

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of – April 13, 2010

Present: Commissioners Shayne, Prock, Elstob, Roehl, & Terry
Staff: Chief Darius Engles, Cmdr John Nyunt & Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engr.
Others: None
Absent: Commissioners Wagner & Leinen

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 4:02 pm.**
2. **Oral Communications:**
None
3. **Minutes of Study Session held March 9, 2010.**

MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Tony Prock to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 study session as written. MOTION passed unanimously.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2010.

MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Tony Prock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2010 as written. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. **Commission and Staff Announcements:**
Malcolm Knisely reported on the request by the Pacific Grove Unified School District that a bus loading zone be installed on the east side of Congress Avenue immediately north of the rear entrance to the football field. The reason was given that work will be done to the parking lot behind the High School and immediately adjacent to the rear of the Forest Grove Elementary School. This work will displace school busses that unload and pickup students attending the elementary school. The bus loading zone will be needed for seven weeks to provide an area for unloading and loading of students.
5. **Correspondence:**
Jan Roehl received an e-mail from Marc Rush regarding concerns about pedestrian safety and requested increased enforcement of traffic laws. Jan also commented that Council Member Deborah Lindsay was organizing a bike ride to the City Council meeting from The Works Bookstore.

Jan reported that the Grant Program by the Air Pollution Control District comes from vehicle registration fees and includes funding for bicycle route plans and other related bike activities. It also has been heard that this funding might be cut off because bicycle routes are not being used by bicyclists to the extent they should be.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Pedestrian Safety Assessment for the City of Pacific Grove – Update by Staff

Malcolm reported that he issued a work order to the Public Works Department for the repainting of the curb markings on the east side of Forest Avenue at each side of the crosswalk crossing Forest Avenue at PG Florist.

B. Stuart Avenue Area – Traffic Calming Measures to Control Vehicle Speeds – Update by Staff

Malcolm reported that the speed board has been fixed and will be placed on Jewell Avenue when the installation of a 30 MPH sign has been installed on the north side of Jewell east of Cedar Avenue. We are in the process of recalibrating the sign before returning it to Stuart Avenue. As previously noted on Stuart Avenue, the speed board was receiving false readings from traffic on Highway 68 and as a result of this the ADT fluctuated. The 85th speeds in four different periods ranged from 22MPH to 25 MPH. The speeds appeared to be realistic.

The City set traffic counters on Stuart Avenue (Dec 7, 2009) east of Bishop Way and the counter for west bound traffic (toward Hwy 68) indicated an ADT of 131 vehs/day with an 85% speed of 27.65 MPH. For east bound traffic (away from Hwy 68) on Stuart Avenue east of Bishop Way the counter indicated an ADT of 127 veh/day with an 85th speed of 29.46 MPH.

The data obtained from the traffic counters appeared to be reasonable. In every traffic count that I have been involved with, traffic on residential streets similar to Stuart Avenue will exhibit similar data in regards to vehicle speeds, etc. We will continue to monitor speeds on Stuart Avenue. In addition, our motorcycle officer has periodically observed traffic on Stuart Avenue and has issued citations as warranted.

This item will be dropped from the agenda and staff from time to time will keep the Commissioners aware of the ongoing vehicle counts.

C. A letter was received from Ms. Jeanne Lilly requesting a stop sign be installed at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Grand Avenue – Update by Staff

The City has recently taken traffic counts at this intersection and the count information and an aerial photograph showing traffic movements was been handed out to the Commissioners. Malcolm explained the warrants for a multiway stop intersection and the warrants require 300 Vehicles per hour enter the intersection for 8 hours in every 24 hour period with 40% of the traffic coming from the side streets. The counts indicate that 5200 vehicles per day enter from Central Avenue and 231 Vehicles enter from Grand Avenue. This does not meet the warrant as indicated above. Five thousand two hundred vehicles (Central Ave) are required to stop for two hundred and thirty one vehicles (Grand Ave).

The Staff report recommended:

That City forces repaint the double yellow centerline on Grand Avenue between Fountain Avenue and Forest Avenue.

