



CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEERS (CTE) ASSOCIATION

BI-MONTHLY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER/SELF INTRODUCTIONS

S. Ma called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Self introductions were made. The following members were present:

Steve Libring	City of Riverside	slibring@riversideca.gov
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting was moved by M. Mostahkami and seconded by E. Zandvliet. Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

In the interest of time to discuss upcoming legislation, an educational feature was omitted from this month's meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

S. Ma explained the status of proposed California Assembly Bill 612 (AB 612) to adjust the yellow times for Automated Enforcement Systems.

E. Zandvliet questioned if the bill contained language regarding a maximum yellow time.

M. Miller asked the present CTE members what cities currently operate automated enforcement systems and asked what CTE's response should be to AB 612. E. Zandvliet updated members on the role of CTE in issuing a position on any issue as the association cannot speak on behalf of the cities represented at CTE.

A motion to prepare a letter to the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) to voice our concerns that a bill will be passed into law without an investigation of the potential unintended consequences by the CTCDC was moved by E. Zandvliet and seconded by M. Miller. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to prepare a letter to the Senate Committee reviewing AB 612 was moved by F. Barnes. F. Barnes, E. Zandvliet, M. Miller, S. Libring, and S. Yanez discussed the role of CTE and the effects of CTE contacting the Senate Committee directly. The motion was withdrawn by F. Barnes.

S. Libring asked if there is a letter CTE can write that encourages the state representatives to get input on AB 612. E. Zandvliet suggested CTE draft a letter for cities to sign voicing their concerns if they wish to do so.

The members discussed a possible alternative to AB 612 where a citation would not be issued until one second after the yellow change interval has expired as to not potentially change drivers' habits and behavior.

A motion to prepare a draft letter regarding AB 612 for cities to sign if they wish was moved by E. Zandvliet and seconded by F. Barnes. The members discussed the concerns CTE would like addressed in the draft letter. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

2013 CTE Workshop

S. Ma informed the group that planning had begun for the next CTE Traffic Commissioners workshop. The members discussed dates for the workshop and topics of interest. M. Miller, S. Ma, and C. Veinot suggested the workshop include more teaching on traffic engineering fundamentals for the commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

CA MUTCD Guidelines for a Traffic Signal Exiting Flashing Red

C. Veinot informed the members that a traffic signal exiting flashing red operation according to his understanding of the 2012 CA MUTCD, Section 4D.31, would need to transition to a 6 second steady red clearance and then transition to a green indication on the main street.

The members discussed whether the controller software logic allows the signal to follow this operation and several members explained their agencies' policies for exiting flashing red. M. Miller informed the committee that flashing red operation was common during rolling blackouts and discussed for procedure for removing stop signs and reintroducing the traffic signal into normal operation.

General Plan and Offers of Dedication

M. Mostahkami asked for insight regarding General Plans and Offers of Dedication. The members briefly discussed each item and CEQA compliance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

No announcements

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Dunlap
Secretary/Treasurer