

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GLENDALE TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the Glendale Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) of Monday, August 25, 2008 was called to order at 6:07 pm by Chairperson Sahakian.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Sulayan
 Commissioner Welch
 Commissioner Weisman
 Chairperson Sahakian

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Mehrabian

STAFF PRESENT: Jano Baghdanian, Traffic and Transportation Administrator
 Tom Mitchell, Assistant Traffic and Transportation Administrator
 Tommy Chow, Traffic Engineering Associate
 Christina Sansone, General Counsel – Public Works

POSTING OF AGENDA

The agenda for the Monday, August 25, 2008, regular meeting of the Glendale Transportation & Parking Commission was posted by Friday, August 22, before 5:30 p.m. on the bulletin board outside of City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 28, 2008 regular meeting were approved as written.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Discussion is limited to items NOT a part of this agenda. Each speaker is allowed three minutes. The Commission may question the speaker but there will be no debate or decision.

There were no speakers during oral communication.

ACTION ITEMS

5a) Director of Public Works re: Report Regarding Installation of Speed Humps on Alameda Avenue Between Glenwood Road and Kenneth Road

(1) Motion to recommend that the City Council deny the installation of three speed humps on Alameda Avenue between Glenwood Road and Kenneth Road

Jano Baghdanian, Traffic and Transportation Administrator, introduced this item to the Transportation and Parking Commission.

Tommy Chow, Traffic Engineering Associate, presented this item to the TPC utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Chow indicated that a resident of Alameda Avenue contacted the Traffic & Transportation Office with concern of excessive travel speeds and a high volume of non-local traffic in the area. He said staff conducted a preliminary traffic study of which the results satisfied all required criteria for the installation of speed humps except its use as a public transit route.

Chairperson Sahakian opened the public hearing for this item, and there was one (1) speaker that addressed the TPC to express their concerns and comments. The public hearing closed and the TPC held a brief discussion. The motion was amended to reflect the Commission's recommendation for the installation of speed humps on Alameda Avenue, pending any objections from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Chairperson Sahakian requested that the motion be moved and Commissioner Welch moved item 5a(1) and Commissioner Sulayan seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Mehrabian	Absent
Commissioner Sulayan	Aye
Commissioner Weisman	Aye
Commissioner Welch	Aye
Chairperson Sahakian	Aye

5b) Director of Public Works re: Report Regarding Installation of Speed Humps on Patterson Avenue Between Concord Street and Kenilworth Avenue

(1) Motion to recommend that the City Council approve the installation of three speed humps on Patterson Avenue between Concord Street and Kenilworth Avenue

Chairperson Sahakian opened the public hearing for this item, and there were four (4) speakers in support of this item. The public hearing closed and the TPC held a brief discussion. Chairperson Sahakian requested that the motion be moved and Commissioner Sulayan moved item 5b(1) and Commissioner Weisman seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Mehrabian	Absent
Commissioner Sulayan	Aye
Commissioner Weisman	Aye
Commissioner Welch	Aye
Chairperson Sahakian	Aye

5c) Director of Public Works re: Report Regarding Installation of Speed Humps on Harvard Street Between Kenilworth Avenue and Pacific Avenue

(1) Motion to recommend that the City Council approve the installation of three speed humps on Harvard Street between Kenilworth Avenue and Pacific Avenue

Chairperson Sahakian opened the public hearing for this item, and there was one (1) speaker in support of this item. The public hearing closed and the TPC held a brief discussion. Chairperson Sahakian requested that the motion be moved and Commissioner Sulayan moved item 5c(1) and Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Mehrabian	Absent
Commissioner Sulayan	Aye
Commissioner Weisman	Aye
Commissioner Welch	Aye
Chairperson Sahakian	Aye

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS/UPDATES

Commissioner Sulayan inquired about accidents at the intersection at Mountain Street and Verdugo Road since the photo-enforcement was installed.

Jano Baghdanian, Traffic and Transportation Administrator, responded that the Glendale police department is conducting an analysis concerning citations at that intersection, but it is too early to distinguish whether accidents have been reduced.

Commissioner Sulayan provided information regarding the green signal of Mountain Street crossing Verdugo Road seemed to change very quickly.

Mr. Baghdanian explained that the signal at that intersection is designed to service Verdugo Road, so for a single vehicle on Mountain Street, the signal will change quickly back to Verdugo Road. Mr. Baghdanian also commented that he will have the timing checked.

Chairperson Sahakian inquired why the photo-enforcement at Verdugo Road and Mountain Street was for east- and westbound traffic only.

Mr. Baghdanian responded that prior to the camera installation, the vendor carried out a video study at the intersection and found that was the area where the most violations occurred.

Commissioner Sulayan asked about the possible implementation of bike lanes.

Mr. Baghdanian answered that although most streets in Glendale are not wide enough to accommodate bike lanes, they will be striped on Glenoaks Boulevard once the re-surfacing has been completed.

Commissioner Sulayan asked about the synchronization of the signal at the westbound Glendale Avenue exit off of the Ventura Freeway (134).

Mr. Baghdanian responded that the intersection of Glendale Avenue and Monterey Road will be upgraded within a year.

Commissioner Sulayan posed a question about the uniformity of parking restrictions on North Glendale Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to the 134 freeway.

Mr. Baghdanian answered that parking restrictions can vary due to the types of businesses along that portion of Glendale Avenue, but there will be a third northbound lane from Broadway to the 134 freeway by removing parking on the east side of Glendale Avenue at peak traffic hours.

Commissioner Sulayan then thanked the Glendale police department for their speed limit enforcement along Verdugo Road and Canada Boulevard.

Mr. Baghdanian noted that a special meeting might be scheduled for the month of September regarding proposed parking meter rates and hours of operation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Sahakian adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm with no objection.