

AGENDA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MAY 21, 2012
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR'S COMMUNICATION

SHERIFF'S STATUS REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This section of the agenda is for audience comments for items **not** on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURES AND COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PROTOCOL

Recommendation:

Discuss the proposed City Council Rules of Procedures and Commission/Committee Protocol and submit comments to the City Council Subcommittee and other Councilmember's prior to its May 29, 2012 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

Approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to a time and place certain **only** if you wish to meet prior to the next regular meeting.

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RANCHO PALOS VERDES

MEMORANDUM

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
FROM: TOM ODOM, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
BY: NICOLE JULES, P.E. SENIOR ENGINEER
DATE: MAY 21, 2012
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURES AND COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PROTOCOL

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the proposed City Council Rules of Procedures and Commission/Committee Protocol and submit comments to the City Council Subcommittee and other Councilmember's prior to its May 29, 2012 meeting.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

At the March 20, 2012 City Council meeting, the City Council discussed proposed revisions to their Rules of Procedures ("Rules") and a proposal City council and Commission/Committee Protocol ("Protocol"). Subsequently on April 3, 2012, the City Council authorized the Council Rules and Protocol Ad Hoc Subcommittee to conduct outreach to the City's advisory boards to introduce and receive feedback on the Rules and proposed Protocol.

On May 2nd, City staff distributed copies of the proposed rules as well as meeting minutes and public comments received regarding the proposed rules. Included as an attachment to this report are the correspondences regarding the proposed Rules and Protocol.

City Council has requested that the TSC discuss the proposed Rules and Protocol and provide collective comments to be submitted as soon as possible prior to the May 29th, 2012 City Council meeting.

Attachments:

May 2, 2012 Email Invitation to Comment
The Rules as amended by the City Council on December 20, 2011;
The Rules as proposed by the Council Subcommittee on March 20, 2012;
The Rules as adopted by the City Council on March 20, 2012, which only included the proposed revisions to Section 5;
The Protocol as proposed by the Council Subcommittee on April 3, 2012; and,
The Rules as proposed by Councilman Duhovic on May 1, 2012.
City Council Meeting of December 12, 2011;
City Council Meeting of March 20, 2012;
City Council Meeting of April 3, 2012;
Planning Commission Meeting of April 10, 2012 (draft); and

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Planning Commission Meeting of April 24, 2012 (summary and draft).

Correspondence from the March 20, 2012, City Council Meeting

Comments from Chairman Tetreault at the April 10, 2012, Planning Commission Meeting

Transmittal from City Attorney from the April 10, 2012, Planning Commission Meeting

Comments from Mayor Pro Tem Campbell at the April 24, 2012, Planning Commission Meeting

Public Correspondence from the Planning Commission meetings

Correspondence from the May 1, 2012, City Council Meeting

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Locascio called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Rancho Palos Verdes Community Room, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Chair Locascio, Vice Chair Klatt, and Commissioners Donahue, Kramer, and Self (arriving late)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Nicole Jules, Senior Engineer, Public Works Department; Melissa Murphy, Associate Engineer and Acting Recording Secretary, Public Works Department

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Kramer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ACTION TAKEN:

Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Donahue.

Motion approved:

Ayes 4, Nays 0

Absent: Commissioner Self

CHAIR'S COMMUNICATION:

Chair Locascio asked about the designation of a new Vice Chair. Commissioner Kramer suggested placing this topic as an item on the agenda for a future meeting, since it was not included in this meeting's agenda. Chair Locascio commented that he will not be available at the next meeting. Commissioner Kramer responded that the current Vice Chair will remain the active Vice Chair until a new one is designated at a future meeting.

