



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2018
Conference and Training Center
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Transportation Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 20, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Present:	4	Commissioner:	Ken Montgomery
		Commissioner:	Sandy Moody
		Vice Chair:	Carrie O'Malley
		Chair:	Steve Greenberg
Absent:	1	Commissioner:	Rose Casey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair O'Malley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Moody and unanimously carried by those members present (Commissioner Casey absent), to approve the Consent Calendar.

Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on October 16, 2018.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

2. TRAFFIC EVALUATION FOR THE STATE VETERANS CEMETERY AT THE ARDA AND GOLF COURSE SITES IN PLANNING AREA 51

Sun-Sun Tvedten-Murillo, Project Development Administrator, presented the item and answered questions. Bill Rodriguez, Principle Planner, was also available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, expressed approval for both traffic study alternatives, stated she appreciates that safety of vehicles and pedestrians is a priority, suggested considering an iShuttle program for site visitors, and encouraged the Commission to vote in favor of the ARDA site.

Jack Fancher, a Northwood resident, appreciated the thorough work of City staff and expressed support for the golf course location.

Harvey Liss, resident, provided an estimate of cost of the cemetery, stated that the state allocated \$30 million for the project and City Council rejected it. He added that the traffic impact will be less than stated in the analysis and requested the Commission revoke the traffic impact report.

Stephen Berger, resident, spoke against having the cemetery located at the golf course site, mentioning state and federal funds were already allocated for the project at the ARDA location, and encouraged the Commission to consider the ARDA site.

Commission discussion included: 1) consideration of the \$30 million allocation – there is still a \$50 million deficit to complete the cemetery project on the ARDA site, versus the golf course site; 2) clarification that the Transportation Commission is only looking into the traffic aspect of the proposed locations; 3) clarification that the ARDA site is adjacent to the Great Park and that the golf course is in the Great Park; 4) restrictions on the Great Park area considering that there is a 1,000 foot radius reserved for agricultural use; 5) layout of the

golf course and impact on City traffic; 6) description of the land use planning process, including access points, environmental clearance, parking location, the iShuttle program, transit analysis and traffic operations plan, and the timeline for these items once the location is determined; 7) Commissioner Montgomery indicated Finance Commission's preference for the golf course due to lower cost; 8) discussion regarding the purview of the Transportation Commission, versus the purview of City Council and Planning Commission; and 9) the development of traffic impact analyses by City staff, as opposed resorting to a consultant.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Chair Greenberg, motion carried 3-1-1 (Commissioners Greenberg, Montgomery, and O'Malley* voted yes; Commissioner Moody voted no; Commissioner Casey was absent) to:

Express a preference for the Golf course site (Alternative 2) for the Veterans Cemetery as far as the impact on the transportation aspect, because it will have better access and less impact on the adjacent residential area.

* Commissioner O'Malley indicated that she would like to abstain from voting since the recommended motion was solely to provide input and not identify a preferred site. Transportation Commission By-Laws, Section 7.6 (G) reads – "No member of the Commission shall be permitted to abstain from voting unless the member has disqualified him or herself pursuant to Section 7.2D of these By-Laws. Unauthorized abstentions shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Commission as an affirmative vote."

5. SUMMIT PARK AND LONETREE - TRAFFIC CONTROL EVALUATION

This item was taken out of order

Tran Tran, Senior Transportation Engineer, and Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer, presented the item and answered questions.

Public Comments:

Kendie Schlecht spoke in favor of maintaining the stop sign.

Margeaux Corrigan and Maiya Kothari, Girl Scouts of Orange County, Troop 3167, spoke in favor of maintaining the stop sign. The also provided a list of over 100 signatures they obtained in support.

Josh Grushkin, resident, spoke in favor of keeping the stop sign for the safety of the community.

Laurie Hipszer, resident of Lonetree, spoke in favor of keeping the stop sign.

Patty Lynch, resident of Green Glen, spoke in favor of keeping the stop sign for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, adults, and children.

Tony Bonno, resident of The Summit at Turtle Ridge, spoke against keeping the stop sign at its current location, because it does not improve safety; it improves convenience.

Nahid Pourjamash, resident, spoke against the stop sign, because it does not increase safety due to its location. She suggested adding a crossing guard and building stairs.

Ajay Myer, resident at The Turtle Ridge Summit, expressed concern about child safety at this intersection. He asked the Commission request videos during pick-up and drop-off hours to have a clearer understanding of what occurs.

Anjan Loritz, homeowner at The Turtle Ridge Summit, spoke in favor of the stop sign, because it has no impact on the use of the hillside as an access point to the school and it improves safety.

Ken Loritz, resident, stated he used this crosswalk with his child even before it was a marked crosswalk. Now there is an official crosswalk and it provides more safety to pedestrians since vehicles slow down.

