

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 12, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Ken Elwin, City Engineer
Committee Members: Jeremy Franklin, Fire Chief Designee
Mike Miller, Director of Public Works Designee
Absent: Julie Nelson, Planning Manager Designee
Jacob Struble, Police Chief Designee

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of November 10, 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Mike Miller Moved, Ken Elwin Seconded

Vote: 3-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Mike Miller, Jeremy Franklin

Absent: Julie Nelson, Jacob Struble

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

(At this time, it is appropriate for any Committee Member to give an informational report of any work completed, training, or other item to share with other members. Please be brief, and no action may be taken on these items.)

None.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #16-001 – Request for the Addition of Right-Turn Lane on R Street at Olive Avenue (John Miller)

(Citizen requests the addition of a right-turn lane on northbound R Street at Olive Avenue due to traffic congestion at the intersection blocking drivers from making a right turn.)

Citizen JOHN MILLER was present and described his request in detail. Committee Member MIKE MILLER stated the request as described posed a substantial amount of work, including the acquisition of Right-of-Way from the Chevron Gas Station Property.

Chairperson ELWIN explained to Mr. John Miller that the traffic congestion is actually attributed to the short stacking distance vehicles making a left-hand turn have due to the existing traffic worm. Mr. ELWIN informed Mr. Miller and the committee of a future Capital Improvement Project at the intersection that involves removing the traffic worm on R Street at Olivewood Drive.

MOTION: To prioritize the Capital Improvement Project at R Street and Olive Avenue to remove the existing traffic worm.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Ken Elwin Moved, Mike Miller Seconded

Vote: 3-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Mike Miller, Jeremy Franklin

Absent: Julie Nelson, Jacob Struble

2. Request #16-002 – Request for Alteration of Traffic Timing at the Intersection of 16th and V Streets (John Miller)
(Citizen requests the traffic signal timing be altered to allow for better flow of traffic through the intersection.)

Committee Member MILLER informed the committee the signal timing was under the control of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Chairperson ELWIN requested Public Works staff contact Caltrans to inform them of the timing issues reported.

Public Works – Streets Employee JUAN OLMOS explained the traffic signals are designed with many different timing schedules and that the day of the week and time of day will be important in reporting the issue to Caltrans.

Citizen JOHN MILLER stated he did not have exact dates and times, however, it seemed to occur weekdays around 6:00 PM.

MOTION: To refer the item to the City Public Works Department to contact Caltrans regarding the reported timing issues.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Ken Elwin Moved, Mike Miller Seconded

Vote: 3-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Mike Miller, Jeremy Franklin

Absent: Julie Nelson, Jacob Struble

3. Request #16-003 – Request for the Addition of Right-Turn Lane on V Street at 16th Street (John Miller)
(Citizen requests the addition of a right-turn lane on southbound V Street at 16th Street due to traffic congestion at the intersection blocking drivers from making a right turn.)

Chairperson ELWIN explained the Merced City Council had approved a project to improve V Street from 18th to 16th Street. Council Member Belluomini specifically requested staff look into the addition of a right-turn lane on V Street at 16th.

MOTION: To investigate the addition of a right-turn lane on V Street at 16th Street as part of the existing Capital Improvement Project.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Ken Elwin Moved, Mike Miller Seconded

Vote: 3-0

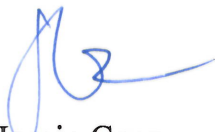
Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Mike Miller, Jeremy Franklin

Absent: Julie Nelson, Jacob Struble

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

By:



Jamie Cruz
Secretary II/Recording Secretary

Approved:



Ken Elwin
City Engineer/Chairperson