Chair Locascio described an item brought to City Council a few weeks ago that had been heard before by the Traffic Safety Commission. He explained that the Traffic Safety Commission had heard the presentations regarding the speed limits on Palos Verdes Drive East and then decided to recommend to leave them as-is. He added that he then attended the City Council meeting and it appeared that the existing speed limits were now being presented as no longer enforceable. Chair Locascio stated that it was not known to the Traffic Safety Commission that the existing speed limits were no longer enforceable, and that is why there was a new study. He explained that the City Council was concerned about that and considered sending the item back to the Traffic Safety Commission, but did not want to delay the placement of the new speed limits in two out of the five areas that were recently surveyed.

Senior Engineer Jules responded that all of the details have not been fully disclosed to the City Council and so the City Attorney will discuss them in a closed session with City Council on May 1st.

Chair Locascio said that he was asked to attend that City Council meeting, and so he did, and he was asked why a study was made when the old study should have been valid for another two years. He said he was left in an awkward position to say the least, since that information regarding the old studies was not available until after the Council meeting. He added that he hopes that he will not be placed in that position again.

Chair Locascio reported that the City Council is considering and discussing revisions to the practices and policies of the Council and Commissions, so if the Commissioners have a chance, they may wish to review the changes that are being proposed.

SHERIFF'S STATUS REPORT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ESTABLISH SKATEBOARDING RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS STREETS

Recommendation:

Prohibit the use of skateboards, roller skates, inline skates, scooters, and similar wheeled devices on Via Colinita, Palos Verdes Drive East, Silver Arrow Drive, Hawthorne Blvd, Ganado Drive, Crest Road (East and West), Crenshaw Blvd, Browndeer Lane, Verde Ridge Road, Locklenna Lane, and Miraleste Drive in

accordance with Municipal Code Section 12.6.120 and forward staff's recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

Chair Locascio asked Associate Engineer Murphy to read the item aloud. Chair Locascio then questioned why there was not a Staff Report included for this item in the agenda. Senior Engineer Jules clarified that it was included and how it has been indicated as such in the agenda. She then asked Chair Locascio if she could proceed with the Staff Report and he granted this request.

Senior Engineer Jules provided background on the item, pointed out that three streets had been added to the list out of consideration of previous comments made from the public at the last meeting, and provided clarification on the ordinance, including the fact that a violation of the ordinance would be considered an infraction. She also went over the fees associated with this type of violation.

Senior Engineer Jules explained that in follow-up from the last meeting, no such street grade database existed as had been discussed previously. She added that she performed some preliminary research and found that approximately 95% of the streets in the City exceeded the 5% grade threshold suggested at the last meeting. She went on to explain Staff's recommendation.

Commission Discussion and Staff Questions

Chair Locascio asked if there has been any progress or thoughts about establishing a skateboard park. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the Recreation and Parks Department is looking into it, but that there has not been much movement on it since the last meeting. Chair Locascio asked when there might be more progress on it. Senior Engineer Jules responded that she did not know, since the Recreation and Parks Department is balancing all of City Council's needs.

Chair Locascio asked for questions of Staff from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Kramer asked for clarification of the street segment length that was used in Senior Engineer Jules' preliminary analysis that arrived at the 95% exceedance rate. Senior Engineer Jules responded that, yes, there could be a variety of street segment lengths that were used to exceed this grade threshold.

Chair Locascio commented that it is also relevant how long and how straight a particular street is.

Chair Locascio opened the public hearing.

Lisa Jaksic, 6504 Via Colinita

Ms. Jaksic stated that she agreed with Staff's recommendation and that Via Colinita is not a typical residential street, since it has six blind curves, is very narrow, especially

when cars are parked on the street, and is often used as a shortcut by motorists. She asked the Traffic Safety Commission to add signs to Via Colinita forbidding skateboarders coming down that street. She explained that there have been two accidents there involving skateboarders, and fortunately no one was killed, but that it is just a matter of time before one of those kids gets killed. She said that a lot of the kids do not wear helmets and it is just a really scary and dangerous situation.

