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CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Ave.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, October 12, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

SAFETY ALERT –NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

Due to COVID-19, the City of Los Alamitos City Council Meeting referenced above will be conducted by videoconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20. The public may access the meeting electronically or telephonically.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Murphy
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco
Council Member Doby
Council Member Grose
Council Member Hasselbrink

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

A. Old Town West – Traffic Calming Option

On August 5, 2019, the City received a petition signed by residents of Old Town West neighborhood residing mainly on Chestnut Street and Walnut Street requesting installation of speed humps to reduce speeding and increase safety of pedestrians. The Traffic Commission is recommending a traffic calming project that would include lane narrowing and striping modification. The proposed project will be done in two phases. The first phase will be evaluated for a 10-12 month period and if deemed effective, phase 2 will be brought back to City Council as part of the Capital Improvement Project list.

Recommendations:

1. Approve the Traffic Calming Project in the Old Town West Neighborhood as recommend by the Traffic Commission; and,
2. Authorize Staff to solicit bids to begin facilitating the proposed Phase I calming measures.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Murphy
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco
Council Member Doby
Council Member Grose
Council Member Hasselbrink

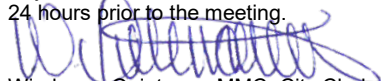
4. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case).

5. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted at City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 900720 and on the City's website at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.


Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Date: October 8, 2020

City of Los Alamitos

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2020

ITEM NUMBER: 3A

To: Mayor Richard D. Murphy & Members of the City Council

Presented By: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager

Subject: Old Town West – Traffic Calming Option

SUMMARY

On August 5, 2019, the City received a petition signed by residents of Old Town West neighborhood residing mainly on Chestnut Street and Walnut Street requesting installation of speed humps to reduce speeding and increase safety of pedestrians. The Traffic Commission discussed the item at its regular meeting on September 11, 2019 with the public present. Staff was directed to evaluate other traffic calming measures. The Traffic Commission considered additional traffic calming measures that would reduce speed impact and increase safety of pedestrians at its March 11, 2020 meeting. The Traffic Commission approved the traffic calming measures and directed staff to bring the complete project back for consideration. Staff presented a traffic calming option which included lane narrowing and striping modification to the Traffic Commission at a Special Meeting held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. The proposed project will be done in two phases. The first phase will be evaluated for a 10-12 month period and if deemed effective, Phase 2 will be brought back to City Council as part of the Capital Improvement Project list. The Traffic Commission approved recommendation of the traffic calming project to City Council.



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the Traffic Calming Project in the Old Town West Neighborhood as recommend by the Traffic Commission; and,
2. Authorize Staff to solicit bids to begin facilitating the proposed Phase I calming measures.

BACKGROUND

On August 5, 2019, the City received a petition signed by 98 residents on Walnut Street, Oak Street, and Chestnut Street and two postal carriers. In this area, there are approximately 600 residential units. Of the 98 signatures, 16 have the same last name and list the same address. Therefore, 82 residences are identified, which represents approximately 14% of the total residences.

The petition identifies concern with speeding vehicles who are not observing the posted stop signs. The petition is requesting the City to install speed bumps on the noted streets.

As a result of the petition, several actions have been taken by the City to address the concerns of the residents regarding speeding vehicles and various traffic measures were presented to the Traffic Commission.

- Staff presented the first speed survey to the Traffic Commission on October 9, 2019, which concluded that there was no significant speeding impact.
- Second presented the second speed survey to the Traffic Commission on the February 12, 2020, which concluded that there was no significant speeding impact.
- Staff presented various traffic calming measures to the Traffic Commission on March 11, 2020 and described the pros and cons of each measure.

Even though the speed survey data indicated there was no significant speeding impact in Old Town West, the Traffic Commission at the March 11, 2020 meeting directed staff to proceed with a traffic calming measure plan. Members of the Traffic Commission chose the narrowed lanes and pavement markings measure as the alternative and requested staff bring back a plan for the Commission to review. Staff brought back a traffic calming plan to the Commission on September 30, 2020. Notices to the residents that signed the petition were distributed via mail the week of September 14, 2020.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared a striping plan and pavement markings to narrow the travel lanes to 10 feet wide in each direction. A buffer zone would be installed between the travel lane and the parked cars to create space when opening car doors. The buffer zone would provide additional clearance to improve the visibility when backing up. Similar traffic

calming measures have been used extensively throughout the City to reduce the vehicular speed and improve the pedestrian safety.

City staff has developed an option that will contain two phases. The first phase will install traffic calming measures on specific streets in the Old Town West neighborhood. This will allow a process to conduct a study to determine if the calming measures are effective. If the traffic calming measures are deemed effective, Phase 2 will install traffic calming measures to the rest of the Old Town West neighborhood streets.

Phase 1: Install speed limits signs at appropriate locations and narrow lanes with striping for a portion of the Old Town West neighborhood within the roadway sections to evaluate the effectiveness of the calming measure on drivers' behaviors and determine if it is appropriate for the entire neighborhood. Below are the areas that the calming measures will be installed.

