

CITY OF CORONADO
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Thursday, March 26, 2009

A meeting of the Traffic Operations Committee (T.O.C.) was held on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Scott Huth, Lou Scanlon and Rachel Hurst were present. Ed Hadfield represented the absent Kim Raddatz and Dave Johnson represented the absent Ed Walton.

1. Minutes of the February 26, 2009 Meeting – Mr. Scanlon moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Hadfield seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously with Mr. Johnson abstaining.

2. Oral Communications – None.

3. Recommendation Regarding the Adoption of a Warrant for Installation on In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs – Mr. Johnson said that in September 2008 a recommendation was brought to the T.O.C. to try on a trial basis the type R1-6 in-street pedestrian crossing sign. In October 2008 the City Council approved the trial use of that sign and two signs were installed on First Street at B Avenue. Based on feedback from the Police Department and members of the community, staff found that these signs are helpful in giving additional information to drivers that they need to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Based on that feedback the Engineering Department developed a warrant for the installation of these signs at applicable locations.

Scott Godfrey, 123 I Avenue, asked why the warrant criteria state that the signs should not be used at signalized intersections. Mr. Johnson responded that the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* has standards for usage of traffic control devices throughout California and it specifically says that this type of traffic control device should not be used at a signalized intersection (one controlled by a traffic signal). Mr. Scanlon explained that the intention was that the signs could encourage people to cross against the red light because they would see a sign that says “Yield to Pedestrians.” Pedestrians might think they have some form of protection by walking out there even if they are walking against a red light. Mr. Godfrey asked if certain places are being targeted for these signs and Mr. Johnson said specific locations have not been identified for evaluation. He thinks it will happen on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Huth suggested having a picture of the sign and/or the First and B intersection in the report that will go to the City Council.

Mr. Scanlon moved to accept the staff recommendation for adoption by the Council. Mr. Hadfield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Recommendation Regarding the Recent Inventory of Curb Markings in the City – Mr. Johnson said that in the past there had been discussion about inventorying the curb markings in the City because a lot of times the public will ask “What’s the history behind this

marking?” and there hasn’t been any. It may have been put in by request or for some other reason and a paper trail was not established. Staff is recommending certain ones to be included in the master resolution and have identified several that could be reduced or removed completely because it appeared to staff that there was no real reason for them. Some type of construction may have changed the condition or something like that. A lengthy curb marking database has been created.

The streets in the original master resolution were lettered rather than numbered and staff ran into a difficult way to describe the resolutions. The system was switched to a numeric system and started the numbering with First Street (Resolution 1), Second Street (Resolution 2) and so on.

Staff will ask the Council to rescind the original red, green, blue, yellow and white curb marking resolutions and recommend adoption of the new master resolutions with the new numbering system.

Mr. Huth said that Public Services doesn’t have a problem with removing any of the red curb that’s being proposed. He asked if residents in the adjacent properties were notified about the areas where red curb is proposed to be removed and Mr. Johnson said that residents within the immediate area of the recommended removals and reductions were notified. He had a couple of phone calls from people who were interested in where red curb was going to be removed in their area, but no one said there were certain red curbs they did not want removed.

Mr. Scanlon asked if there was any associated signage, would it be removed and Mr. Johnson said yes, but he didn’t feel there were any locations that were identified to be removed that are also supported by signs.

Mr. Johnson said that all requests for curb markings should come through the Engineering Department and should be presented to the Council for adoption by resolution.

Mr. Huth moved to accept the staff recommendation, Mr. Hadfield seconded it and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.