Mark Matthews, Via Ciega

Mr. Matthews stated that he agrees with Staff's recommendation and feels that this approach is the right one, to focus only on the streets that are the most dangerous to skateboard on. He emphasized that he felt that this is a safety issue for all users of the roadway. He added that he agrees with Ms. Jaksic that there are blind curves on Via Colinita and that there should be signs prohibiting skateboarding posted. He stated that for Via Colinita, the City should at least post signs and let kids know that this is not a street to be skateboarding on. Mr. Matthews explained that his neighbor, Paul Fujisama, has skateboarders bailing out when they lose control trying to navigate the curve on their skateboards and end up in his garden. Mr. Matthews mentioned that there have been a couple people hit on skateboards and that there was a kid killed in San Pedro while skateboarding. He stated that he has had a couple of near misses on Via Colinita and just really wants skateboarding to be done in a safe area and he feels that this street is not the place to do so.

Paul Tetreault, 6600 Via Colinita

Mr. Tetreault expressed his concern for the safety of the skateboarders and explained that he can see backing out of his driveway, but the blind curve prevents him from being able to see other motorists or skateboarders. He pointed out that there are three to four other choke points on Via Colinita where the street is narrow, so if a car is conflicting with skateboarders, it is a problem. He emphasized that he feels that it is not an appropriate place to skateboard. Mr. Tetreault added that it is good that skateboarding is a physical activity that kids are participating in, and that he realizes that it is beyond the jurisdiction of the Traffic Safety Commission, but that it is really important for the City to find a place where these kids can skateboard. He explained that it is easy to shut down these places, but it is harder to open up these places. He stated that he knows the City Council has given priority to this, but he just wanted to give voice to it as well. He concluded by stating that he supports Staff's recommendation.

Chair Locascio closed the public hearing.

Commission Discussion and Staff Questions

Chair Locascio asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Donahue stated that it is a dangerous street and that there are a lot of blind corners on Via Colinita.

Commissioner Kramer stated that he has the same fear as last time that this was discussed, which is that he is concerned that the City would simply be pushing the problem to another street. He explained that he would be in favor of a more comprehensive analysis of the streets that would give a grade threshold and an associated street segment length. He added that, as an example, he is concerned that kids will start skateboarding down Crownview instead, and so is cautiously in favor of Staff's recommendation. Chair Locascio stated that he agreed.

Vice Chair Klatt stated that he is glad that the violation would be considered an infraction. He added that he agreed with Commissioner Kramer's points but that he also feels that the City needs to start somewhere, and so he agrees with Staff's recommendation.

Chair Locascio stated that it seems like the Traffic Safety Commission should revisit this topic in the near future and that is why he asked the status of the skate park earlier, so that maybe it could be added as another condition. He went on to state that at the same time, Staff had indicated earlier that it would be an enormous effort to analyze all of the streets. He said that maybe just a 5% grade threshold should be indicated in the ordinance, but then he questioned how this could be enforced or how to implement that. Senior Engineer Jules replied that Staff would have to analyze every single street in the City.

Chair Locascio said that it may take discipline on the part of young people to stay in their lane when skateboarding. He explained that he does not want to see people get hurt, regardless of whose fault it is. He went on to state that each street is unique, so it is hard to issue a blanket statement.

Commissioner Kramer reminded the Commission that this is the second time that this topic has come to the Commission, so he does not want the decision to be postponed any further.

Commissioner Self arrived at 7:30pm.

Commissioner Kramer stated that he would like more specificity added to the recommendation to match the language in the ordinance. Senior Engineer Jules asked if he meant that he would like the language in Section B incorporated. Commissioner Kramer responded that, no, he was referring to Section A of the ordinance. Senior Engineer Jules replied that she will do so when it goes to City Council for consideration.

Chair Locascio asked if this language would pertain to longboards. Senior Engineer Jules and Commissioner Kramer responded that, yes, it would.

ACTION TAKEN:

Commissioner Kramer moved to support Staff's recommendation, adding the more specific language from the ordinance discussed. Commissioner Donahue seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kramer commented that when this comes back to the Commission, the Commission will have to figure out a better way to handle it.