- Walnut Street between Katella Avenue and Sausalito Street.
- Chestnut Street between Cerritos Avenue and Katella Avenue.

Phase 2: Install speed limits signs at appropriate locations, narrow lanes with striping for the entire Old Town West neighborhood.

In addition to the above, the following items will be implemented in both options:

- Install a left-turn lane on Sausalito Street to the west of Los Alamitos Boulevard.
- Red curb will be painted on both side of Sausalito Street near the Los Alamitos Boulevard to allow the addition of a left-turn lane.
- Red curb will be painted on the south side of Sausalito Street near Los Alamitos Boulevard and at the north side of Sausalito Street adjacent to the Sausalito Walk tract.

Attachment 1 outlines Phase I of the plan developed for Walnut Street between Katella Avenue to Sausalito Street and Chestnut Street between Cerritos Avenue and Katella Avenue. The before and after study will provide pertinent information on the effectiveness of the plan before implementing the traffic calming measure throughout the entire neighborhood streets.

The estimated timeline for this project is listed below.

- November 2020 – Phase I out to bid
- December 2020 – City Council award bid for Phase I
- February/March 2021 – Estimated implementation date for Phase I
- February/March 2022 – End of 10-12 month evaluation period

FISCAL IMPACT

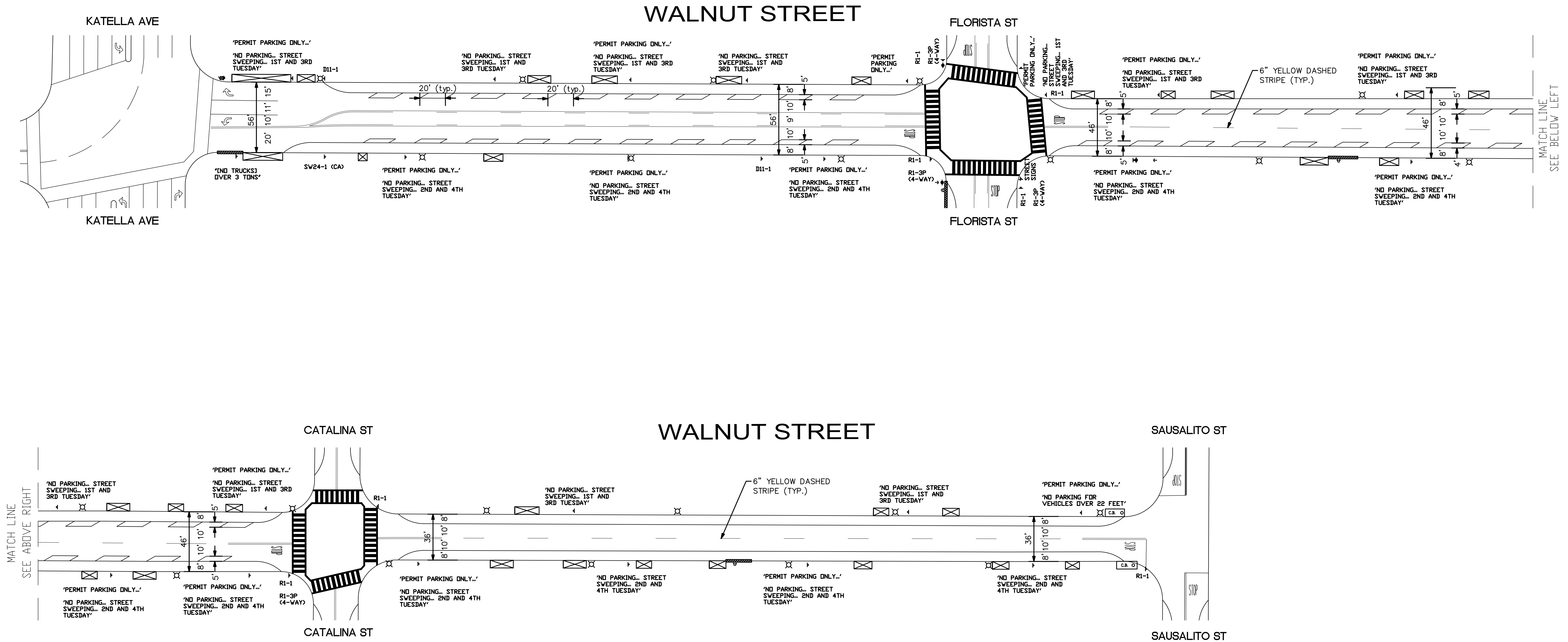
Staff will solicit bids to begin facilitating the proposed Phase I calming measures. The estimated cost for the Phase I project is \$45,000. Measure M will provide the funding source for Phase I. If Phase I is determined effective, Phase II will be brought back to City Council as part of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) program for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Submitted by: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager

Fiscal Impact Reviewed by: Craig Koehler, Interim Finance Director

Approved by: Chet Simmons, City Manager

*Attachments: 1. Proposed Striping Plan – Walnut
2. Proposed Striping Plan – Chestnut
3. Examples of Street Striping*



