommendations.

Commissioner Roehl noted that TAMC is awaiting nominations that are due in December for the Transportation Excellency Award for individuals who submitted projects to improve & promote safety.

The Consultants who are preparing the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan have presented a proposal of “Recommended Goals, Objectives and Policies Vision”.

Commissioner Roehl made copies for members of the Commission and requested that Commissioners review the material and e-mail her their comments and concerns.

C. Request from the Monterey Salinas Transit District for two (2) Bus Stops to be installed on the north side of Laurel Avenue in the vicinity of 7th Street and also at Monterey Avenue.

Mr. Hunter Horvath, MST Representative, was present and stated they have received requests for bus stops on the northside Laurel Avenue for it’s westbound express bus between Eardley Avenue and 15th Street. They currently have three (3) designated stops for eastbound riders on the south side of Laurel Avenue but they have no stops for westbound riders. They (MST) are requesting one stop in the vicinity of Monterey Avenue and the other in the vicinity of Sixth Street. A local resident also spoke in favor of the two westbound stops.

The Commissioners discussed the request and history of bus stops in this area

MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Henry Leinen to approve the addition of two (2) bus stops on Laurel Avenue for westbound traffic, in the vicinity of the eastbound stops and have Malcolm determine the appropriate locations. MOTION Passed Unanimously

- D. Update on the City of Pacific Groves Grant Award from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District for the 4 to 3 lane Conversion Project on Pine Avenue. Malcolm reported that City crews are striping Pine Avenue to restore it to the previous configuration of four lanes with parking. Malcolm is proposing that the item be dropped from future agendas of the Commission until funding is available.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by David Terry to remove the Pine Avenue 4 to 3 lane conversion from the agenda of the Traffic Safety Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Elstob requested that the Commission discuss the installation of a crosswalk across Lower Lighthouse Avenue (westbound) at Carmel Avenue. Commissioner Elstob explained that because of a curve in Lower Lighthouse Avenue east of Carmel Avenue, sight distance for pedestrians crossing Upper Lighthouse, from north to south, to observe approaching westbound vehicles on Lighthouse is difficult. He suggested that maybe a crosswalk would create more of an advance warning to approaching motorists.


A discussion was held in regards to the presence of faded crosswalks crossing Lower Lighthouse at locations where stairs had been previously installed in the median. Red Curbs were mentioned as an alternative to crosswalks and to make provisions to provide curb ramps for individuals with handicaps & improving accessibility to the stairs, etc.

MOTION was made by Winston Elstob and seconded by David Terry that a crosswalk be installed across Lower Lighthouse Avenue on the east side of Carmel Avenue. Motion: Ayes: Elstob, Terry & Roehl Noes: Shayne, Prock & Leinen Motion failed


MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Henry Leinen that it is recommended that the Traffic Engineer determine if the installation of red curb is appropriate to open up sight distance. Motion passed unanimously

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23



Malcolm Knisely
Traffic Engineer



John P. Miller, Commander
Police Department