Commissioner Locascio asked for any other comments from the Commission.

**Motion was approved:
Ayes 4, Nays 0
Abstain: Commissioner Self**

2. 2012-2013 WORK PLAN

Recommendation:

Review and approve the proposed 2012-2013 Work Plan.

Chair Locascio asked for the Staff Report on this item. Senior Engineer Jules explained the process of updating the work plan. She said that the focus should be if the Commission feels the tasks are attainable and in alignment with the City Council's goals. She stated that her plan for this meeting's discussion is to go through each goal and draft work plan item that is pertinent to the Traffic Safety Commission.

Focus on Traffic Enforcement

Commissioner Kramer commented that this is related to the Palos Verdes Drive East speed limits and asked if Staff plans to revisit the speed zone surveys. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the ones conducted by Willdan have been presented to City Council. She added that after the City Council closed session on May 1st, the future of the speed limits on Palos Verdes Drive East will be known. She went on to explain that Staff is also proposing to do a new round of speed studies in the City since there is a lack of some back-up data.

Chair Locascio asked who maintained the back-up data at the time the speed surveys were taken. Senior Engineer Jules responded that it was the consulting traffic engineer at the time, who no longer works for the consulting firm or the City.

Commissioner Kramer clarified that the reason the Traffic Safety Commission had decided to re-do the speed surveys on Palos Verdes Drive East was because a group of residents were complaining that the speed limits were set artificially low on this street. He added that it was also felt that it was cheap to perform new speed surveys and so that is why the Commission acted as it did.

Chair Locascio asked Staff what is the definition of a speed trap. Senior Engineer Jules responded that it pertains to when a posted speed limit is not supported by a speed

zone survey. She added that the term is specifically defined in the California Vehicle Code. Chair Locascio responded that he thought it was when law enforcement officials were well-concealed looking for motorists to speed and then to catch them doing so, and so he was glad that Senior Engineer Jules clarified the meaning of this term for him.

Commissioner Kramer asked Senior Engineer Jules to also clarify for the Commission that not all streets require speed zone surveys to be taken in order to have enforceable speed limits. Senior Engineer Jules replied that, yes, that is correct; residential streets do not need to have speed zone surveys taken for the 25 MPH speed limit to be enforced.

The Commission indicated that it is in agreement with Work Plan Item #1.

Palos Verdes Drive East Safety

Senior Engineer Jules stated that the City has a \$300,000 grant for guardrail repair along Palos Verdes Drive East as well as an upcoming resurfacing project that will include some improvements.

Chair Locascio commented that with the amount of curves on Palos Verdes Drive East, and since placing additional signs on the roadway is strongly discouraged, this would be a good place to put the speed limit pavement markings on the pavement. Senior Engineer Jules responded that that level of detail can be considered in the design of the Palos Verdes Drive East improvements.

The Commission indicated that it is in agreement with Work Plan Item #2.

Bicycle Safety

Commissioner Kramer commented that the goal originates from the City Council, so he is not sure if he can amend it or not, but that he would like to include motorists' awareness in the language of the goal. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the Commission is not in the position to amend the language of the City Council's goals.

Chair Locascio asked if there is sufficient publication showing bike paths to be better than having bikes ride on the street. He said he understands that bicyclists have a legal right to be on the roadway, but added that it is very difficult to not hit them when going around a curve.

Commissioner Self responded that having separate bike paths contradicts the idea of sharing the roadway. Chair Locascio indicated that he disagreed.

Commissioner Kramer stated that he agreed with Commissioner Self and that bicyclists have a legal right to use the roadway. He added that bike lanes are not always appropriate. He explained that, for instance, on the downhill side of a roadway, it is not safe to stay in a four-foot lane when going 40MPH down the road. He went on to state

that unfortunately the MUTCD and other guidelines state that if an agency is putting a bike lane on one side of the roadway, they have to put it on the other side too.

