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**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
City Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue
July 28, 2011 – 7:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair McCroskey.
2. **ROLL CALL. Members present:** Anderson, Knapp, Mazur, McCroskey, and Miki. Staff present: Lt, Geissberger, Chaney, Chavez.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for May 26, June 1, and June 30, 2011.** Motion Anderson/Mazur to approve the May 26 and June 1st minutes, with corrections at this meeting. Motion Knapp/Mazur to postpone approval of minutes for June 30 to the next meeting because they were not included in the packet.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anderson informed of the Historical Society event in July at the Council Chambers regarding a presentation about scouting.

McCroskey announced the bike about town events on August 26 and September 23.

Lt. Geissberger announced the Safety Palooza, a community outreach event of the Police Department scheduled for Saturday, July 30.

Sol Strand asked about the timing of the sound wall for the Pierce Street project.

Knapp announced that he was part of the Albany Jazz Band and that they would be playing at the Solano Stroll at the Peralta Park. He also announced the next Albany Streets events on August 28 that will be coordinated with the City of El Cerrito and would take place at the north end of Key Route Boulevard.
5. **PRESENTATION**
 - 5-1 **Police Report**

Lt. Geissberger reported that in June 2011, there had been 16 collisions in the City: 12 non- injury and 4 injury collisions, 2 hit/runs. 4 collisions had occurred on Marin Avenue and 2 involved bicyclists. The APD issued 135 moving violations and 17 DUI arrests. He added that Officer Michael Gibson had been reassigned for patrol. The new patrol officer would be working on DUI enforcement.

Mazur asked about the collision on Peralta Avenue that occurred around May. Geissberger did not have further information on this.

Knapp asked why there were not stop signs for bicyclists at the Ohlone Greenway intersections. He said that there were only markings on the pavement, but that the City of El Cerrito had the stop signs. Bicyclists in Albany do not stop when traveling on the Ohlone Greenway and crossing side streets. Chavez said that she would consult with Fehr and Peers about adding stop signs for bicyclists on the Ohlone Greenway.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

It was requested that discussion of item 6-2 be considered first.

6-2 Consideration of implementing Red Signal Enforcement Light technology on new and upgraded signals in Albany.

McCroskey presented information on the Red Signal Enforcement Lights and asked the Commission to recommend implementation of that technology on new and upgraded signals. The Commission had the following comments:

Knapp asked about the cost of the system

Mazur said that the system had the potential to pay for itself.

During public comment for this item, Lt. Geissberger and Captain Jay Jorgensen (Fire Department) supported the idea of implementing this technology on new and upgraded signals in Albany.

Motion McCroskey/Mazur: Consider enforcement lights when applying for grants to upgrade existing signals or implementing new signals in the future. Motion passed, vote was 4 ayes, 1 abstained (Anderson).

6-1 AC Transit Presentation on transit issues in Albany

Chavez informed that AC Transit staff would be presenting the outline of a Transit Plan for Albany at the September meeting in addition to other requests they had for the Commission.

Anderson expressed his disappointment by the fact that AC Transit staff was not at the meeting. He said that currently, there was no direct bus from Pierce Street to Safeway or Target and if residents of the Pierce Street neighborhood wanted to take transit to go to El Cerrito Plaza, they would have to transfer three times. Chavez said that AC Transit staff had requested more time to better prepare for the meeting and that a meeting had been scheduled to discuss the contents of a proposal for a transit plan Albany. Anderson would like to restore Route 43.

McCroskey said that he would hope that transit circulation around town be planned in a logical way in order to better serve local destinations.

Miki said that the Target location was not transit-friendly and that he was not involved with the Traffic and Safety Commission at the time of its development, or when Safeway submitted its previous proposal. He said that the Safeway proposal with housing above would have been a great transit trip generator.

The Commission members said that they would be looking forward to AC Transit's presentation in September.

6-3 Thoughts and kudos on meeting process by Community Development Director, Anne Chaney.

Chaney commended the Commission on their work and accomplishments through the years and urged them to continue working as a team. She gave advice on how to better handle and address residents' concerns and manage time at meetings more efficiently by adhering to the three-minute public comment policy. The Commission passed a resolution to present Chaney with a Certificate of

Appreciation for her work as the Community Development Director and staff liaison to the Traffic and Safety Commission. Vote was unanimous. An informal reception followed.

7. REPORTS

- 7-1 Report on City Council decision for the installation of speed humps on the 950 block of Ordway, 800 and 900 blocks of Carmel.** Chavez reported that Council had approved two speed humps in the 950 block of Ordway on the condition that home owners do not oppose their location in front of their properties. Council approved one speed hump in the 800 block of Carmel, and two in the 900 block of Carmel. She said that their implementation was scheduled for August, but that staff still had to find suitable locations for two speed humps on Ordway.
- 7-2 Report on status of the Active Transportation Plan.** Chavez said that Council will consider the Traffic and Safety recommendation of this plan at one of its September meetings, possibly at the second meeting.
- 7-3 Report on the Buchanan/Jackson project construction status.** Chavez reported that construction was well underway and that it is hoped the project was finished before school started.
- 7-4 Report on UC Berkeley proposal study session at the City Council meeting of July 18, 2011.** Chavez referred to the staff report included in the packet.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- Chaney informed the Commission about a scheduled Pierce Street neighborhood meeting about the construction project.
- The Commission advised staff to schedule the meeting with the Washington Street neighborhood in early September.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Commission announcements or requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

- Amtrak Safety Workshop (September, 2011)
- Parking issue for Washington, Polk, Cerrito Streets (September, 2011)
- Washington neighborhood special meeting (early September, 2011)
- Active Transportation Plan environmental Document (December, 2011)
- Add discussion of the UC Development for late in the year
- UC Village development meeting will be scheduled in the coming months.

10. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. - Next regular meeting: September 22, 2011. 7:00 pm. City Council Chambers.

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