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WILLDAN Engineering		DATE
2401 East Katella Ave, Suite 400, Anaheim, California 92806 714.973.0000 fax 714.973.0006		
DRAWN BY	EJM	10/8/2020
CHECKED BY	F. IRANITALAB	10/8/2020
DESIGNED BY	EJM	10/8/2020
APPROVED		10/8/2020
City Engineer		Date

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OLD TOWN WEST
TRAFFIC CALMING CONCEPT PLAN

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Examples of street striping



Windy Quintanar

From: brucecmurphy@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:52 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Old Town West Traffic Calming Measures

Mayor Richard Murphy and City Council Members,

My name is Bruce Murphy and I live at 10951 Walnut St, and I wanted to voice my support for the phase 1 and Phase 2 plans the city Traffic Commission has proposed. The plans to post speed limit signs, narrowing the lanes with striping are all effective methods to help with traffic calming in Los Alamitos.

I do not see that the proposed installation of a left turn lane at Sausalito St and red curb painting at that location will add to the calming measures for old town west and should be deleted in this proposal.

The issue of speed hopefully can be addressed with the Phase 1 proposal but if it is not as effective as hoped, I believe that speed humps should be included in Phase 2.

If you watch traffic as it cuts through from Los Alamitos Blvd to the Freeway, you can see cars rushing to make the light at Katella Ave and Walnut St. As well as large trucks, over 3 tons, cutting through the old town west area. The issue of cars failing to stop at the stop sign and large trucks can only be addressed through traffic enforcement.

As a safety issue the cross walks at Walnut St and Florista St need to be painted with more visible paint and have a crossing guard at that intersection during Oak Middle School's opening and closing hours. All these measures are to ensure the safety of our children and residence of Los Alamitos.

I think that the Phase 1 and 2 recommendations as well as the addition items I have outlined fit well within the Los Alamitos Active Transportation Plan.

I ask that you approve this measure for implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce C Murphy

brucecmurphy@gmail.com

Windy Quintanar

From: Tom Ingram <tom@vivalasvegas.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:53 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT # OLD TOWN WEST TRAFFIC CALMING

Is there a plan that we can see showing where the lane narrowing and striping will be? It would be good to see that so that we have a better idea of what your proposals are. For the record, in principal I think it is a good idea but would like to see the plans. I am not in favor of speed ramps.

Thank you

TOM INGRAM

***** PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS *****

Please delete the Cerritos Ave address and amend your records

TOM INGRAM

PO Box 5940, Los Alamitos, CA 90721

Please call or email for physical address if needed.

PH: 562-496-4287 FAX: 562-372-8575

EMAIL TOM@vivalasvegas.net



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Windy Quintanar

From: pamela coelho <therampam@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 2:12 PM
To: CityClerk; trafficcommision@cityoflosalamitos.org; pamela coelho
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM#3A

SAFETY SHOULD BE THE FIRST PRIORITY OF ALL CITY EMPLOYEES, ESPECIALLY OUR ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS. You are the people that have the ability to make positive changes in our community.

On August 5, 2019, the residents of Old Town West presented a signed petition to Los Alamitos Traffic Commission, City Council and Police Department. It stated a detailed description of the safety issues in detail and recommendations to correct the problems. One year and 2 months later and nothing has been done to address the safety issues, except, the city replaced the vehicle weight limit sign. It was changed from NO VEHICLES OVER 2 TONS to NO VEHICLES OVER 3 TONS, which has only made matters worse. Now, bigger trucks speed down our streets and don't stop. We also have big rigs that drive down Walnut St. to the construction site on Sausalito St.

According to the Traffic Commission's findings in the survey they took. Over 1700 cars pass thru our Old Town West everyday. The report also stated that 85% are driving 30 mph or less and 15% are driving 30+ mph. Which means more than 255 vehicles per day are speeding at over 30 mph thru our streets. We live here, our children go to school here, our residents walk their dogs, ride their bikes and play with their children on streets that vehicles are being allowed to speed thru because the traffic laws aren't being enforced.

THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE BEFORE SOMEONE GETS KILLED.

We request that the first step needed is 25 mph speed limit signs posted throughout our community. It's mind boggling why there aren't any posted since Oak middle School is in our neighborhood. We also need desperately, a crossing guard at Walnut St. and Florista Ave. There is a major traffic problem at this intersection everyday at 11:00am to 12:00pm and again at 2:45pm to 3:30pm.

Maybe an officer could be posted until a crossing guard is hired. I challenge any one of you to park anywhere on Walnut St. between Catalina Ave. and Florista Ave. so you can experience the magnitude of the problem. Then and only then, will you grasp a small part of the safety issue.

Lastly, we need support from our Police Dept. We need an officer posted at least twice a week at high traffic times, in different areas of Old Town West. Giving failure to stop and speeding tickets would further deter people from ignoring the traffic laws and possibly deter so many vehicles passing thru Old Town West.

You have the power to Do The Right Thing here. We're all tire of nothing being done and when we go to the polls this election, your decision in this matter will reflect on how we vote.

Thank you for your time,

Pam Coelho