Commissioner Kramer commented that there is a significant percentage of the population that believe bicyclists should not be in the roadway, and therefore he thinks the City has the responsibility to educate all users of the roadway. He asked Staff if it is possible to modify the language of the work plan item. Senior Engineer Jules responded that, yes, the Commission can modify the language of the work plan item. Commissioner Kramer responded that he would like to add the language "...and promote cyclists', motorists', and equestrians' safety awareness."

The Commission indicated that it is in agreement with Work Plan Item #3 as modified.

Increase Citizen Involvement

Chair Locascio commented that "i.e." should be changed to "e.g."

Vice Chair Klatt stated that he feels this work plan item is a good idea.

Chair Locascio asked about outreaching to the Homeowners Associations too. Senior Engineer Jules asked what language he would then like added to the work plan item. Chair Locascio responded that maybe it is already implicit in the City Council goal's language.

Commissioner Kramer pointed out that Staff has been very good about reaching out to the community in the past, including even neighboring cities affected by projects.

The Commission indicated that it is in agreement with Work Plan Item #4.

Senior Engineer Jules asked if there are any other items that the Commission would like to call attention to.

Commissioner Kramer stated that he would like to include the addition of guardrails, especially on Palos Verdes Drive West, north of Hawthorne Blvd, since the grant that the City has obtained is only for Palos Verdes Drive East. Commissioner Kramer asked Staff if guardrails could be added to Palos Verdes Drive West. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the City will be significantly modifying some of the center medians, including grade modifications, trail connections, and possible construction of a wall as part of the upcoming center median improvement project.

Chair Locascio inquired which part of Palos Verdes Drive West Senior Engineer Jules was referring to and she explained.

Commissioner Kramer asked what the source of funding was for these improvements and Senior Engineer Jules responded that the funds were from the beautification grant program. Commissioner Kramer asked why this money would not be used to improve

the Hawthorne Blvd center medians. Senior Engineer Jules replied that those center medians will be improved with these funds in the future, but the Palos Verdes Drive West center medians had already been programmed into the budget in the past.

Commissioner Kramer asked about the status of the past work plan items. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the only outstanding work plan item was Palos Verdes Drive East, and that will be rolled over to the current work plan.

Chair Locascio asked about the law enforcement/Sheriff Department goal. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the City Manager's office is addressing that goal in regards to public safety and things of that nature.

Chair Locascio questioned why bother with the Sheriff's presence on the south and west sides of the City with the substation. Senior Engineer Jules replied that that goal is not related to traffic safety.

ACTION TAKEN:

Commissioner Kramer moved to accept Staff's recommended work plan items as modified. Vice Chair Klatt seconded the motion.

**Motion was approved:
Ayes 5, Nays 0**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. South Bay Cities Council of Governments – South Bay Watch, Spring 2012

Senior Engineer Jules asked if all of the Commissioners had received a copy of the South Bay Watch publication. The Commissioners responded that they had.

2. Traffic Commissioners Workshop (March 17, 2012)

Senior Engineer Jules asked who attended and Chair Locascio and Commissioner Donahue indicated that they attended the workshop. She then asked the Commissioners that attended how it went.

Commissioner Donahue said it would have been very helpful to attend this workshop at the beginning of her term on the Commission, but that she still found attending it now very beneficial and informative. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the traffic engineering consultant, Eric Zandvliet, had provided a personal, abbreviated version of the training workshop when the new Commission term had started.

Commissioner Donahue responded that she remembered that, but that it was still a lot of information to digest all at once.

Chair Locascio said that he wished to recognize Associate Engineer Murphy's efforts in supporting and helping to organize the event. He went on to state that the event was well-attended, in spite of the rain storm, and that some of the presentations were very focused, but also acknowledged that every City is unique. He added that some ideas were not as relevant to Rancho Palos Verdes, such as walkable or complete streets.

