

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA,
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007**

OPENING MATTERS

Call to Order/Roll Call of Commission Members

Present:

Commissioner Godfrey
Chair Friedman
Commissioner Valk
Commissioner Sobol
Vice Chair Newfield

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt. Philip Brooks.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Valk motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sobol. Motion Carried 5/0.

Approval of Commission Minutes of June 26, 2007

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2007, seconded by Vice Chair Newfield.

Announcements and Introductions

Chair Friedman introduced the Commission's new student commissioner Brian Chaskes, a junior at Calabasas High School. He said he joined the Commission because of his interest in the traffic problems at his school.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT

Meredith Hasson of Fabian Place, Calabasas, spoke about her concern over the crosswalk at the corner of Mulholland and Eddingham. She would like a signal installed at that intersection, and if not a signal, a blinking stop sign. She also feels that a stop light or stop sign will help residents to make left turns off Eddingham, Declaration and Deguerre. She said she is frustrated that the City does not seem to care about fixing this problem.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sgt. Brooks apologized for a few errors on the Sheriff's Department Report. On the front page the injury accidents have increased by 18% not 39%. Other than that, most of the statistics are consistent with the same month last year with a slight increase in collisions and a slight decrease in citations. Mike Raines, the motor officer is still out and hopefully will return in October. The 4th of July operation went very smooth.

CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATION

Appoint representative to be available to attend meeting on as needed basis in September, 2007.

Commissioner Stu Sobol will be available to attend any City Council or Planning Commission meeting in September on an as needed basis determined by Director Yalda.

1. Village at Calabasas Traffic Study Report

Tom Gdala, Associate Transportation Planner reported on the Village at Calabasas Traffic Study Report on the site commonly known as the Calabasas Inn, located at 23500 Park Sorrento. This project has already been through several development review committee meetings and has been revised several times. Alliance JB was hired by the City to review the Village at Calabasas Traffic Study 2nd Review Report. This went back and forth between the project engineer, and staff and the consultant on addressing issues and at this time those issues have been addressed satisfactorily to the City Engineer and the staff in general. A 79 unit senior housing facility is proposed with 13000 square feet of retail. An addendum is also attached to the staff report. Director Yalda added that staff is requesting that the Commission forward its recommendation with conditions to the Planning Commission.

Mary Ellen Waller of 23501 Park Sorrento spoke regarding parking problems in the area of the Calabasas Inn. She wants parking mitigation to be done on the east side of Calabasas. Director Yalda explained that the City is not allowed to condition a new project on problems that existed previously, such as not enough parking. Mrs. Waller addressed the Commission again and asked where the people that now park in the Calabasas Inn lot are going to park after the new facility is built.

David Litt of 23815 Park Belmonte, Calabasas spoke next regarding Countrywide violating its CUP by approximately 250 people and those 250 people do not have parking spaces at Countrywide.

Commissioner Valk motioned that this Commission forward to the Planning Commission the following items:

1. Village of Calabasas project will pay its fair share of the cost for improvements at the intersection of Calabasas Road and the southbound US 101 offramps.
2. That the Village of Calabasas project will provide and maintain sight lines consistent with stopping distance requirements as outlined in the Caltrans Design manual.
3. That the Village of Calabasas project will install signs and/or curb paint restricting street parking between the project driveways.
4. That the Planning Commission consider this project in light of a chronic, stubborn parking shortage in the vicinity of this project. This should be a specific point of the Planning Commissions discussions.
5. Village of Calabasas must pay its fair share of possible costs of the signalization at Calabasas Road and El Canon if that signal were to go forward.
6. Village at Calabasas be obligated to pay a citywide traffic mitigation fee which is at \$1230 per unit and \$3.00 per square foot of retail.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Sobol. MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

2. El Canon Senior Housing Traffic Analysis

Tom Gdala, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the El Canon Senior Housing Traffic Impact Analysis which is located on El Canon next to Calabasas Road. The project was originally proposed at 100% affordable housing and therefore, based on the projected peak hour traffic impacts, a full blown traffic impact study was not required. The only requirement was a traffic impact analysis for El Canon and Calabasas Road. They are allowed three concessions by the State to ask the City of Calabasas to be flexible with as far as requirements, and that is based on the requirement for affordable housing. One of the three concessions that the applicant has asked for was to allow a 20% driveway slope. The City code only allows 8%. The City is still working with the City Attorney to be sure that safety is not jeopardized in this concession. The new trips generated by the project anticipate 6 am peak trips and 8 pm peak trips which is surprisingly low. Staff anticipates higher actual peak-hour trip generation than is projected. We, as staff, public officials and residents of Calabasas, may argue that we believe more trips will occur, though our belief will not legally hold up to the ITE Manual. Staff is recommending that one of the conditions of this project is that a traffic signal be installed at that intersection with fair share payments to come from Larry Dinovitz's project and any other future projects. Staff is also recommending that the project frontage area that is available for street parking should be restricted and signs should be installed restricting curb use to loading and unloading only. Staff would also like the cul-de-sac have restricted parking so large trucks and emergency vehicles can move in and out. Another condition of the project is to have no landscaping or objects placed within siteline proximity of that driveway to obstruct the view of people going in and out of driveway, especially if they are granted a 20% slope.