



## MINUTES

### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APRIL 15, 2015

**Call to Order/  
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairperson Carr, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Berge, Capps, Carr, Scandura, Stanford, Strook and Troxell were in attendance.

**Others Present:** Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works  
Tom Herbel, City Engineer  
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager  
Jerry Thompson, General Services Manager  
Dorien McElroy, Wastewater Supervisor  
Todd Broussard, Principal Civil Engineer  
Jim Wagner, Senior Civil Engineer  
Ken Dills, Project Manager  
Kirsty Wapner, Administrative Assistant  
Members of the Public

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS**

None.

#### **C. MINUTES**

C-1. Motion by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Troxell to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015 as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion carried.

**AYES:** 7

**NOES:** 0

**ABSENT:** 0

**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

Chairperson Carr recommended moving item G-3 (Review of Crosswalk Treatment Options for the Intersection of Newland and St. Augustine) up, then D (Public Comments) would follow.

Motion by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Troxell to approve moving item G-3 up.

VOTE:           The motion carried.  
AYES:           7  
NOES:           0  
ABSENT:        0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

G-3. Review of Crosswalk Treatment Options for the Intersection of Newland and St. Augustine- Bob Stachelski presented a PowerPoint Presentation, which has been attached to these minutes. Kettler School has been closed so the school crosswalk is no longer in close proximity to school. Staff is bringing forward a few recommendations/ alternatives. Recommended actions and alternatives include removing the existing school crosswalk. Alternatives include replacing the existing school crosswalk treatment with a pedestrian white crosswalk treatment; or removing the existing school crosswalk and install a new crosswalk treatment at Newland/ Lomond intersection. Additional treatments could push this project into a capital improvement project.

Chair Carr opened the meeting for Public Comments.

#### **D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- D-1. Member of the Public, Melinda Teeters- stated she likes the crosswalk at St. Augustine for the beach and Bauer Park. Cars speed and don't stop. St. Augustine crosswalk is preferred over the Lomond location.
- D-2. Member of the Public, Emily Carrow- stated current crosswalk isn't safe. She suggested putting a police officer there to target drivers for speeding. She Added that many kids use this crosswalk going to Edison High School. Stated It should be more visible.
- D-3. Member of the Public, Jerome Hussman- recommended to not remove the Crosswalk. He doesn't want to walk to down to Hamilton crosswalk. People Would still use St. Augustine and waste of money to put crosswalk at Lomond. He added that bicyclists use the crosswalk as a shield. Recommended putting In a stop sign and to enhance the crosswalk, making it more visible.
- D-4. Member of the Public, Annie Saba- stated the crosswalk signage makes more Difference than anything. She suggested keeping it as a school crosswalk. It is Difficult with the merging lanes near the crosswalk- a lot to look out for. She Recommended enhancing it and adding flashers like other cities have done.
- D-5. Member of the Public, Lori Harrow- She recommended adding flashing yellow Lights when someone crosses. There is excessive speed. She added kids use the

Jaywalk to get to Edison High School.

Chair Carr closed the meeting to Public Comments and reconvened back to Item G-3.

G-3. Review of Crosswalk Treatment Options for the Intersection of Newland and St. Augustine- Chair Carr inquired about leaving the crosswalk treated as a school crosswalk. Bob Stachelski stated this implies people crossing are only present during school hours and the City also has a liability to change it to a normal crosswalk. Commissioner Strook asked about more lighting options. Stachelski didn't investigate this but the cost is close to \$100,000, adding it isn't a simple process. Commissioner Capps inquired about a stop sign. Stachelski stated that isn't difficult but comes with other liabilities. Commissioner Troxell noted a crosswalk at Lomond is safer because lanes are not merging, as they are at St. Augustine. It was recommended that a new crosswalk go in at Lomond. Chair Carr also inquired about potential costs to enhance the crosswalk at St. Augustine. Stachelski noted motor responses also need to be taken into consideration with crosswalk treatments. Commissioner Berge suggested blinking orange lights. Stachelski stated solar powered lights are an option.

Motion by Commissioner Scandura, seconded by Commissioner Troxell, to support staff's recommendation to remove the existing school crosswalk treatment including all associated signs and pavement markings, to install a standard white crosswalk with appropriate signs/markings and ADA, and for staff to report back to the PWC within 60 days the feasibility for more aggressive options at the Newland and Lomond intersection, along with related costs.

VOTE:           The motion carried.  
AYES:           7  
NOES:           0  
ABSENT:        0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

**E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

None.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

F-1. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – Travis Hopkins stated Rogers Senior Center is being presented at Study Session on April 20. The Streetlight Buyback Program is being presented at the May 18 Study Session.

F-2. Active Capital Project Report – Tom Herbel provided updates on the capital project report.

- Atlanta Avenue Widening- moving forward with design. This is going to Council on Monday, April 20 and proceeding with right of way acquisition.
- Warner Project- one month left of work on Warner
- Arterial Rehab (Main, Lake, Indianapolis)- two months out from bidding it
- Residential Pavement Rehab Zone 8- received bids and came in at \$2 million. Project is kicking off soon. Paving in a month
- Northwest Catchbasin Retrofit- complete
- Senior Center- moving forward. Pouring slab in about 1.5 months
- Trinidad Lift Station- started construction.
- Well #5 Security Improvements- design is complete. This will be going out to bid at the end of the month.
- Cast Iron Pipe Replacement at downtown- halfway complete.

Commissioner Strook asked about the paving work to be done on PCH by Caltrans. Herbel stated Caltrans is renegotiating the cost of the asphalt, since oil prices have dropped. He added work should begin soon.

Commissioner Troxell asked about the bike path, which is the State's responsibility.

- F-3. Sewer System Operations and Wastewater Master Plan – Dorien McElroy and Todd Broussard presented a PowerPoint presentation, which has been attached to these minutes. Travis Hopkins noted storm drains will be presented at the next PWC.

## **G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- G-1. FY 14/15 Arterial Rehabilitation- Todd Broussard presented on the FY 14/15 Arterial Rehabilitation and stated it is in final design. This project is for Main Street, Lake Street, and Indianapolis Avenue. Overlay work was last performed in the 1990's on the segments of these streets. Staff is wanting to award this at the second Council meeting in June.

Motion by Commissioner Troxell, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve that the FY 14/15 Arterial Rehabilitation Project is in general conformance with the approved CIP.

VOTE: The motion carried.

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-2. Main Street Library ADA Restroom- Jerry Thompson reported on the construction of a unisex restroom at the Main Street Library that is ADA

accessible. This project is funded by CDBG funds. Construction should begin in July, with minimal impact and disruption to the library's hours and functions.

Motion by Commissioner Scandura, seconded by Commissioner Strook, to approve that the Main Street Library ADA Restroom, MSC 495, is in general conformance with the previously approved CIP.

VOTE:           The motion carried.  
AYES:           7  
NOES:           0  
ABSENT:         0  
ABSTENTIONS:  0

#### **H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Written communications were received regarding the crosswalk at the Newland and St. Augustine intersection. Each commissioner received a copy of the letters that were received prior to the meeting.

#### **I. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Travis Hopkins noted that due to the drought, MWDOC recently did the 15% curtailment for water conservation purposes. Huntington Beach declared Level 1 in August 2014. Consideration for Level 2 requirements is being presented to Council at the May 4 Council meeting. Hopkins added fines and costs associated will increase. The Mayors Challenge information will be emailed out to the Commissioners.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM to May 20, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Utilities Yard.

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Kim Carr  
Chairperson

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Kirsty Wapner  
Administrative Assistant