Senior Engineer Jules asked the Commissioners if they would be interested in going again next year. Chair Locascio stated that he would expect that there would be different material presented so he would be interested in going again, unless it is held in Riverside. He added that Buena Park is as far as he would like to go to attend the workshop if the City Traffic Engineers Association considers changing the location of it next year.

Senior Engineer Jules asked how the duration of the workshop was and if they felt it was adequate. Chair Locascio responded that as long as there are interesting presentations, he thinks having the workshop last a full day is a good idea.

Commissioner Donahue stated that she felt that the material presented at the workshop was interesting.

Chair Locascio stated that the presentations were all different, so it was interesting to hear all of the different perspectives that the presenters had.

Senior Engineer Jules asked if they liked the lunch that was provided. Chair Locascio and Commissioner Donahue responded that they liked it.

Senior Engineer Jules thanked Chair Locascio and Commissioner Donahue for representing the City at the event. Chair Locascio commented that Associate Engineer Murphy represented the City well at the event too.

Commissioner Kramer asked Associate Engineer Murphy if many volunteers attended. Associate Engineer Murphy replied that most of the attendees were Commissioners, but some agency staff, consulting firm professionals, and students also attended.

Associate Engineer Murphy reported that over 50 people attended the workshop from over 20 different agencies from Los Angeles, Orange County, and Riverside counties.

Chair Locascio commented that you could tell that some of the presentations were being made by a private consultant or contractor with something to sell. Senior Engineer Jules inquired which ones. Chair Locascio responded the complete streets presentation. He added that it was helpful to hear how other cities are being managed and operated, and that it gets one out of having a myopic view.

3. Palos Verdes Drive South Arterial Rehabilitation Project

Associate Engineer Murphy provided an update of the status of the project.

Commissioner Kramer stated that he is not as much of a fan of the microsurfacing as he is of the rubberized hot mix overlay. Associate Engineer Murphy responded that rubberized hot mix overlay is also a more costly treatment than microsurfacing.

Commissioner Kramer asked about the status of the planned work on Palos Verdes Drive South between the landslide area and Conqueror Drive. Senior Engineer Jules responded that those improvements were planned as part of the bikeway-compatible shoulder project through the landslide area, but there has recently been concern expressed about the additional maintenance cost that would be attributed to increasing the pavement width in the landslide area.

Chair Locascio asked if the installation of pilings to stop or slow the landslide movement has been considered. Senior Engineer Jules responded that Senior Engineer Ron Dragoo is entertaining several different options on how best to alleviate the problems attributed to the landslide and provide a long-term fix. Chair Locascio responded that the pilings would have to be set very deep, but they have been used successfully elsewhere to elevate a roadway over water. Senior Engineer Jules replied that there will be lots of outreach and public workshops coming up that will enable the public to share their ideas on how they feel the City can best address the landslide area.

Commissioner Kramer asked what the connection is between this bikeway path compatibility project in the slide area to the portion of Palos Verdes Drive South between the landslide area and Conqueror Dr. Senior Engineer Jules responded that those improvements were all part of the same grant. Commissioner Kramer asked if the paved portion of Palos Verdes Drive South in the landslide area is wide enough already to include a bikeway-compatible shoulder. Senior Engineer Jules responded that no, it is not currently wide enough, per the current design standards.

4. Hawthorne Blvd Pedestrian Safe Bus Stop Linkage Project

Senior Engineer Jules explained that this project is funded by a grant received by the City in order to create safe bus stop linkages on Hawthorne Blvd, between Crest Road and Palos Verdes Drive West. She added that it is a \$1.6 million project and that the design has been started. She stated that she plans to meet with the Homeowners Associations along Hawthorne Blvd to brief them on the elements of the project, which include sidewalks, ADA ramps, and parkway beautification.