It was further recommended that double faced R1-6 signs be installed on one post at the end of the double yellow centerline where it stops on Central Avenue east of Grand Avenue (maybe offset a foot into the centerline)

MOTION was made by Jan Roehl and seconded by Winston Elstob to accept staffs recommendation to repaint the double centerline on Central Avenue between Fountain Avenue and Forest Avenue and install one double faced sign installation with 2 R1-6 pedestrian signs.

MOTION passed unanimously.

D. Continue discussion on the reorganization and duties of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Jan Roehl stated that on the agenda of the City Council meeting on Jan 6th the proposal to change the Traffic Safety Commission to the Public Safety Commission was postponed for future discussion. It was never specifically discussed in subsequent meetings, according to agendas and minutes.

It was felt by the Commissioners that they have not been given proper direction from the City Council as to their status, etc. Chief Engles stated that he would check on it.

Motion was made by Winston Elstob and seconded by Tony Prock that the discussion of changing the name of the Traffic Safety Commission to the Public Safety Commission be continued until more information is obtained. MOTION passed unanimously.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Request received from Commissioner Terry regarding the "Good Old Days" sign that was installed on Lighthouse Avenue west of Eardley Avenue for the upcoming Good Old Days.

Commissioner Terry observed that the installation of a sign advertising "Good Old Days" in the median on Lighthouse Avenue immediately west of the intersection with Eardley Avenue was restricting sight distance to approaching vehicles at this location. Photos were attached to the packet that indicated that the sign impacted the sight distance for approaching westbound vehicles turning left to go southbound on Eardley Avenue. These westbound vehicles had difficulty seeing eastbound vehicles on Lighthouse Avenue because their view was obscured by the sign. The same was true for eastbound vehicles on Lighthouse Avenue in regards to their view to westbound traffic on Lighthouse Avenue attempting to turn left to go southbound on Eardley. The sign restricted sight distance to stopped vehicles attempting to cross Lighthouse proceeding to go southbound up the hill on Eardley.

Celia Martinez, Public Works Supervisor, stated that when the sign is installed next year for the Good Old Days Celebration that it will be moved northerly to improve sight distance for approaching vehicles at this intersection.

MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Winston Elstob to approve the proposal by Public Works to move the sign northerly in the median at this location for future celebrations. MOTION passed unanimously.

B. Preparation of TAMC's New 2010 Monterey County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan which will include the City of Pacific Grove.

This Agenda item regarding the preparation of TAMC's New 2010 Monterey County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan was placed on the agenda so that the Commissioners will be updated on the plans progress. This updated plan will replace TAMC's 2005 Bicycle Plan. Malcolm last month prepared and distributed a plan indicating some of the changes that he proposed to be made to Pacific Groves current bicycle plan.

A discussion followed and the Commissioners want to be included in the preparation of the update of the current bicycle Plan and to also include provisions

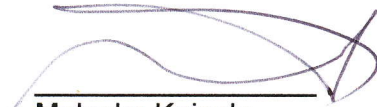
for pedestrians. TAMC is in the process of hiring a Consultant to prepare the updated plan for Monterey County. Malcolm stated that when the Consultant's come to Pacific Grove for the City's input,8390 that the Commission should be prepared to furnish their recommendations for consideration and inclusion into the County's Pedestrian and Bicycle update.

It was indicated by the Commissioners that a Sub Committee be appointed when appropriate to compile a list of new bicycle paths/lanes and improvements for pedestrians.

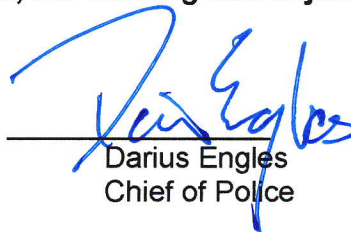
MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Jan Roehl to continue the discussion regarding the preparation of the bicycle/pedestrian plan update until the May 11th meeting of the Commission. MOTION passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.



Malcolm Knisely
Traffic Engineer



Darius Engles
Chief of Police