



CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEERS (CTE) ASSOCIATION

BI-MONTHLY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER/SELF INTRODUCTIONS

S. Ma called the meeting to order at 12:14pm. Self introductions were made. The following members were present:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the amended minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting was moved by C. Veinot and seconded by S. Libring. Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Collision Databases, Guest Speaker: Jeff Cullen, Crossroads

Jeff Cullen of Crossroads gave a presentation on their traffic collision database. He cited examples of organizations that currently use this system, including the City of Whittier, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. He explained that many police departments use this system for traffic collision reporting and that it provides real-time data as soon as the police reports are approved. He gave a demonstration using sample data from one of their client agencies. He explained the many ways that the system

can be useful to various agencies. He also referred to the Traffic Accident Analysis Report Guidelines Handbook prepared by Placer County.

Several members asked questions about some of the features of the system and recent enhancements. J. Cullen went over these items and also described efficiencies that police departments are finding when using new technologies. Discussion ensued regarding traffic collision reporting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M. Suter stated that Erik Ruehr of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) had sent out information regarding Senate Bill (SB) 743 and was in the process of compiling a comment letter from ITE to be sent to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. She reminded everyone that the deadline to submit comments for the taskforce is this Friday, February 14th. She added that the seven (7) California Sections of ITE will be signing the letter, as well as the Orange County Traffic Engineers Council (OCTEC). Discussion ensued regarding CTE's position on the topic and potential support of ITE's comment letter.

S. Ma distributed the agenda of the California Traffic Control Devices Committee's (CTCDC) upcoming meeting to everyone. M. Suter asked who was planning to attend this meeting. Discussion ensued on the meeting agenda and red light camera signal timing. Discussion also continued on how to go about achieving consensus among the CTE members on the group's position on SB 743 and ITE's comment letter.

M. Suter pointed out that Sam Morrissey of the City of Santa Monica had posted a letter providing his comments on SB 743, and that Albert Grover Associates had also prepared a letter.

Discussion about the significance of SB 743 ensued. It was decided that CTE will possibly have a separate letter that will state concurrence with the ITE letter, based upon feedback S. Ma receives from the members after the ITE comment letter is circulated.

M. Suter asked for feedback on the Advocacy Committee of ITE and several members provided their thoughts.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

Service Recognition to CTE: Srikanth Chakravarthy and Melissa Murphy

S. Ma recognized S. Chakravarthy and M. (Murphy) Countryman for their services to CTE and presented them each with a plaque for their outstanding dedication and commitment.

Annual Membership Dues

S. Ma reminded everyone that annual membership dues are due.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

M. Miller stated that S. Libring will be retiring in two months and so there is a position becoming available in the City of Riverside.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:42pm.

*Melissa Countryman for
Eric Dunlap
Secretary/Treasurer*