

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
February 22, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
100 Avenida Presidio
San Clemente, CA 92672**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Crandell called the Regular Study Session of the Planning Commission of the City of San Clemente to order at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Wayne Eggleston, Jason Talley, Michael Smith; Chair pro tem Michael Blackwell Vice Chair Barton Crandell,

Commissioners Absent: Zhen Wu; Chair Donald Brown

Staff Present: Amber Gregg, Interim City Planner
Jennifer Rosales, Senior Transportation Engineer
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

A. Traffic Calming and Enhanced Mobility (Rosales)

A traffic update for the City and discussion on Traffic Calming and Enhancing Mobility, as well as ways to make a City more walkable. Also, information on good roadway design and traffic calming; tools for commissioners to evaluate issues that are presented in traffic commissioner role.

Jennifer Rosales, Senior Transportation Engineer, displayed pertinent portions of an "Around Town" video interview with Councilmember Chris Hamm and Thomas Frank, Transportation Engineering Manager, entitled, "Traffic Calming and Enhancing Mobility." Topics discussed during the interview included sidewalk improvements, extended bike paths, road diets, new roundabouts being constructed, Lyft rides program for City residents, and the new summer trolley program.

Senior Transportation Engineer Rosales narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Traffic Calming and Enhancing Mobility Study

Session, dated February 22, 2017.” A copy of the Presentation is on file in Engineering Division.

Discussion included:

- Suggestion that the City consider expanding the trolley service all the way to Capistrano Beach Palisades Parking Lot in order to link the trolley operated in Dana Point that links with the Laguna Beach trolley. With that link, riders would be able to ride all the way from San Clemente to Laguna Beach on the trolley systems.
- Suggestion that the City consider leasing the additional trolleys needed in order to expand the service to the Capistrano Beach Palisades Parking Lot and link the trolley services.
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- Comment that linking the trolley services from San Clemente to Laguna Beach is a way to connect and tie the communities of San Clemente, Dana Point, and Laguna Beach together.
- Comment that cyclists regularly run the red lights at Camino Capistrano while traveling south on El Camino Real, which presents a significant danger to pedestrians crossing El Camino Real to access Poche Beach.
- Suggestion that signage be installed to advise cyclists riding south on El Camino Real at Camino Capistrano to stop at the red light.
- Benefits of installing roundabouts including increased traffic calming, decreased noise, and improved safety.

Senior Transportation Engineer Rosales explained that an expert consultant had been contracted to do a feasibility analysis of a trolley system in San Clemente and study routes alternatives including ridership projections and estimated costs. It's necessary that the City maintain at least 10 riders on the trolley per hour in order to maintain grant funding; surveys indicate that waiting for more than 15 minutes for a trolley impact ridership. Three trolleys are required to maintain the core route at 15 minute headways; adding an additional stop at Capistrano Beach Parking Lot would increase wait time to more than 15 minutes or require an additional trolley. She agreed to forward an electronic copy of the trolley feasibility study as well as a link to the staff report presented to City Council to Interim City Planner Gregg for forwarding to the Commissioners for their consideration.

COMMISSION COMMENT - None

RECESS – The Commission recessed until 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

