

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2008**

The meeting was held in Conference Room A at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Headquarters.

1) Call to Order

The meeting of June 4, 2008, was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Roll Call

Present: Chair Robert Ringler
 Vice-Chair Thurston Reese
 Commissioner John Spix
 Commissioner Marvin Estey
 Commissioner Guillermo Villalobos
 Commissioner John Watkins
 Commissioner Rhett Price

Also in attendance were the following:

Mr. William Winter, Assistant Deputy Director; Mr. Bahman Hajialiakbar, Assistant Division Engineer; Mr. James Chon, Senior Civil Engineer and Ms. Irena Guilmette, Supervising Civil Engineering Assistant.

4) Approval of May 7, 2008 Minutes

The Minutes of the May 7, 2008, Highway Safety Commission (HSC) meeting was approved.

5a) Citizen Appeal of Traffic Control Requests denied by Public Works.

a) El Segundo Boulevard at Towne Avenue:
 Traffic Signal/Pedestrian Crosswalk
 Appellant: Mamie Dawson

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that Ms. Dawson contacted her prior to this HSC meeting and informed her that she was withdrawing her appeal.

Commissioner Spix mentioned that he had gone out to the location on a Thursday and noticed there wasn't very much pedestrian traffic along El Segundo Boulevard at Towne Avenue. The HSC accepted Ms. Dawson's request to withdraw her appeal and received and filed this item.

6) Report on business other than appeals

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a) Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Grant

Ms. Guilmette provided a power point presentation entitled Safe Routes to School: Improving Health, Safety and Transportation. In this presentation, Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that there is a need for Safe Routes to School because:

- Fewer kids today walk and bike to school and more parents are driving. Parents driving children to school account for 20% to 25% of morning traffic.
- Unintended consequences have resulted such as poor air quality and physical inactivity by our youth.
- SRTS programs are part of the solution.

The most common barriers to walking and bicycling to school are long distances, traffic danger, adverse weather and fear of crime danger. The SRTS program intends to do the following:

- Improve walking and bicycling conditions
- Increase physical activity
- Decrease air pollution
- Reduce congestion around schools
- Lead to cost savings for schools (need for school buses)
- Increase child's sense of freedom,
- Help establish lifetime habits, teach pedestrian and bicyclists skills

The elements of SRTS programs are:

- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Engineering
- Evaluation

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that the County intends to apply for Cycle 2 of the Federal Safe Routes to School program. She stated that this application is due on July 18, 2008.

7) Reports from special committees.

There were no special committees announcements.

8) Special Orders.

There were no special orders.

9) Unfinished Business and General Notes

Mr. Winter reminded the HSC that DPW will be reevaluating the traffic conditions at this intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and Prospect Avenue during the upcoming academic school year.

10) New Business

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that they have been scheduled to attend the Cultural Diversity and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Classes on either June 23, 2008 or June 25, 2008. She informed the Commissioners that she needed to know which day they could attend and that she would forward the information to the County's Organizational Development Department to schedule them for these classes. The Commissioners informed Ms. Guilmette which date to schedule each of them to attend these classes.

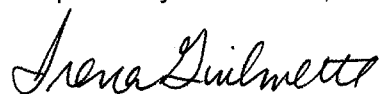
11) Date for next meeting announced and adjournment

Ms. Guilmette informed the HSC that the next meeting of the HSC is tentatively scheduled for August 6, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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A recording of the discussions held at this meeting is on file at Public Works. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 6, 2008, at DPW Headquarters in Alhambra.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Irena Guilmette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "I" and a stylized "G".

IRENA GUILMETTE
Executive Officer
Highway Safety Commission

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