Commissioner Kramer asked if sidewalk will be placed only on the east side of Hawthorne Blvd and Senior Engineer Jules responded that sidewalk will be placed on both sides of the street. Commissioner Kramer questioned if the hillside on the west side of Hawthorne Blvd would have to be cut back in order to make enough room for a sidewalk. Senior Engineer Jules replied that, yes, some retaining walls will be needed, and that will be the more costly part of the project.

5. Crest Road at Whitley Collins Pedestrian Crossing Project

Senior Engineer Jules stated that City Council approved a modified project and so Staff is entertaining quotes from the traffic engineering consultant, Willdan, to modify the plans and cost estimate to the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) design option that the City Council selected.

Chair Locascio stated that he feels that it is a gross mistake for the City to be putting this improvement in at this location since the warrants have not been met.

Commissioner Kramer commented that the Commission had voted to not put this improvement in.

6. Safe Routes to School “Walk to School Program” – Ridgecrest Intermediate School

Senior Engineer Jules explained that the City received a \$30,000 grant for the Walk to School program and that Ridgecrest Intermediate School provided the best response and willingness to participate in the program. She added that the current principal, Patrick Corwin, will be retiring soon. She said that she, Deputy Knox, and Ruth Smith of Willdan have been working with Mr. Brett Egan, Vice President of Ridgecrest Intermediate School.

Chair Locascio asked Senior Engineer Jules for a copy of the Safe Routes to School map. She responded that it has not been created yet, and that one of the goals of this Safe Route to School grant is to create one. She added that she will make it available to the Commission once it has been created.

Senior Engineer Jules explained that part of the program includes having Deputy Knox provide a safety and walking presentation to the students.

Senior Engineer Jules stated that the official Walk to School Day will be in October this year, which will include an incentive program for students that walk to school.

Chair Locascio stated that the current rate of students walking to school at Ridgecrest is 70%, according to Principal Corwin, which is remarkable.

Senior Engineer Jules explained that the route map is generated in coordination with the school. Chair Locascio suggested that the Homeowners Associations be included in the school’s discussion of the route. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the members of the Homeowners Associations can contact the school directly if they wish to participate in the route map generation process.

Commissioner Kramer asked if Staff will be revisiting the Miraleste Intermediate School/Palos Verdes Drive East grant application. Senior Engineer Jules responded that Staff will not be pursuing this grant this year since Staff is overwhelmed with other assignments. She added that the Safe Routes to School grant application for this

location has been denied three times now, but that Staff will try to submit it again next year or in future years.

7. Residential Rehabilitation Project FY11-12 (Areas 3 & 5)

Senior Engineer Jules reported that the design for this project will be starting soon. She indicated to the Commission on the map where Areas 3 and 5 are located.

Commissioner Kramer asked how long the cycle is before a residential street is resurfaced again. Senior Engineer Jules responded that Staff is trying hard to achieve a seven-year cycle.

8. School Safety Updates

Chair Locascio asked Senior Engineer Jules for clarification on this agenda item and she explained what it refers to. All of the Commissioners responded that they have no updates and that everything is good.

Chair Locascio stated that Principal Corwin of Ridgecrest Intermediate School has been asking for a crossing guard at the intersection of Northbay at Whitley Collins. Senior Engineer Jules responded that she will look into the warrants for that as part of the Safe Routes to School grant project.

9. Subcommittee Updates

Commissioner Kramer shared a bicycle subcommittee report with the Commission regarding a confrontation that occurred between a cyclist and a motorist on northbound Palos Verdes Drive East on April 4, 2012. The cyclist involved in the confrontation posted a video of the motorist and the license plate of the vehicle online. The cyclist also filed a police report, and two other cyclists have since noted that they have also had run-ins with this particular motorist in the past. Commissioner Kramer explained that he is very concerned about this incident for several reasons. He described an incident that occurred on Mandeville Canyon in 2008 in which a motorist, Dr. Christopher Thompson, who had a history of driving aggressively around cyclists, ended up seriously injuring two cyclists by hitting them with his car. Commissioner Kramer added that he would hate to see anyone injured in this City as a result of road rage.

