

## MEETING MINUTES

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**MEETING:** Traffic & Transportation Commission – Mulholland Hwy Feasibility Study  
City of Calabasas

**DATE / TIME:** September 22, 2020 | 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Zoom Meeting | Webinar ID: 861 5579 7327 | Password: 133258

### MEETING MINUTES:

**1) 7:30 (2) Agenda Item: Mulholland Highway Corridor Traffic Study by Eric Spangler, Consultant with Michael Baker International.**

Tatiana Holden and Eric Spangler provided an overview of the Mulholland Highway Feasibility Study project. Eric introduced Carla Dietrich and Jerusalem Verano as co-presenters of this evening's presentation. The following comments were received from the commissioners, guest panelists, and City staff after the presentation.

- **How will the public, namely students, be notified of ongoing project work?**

Eric noted the City website is a good resource for project updates. In addition, in the next phase, public outreach could be conducted, and the schools / residents notified directly. A student specific workshop, or general workshop could also be scheduled to garner input.

- **Can the 4'-6' shoulder widening be utilized for evacuation purposes?**

Eric stated the additional widening area could be utilized with special traffic control.

- **What bicycle improvements are being proposed?**

Eric noted that the new 4'-6' shoulder width and a consistent shoulder width are the primary bike improvement being proposed.

- **How will the new signal operate and has the team considered options to blend the signal with the rural characteristics of the road?**

Carla stated that the signal is assumed to be actuated and responsive to traffic through video detection and or ground detectors. In addition, due to the proximity to Old Topanga Canyon Road (East), the new signal would be synchronized to allow for responsive timing. Other timing considerations involve pedestrian and right-turn overlap that will be further explored in subsequent phases. Eric noted that the CA MUTCD

requires uniformity for signal equipment, such as signal head size. However, the City would have opportunities for special aesthetics in decorative signal poles and lighting.

- **Is lighting proposed along the new sidewalk?**

Lighting along the sidewalk has not yet been considered. Smaller luminaries for safety purposes could be considered in the next phase.

- **Adding a signal at the Calabasas High School driveway on Old Topanga Canyon Road (East) has been discussed previously. Could a signal at this intersection be included in this project?**

Robert Yalda noted that a traffic signal warrant was previously conducted for this driveway and a signal was not found to be warranted at that location at that time. The intersection is located outside of this project's study area, however it could be potentially be added to the project in the future.

## **2) Closing Remarks**

Robert Yalda made the following closing remarks and recommendations to the commission:

- The City has \$6 million appropriated for this work which is short of the total project cost. City staff continues to search for additional funding but is experiencing greater pressure due to COVID-19. Robert requested Michael Baker prioritize the most important aspects of the project, based on public comments, rather than a station approach to phasing.
- Robert recommended proceeding with the environmental phase and requested Michael Baker identify items that could be constructed exclusive of an environmental review.
- Robert recommended sending a copy of the feasibility study to the schools, public and stakeholders for further commenting and input.
- Robert asked the commission to recommend presenting the project to City Council with public input.

**ACTION ITEM: Michael Baker will identify key build items based on public input.**

**ACTION ITEM: Michael Baker will identify build items that are exclusive of an environmental review, if any.**

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