Clark Winch, homeowner at Lonetree, spoke in favor of the stop sign, but requested more access points to the school, and discouraged the addition of stop signs along Summit Park.

Commission discussion included: 1) the importance of safety of children and pedestrians in general at crosswalks; 2) measures to prevent accidents; 3) a request for City staff to identify safety issues, addressing and providing options to the Commission, in order to make the process of student pick-up/drop-off more smooth and safe; and 4) communication with Public Safety regarding the presence of crossing guards at this intersection, in order to assist with the high volume of pedestrians.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Casey absent) to:

- 1) Recommend that City staff maintain the all-way stop control and associated improvements at the intersection of Summit Park and Lonetree and request City staff return to the Transportation Commission.
- 2) Have City staff conduct a 90-day evaluation with the purpose of providing options for review regarding safety of the area including crosswalks, traffic observation during school drop-off and pick-up hours with the purpose of providing more easy-flowing traffic for residents, pedestrians, drivers, and motorists.

3. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING FEE

Mike Davis, Transit and Transportation Administrator, presented the item and answered questions.

Commission discussion included: 1) the varying cost of charging a vehicle; 2) payment methods; 3) number, location, and specifications of charging stalls, including ADA stalls; 4) historical data regarding charging stations in the City; 5) explanation of the proposed electric vehicle (EV) charging fee; 6) the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee grant received by the City – only covers the installation costs of the charging stations, leaving operational and maintenance costs to the City; 7) amendment to the resolution, so that it states that the charge would be up to 50 cents per kWh, allowing flexibility in order to cover cost of electricity and connection fees – fees would then be set logistically on the charging units; 8) the convenience of having charging stations at the Civic Center and Irvine Station would suffice as a reason to pay the fee, as opposed to using charging stations at shopping centers that offer free service; 9) regulations of use of charging stalls; and 10) grants awarded to the City, as well as efforts to continue to apply for grants, specifically the MSRC grant and the SCAQMD grants.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair O'Malley, seconded by Chair Greenberg, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Casey absent) to:

- 1) Recommend that the City Council adopt – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING FEE OF UPTO 50 CENTS PER KILOWATT HOUR ALONG WITH A CONNECTION FEE OF UPTO 50 CENTS PER USE AT PUBLIC EV CHARGING STATIONS ON CITY PROPERTY
- 2) Aggressively seek out grants to alleviate costs.

4. CITY OF IRVINE TRANSIT

Mike Davis, Transit and Transportation Administrator, presented the item and answered questions. Melissa Dugan, Supervising Transportation Analyst, was also available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Susan Sayre, resident, states that shopping and tourism should be promoted in order to bring more income to Irvine; the bus system would be the ideal transportation method to access City attractions and improve traffic circulation.

Commission discussion included: 1) benefits to users and employees in the OC Flex program, and the possibility of implementing the program in Irvine, after reviewing cost estimates; 2) the possibility of having an express train in the morning and another in the evening; 3) Amtrak versus Metrolink costs, number of stops, and passes; 4) the potential for Project V to provide a

circulator system that would operate on the weekends, connecting high-traffic areas; 5) the possibility of utilizing the iShuttle in a City bus system, similar to OC Flex; and 6) upcoming renovation of aging City buses, and interest in purchasing larger vehicles.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Vice Chair O'Malley, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Casey absent) to:

Monitor the OC Flex program and return to the Transportation Commission with statistic reports, as soon as they become available.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Moody, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Casey absent) to:

Revise the community circulator proposal from the 2013 Irvine Transit Study and bring it up-to-date, considering new costs, new stops, flexible routes, flexible hours, and a flat rate, to bring it back to the Transportation Commission, and after evaluation, submit to City Council for approval to apply for the 2019 Project V Call for Projects from OCTA.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS


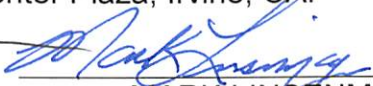

Vice Chair O'Malley requested an item be brought to the Commission regarding the discussion and study of transportation and school safety, which would include the possibility of repainting crosswalks, studying the crosswalks around all schools in Irvine, possibly installing reflectors, and addressing blind spot areas.

Vice Chair O'Malley will return to the Commission in 2019 with a memo to discuss the Turtle Rock Speed Limit Item, specifically looking at speeds around Ridgeline and Turtle Rock Drive.

Vice Chair O'Malley to bring a memo to the December 4 Commission meeting, regarding left-hand turn pocket elongation and restriping.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Chair Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to a regular Transportation Commission meeting on December 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., City of Irvine, Conference and Training Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA.

 <hr/> STEVE GREENBERG CHAIR	 <hr/> MARK LINSENMAYER DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION
 <hr/> ANA WILLIAMS RECORDING SECRETARY	<hr/> 11/15/19 DATE APPROVED