Commissioner Kramer commented that this particular section of Palos Verdes Drive East seems to be problematic for some reason. He described a similar confrontational situation that he was personally involved in with a motorist.

Commissioner Kramer stated that the mentality of “needing to teach bicyclists a lesson” and taking matters into their own hands needs to be stopped. He concluded by stating that he hopes that something positive will come of the filing of the police report regarding this incident on Palos Verdes Drive East.

Chair Locascio responded that the Commission needs to think about ways that it can get this message out to the public, such as the City bulletin and Whale of a Day, Fourth of July, or other events that the Commission can have a public traffic safety display at. He also suggested putting this information on the City's website. Chair Locascio added that he feels similarly about people turning their lights on when it is foggy out. He clarified that this anti-bicyclist behavior seems to be more than just an oversight like forgetting to turn your headlights on, but rather inappropriate behavior and expectations on the part of motorists.

Senior Engineer Jules asked the Commissioners if they would like to retain the "Share the Road" buttons. The Commissioners responded yes, so she said that she would check how many are left.

Associate Engineer Murphy asked if the Commission wants the message to be kept the same or if the Commission would like to modify it. Commissioner Kramer responded that he would like the message to remain the same since the focus is on all modes of transportation. He added that he had read a well-written letter to the editor in a newspaper that pointed out that roadways are designed to move people using any mode of transportation, and that roadways were first paved for use by bicycles.

Commissioner Kramer asked about the booth at the last Whale of a Day event. Senior Engineer Jules responded that she heard that there were some problems with the setup of the booth and will do a better job at coordinating the booth next time.

Chair Locascio stated that he does not want to point fingers, but hopefully if someone agrees to be there, they can stick around until someone else can take over. He also stated that he will be unavailable for the July Fourth event.

10. Upcoming Roadway/Special Events

Habitat for Humanity: Senior Engineer Jules reported that a small group of riders originated at Terranea for their ride. She said that there were no complaints received about the event and that it was a success.

Commissioner Kramer asked about an organized ride that he observed taking place in the City on April 14th on Hawthorne Blvd and Palos Verdes Drive South. Senior Engineer Jules responded that she was not aware of any event taking place that day.

Tour de Cure: Senior Engineer Jules reported that all permit requirements have been satisfied for this event, that it is the third year that they are doing it, and that they always hire the Sheriff's Department to assist with traffic control. She then described the route that the event takes through the City.

Palos Verdes Half Marathon: Senior Engineer Jules reported that the permit is good to go and that they have the project sponsorship set up. Chair Locascio asked Senior Engineer Jules if she will be running and she said that she will be participating in the 5k

run as part of this event. Commissioner Kramer noted that Senior Engineer Jules also ran in the last Los Angeles Marathon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Recommendation:

Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting.

Commission Discussion and Staff Questions

Chair Locascio commented that he did not agree with the last sentence of Tom Redfield's comments that were made during the public comments portion of that meeting. He explained that he felt it was inappropriate to classify all traffic incidents as crimes since many are accidents or unintentional. Chair Locascio also requested an edit to a sentence in the last paragraph on page 5 of 16, and the addition of the word "probably" to a sentence on page 11 of 16 regarding skateboarding.

ACTION TAKEN:

Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting of February 27, 2012 as amended, seconded by Vice Chair Klatt.

Motion approved:

Ayes 4, Nays 0

Abstain: Commissioner Self

Commission Discussion and Staff Questions

Chair Locascio requested to have the Commission meet on June 4th instead of June 25th. Senior Engineer Jules responded that the Community Room will not be available on June 4th, so she will have to check if there are any suitable meeting places available for the Traffic Safety Commission's use on that date. The Commission discussed the combining of the May and June meetings to the June meeting since the May meeting date falls on the Memorial Day holiday. It was agreed that the June 25th date would be the back-up date for the June meeting if the June 4th date cannot be accommodated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm to the next meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission on June 4, 2012.