

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 08, 2020 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Hill
Vice Chair Patz
Commissioner Coxhill
Commissioner Mejia
Commissioner Rodman
Commissioner Singer
Commissioner West

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

At this time, any individual in the audience may address the Traffic Commission and speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. **Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes.**

5. TRAFFIC COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

A. Annual Traffic Commission Reorganization

This report provides relevant information for the Traffic Commission's annual reorganization, by the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Los Alamitos Traffic Commission nominate and elect:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2019

7. STAFF REPORTS

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B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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Recommendation: Receive, file, and revise as necessary.

8. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

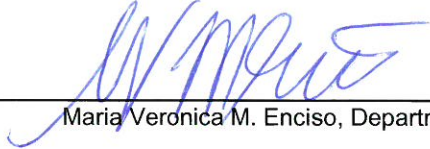
9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

At this time, Commissioners may report on items not included on the agenda, but no such matter may be discussed, nor may any action be taken in which there is

interest to the community, except as to provide Staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Community Center, Museum, and City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 2nd day of January, 2020**



Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – November 13, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:01 p.m. on November 13, 2019 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Hill presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Hill
Vice Chair Patz
Mejia, Coxhill, Singer, and West

Absent: Rodman (excused)

Present: Staff: Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Chris Kelley, Assistant City Engineer
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner West.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Hill opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Resident Steven expressed his concern of the Taco Surf signage near his home and the parking problem in his neighborhood.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 09, 2019

Motion/Second: Patz/Coxhill

Carried 6/0 (Rodman absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 9, 2019.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Request to Remove Permit Parking from the Carrier Row Neighborhood

Residents in the Carrier Row Neighborhood have submitted three separate petitions requesting the removal of the permit parking on Langley Drive, Saratoga Drive and Green Avenue. The submitted petitions from residents on all identified streets meet the minimum 75% petition approval needed.

Assistant City Engineer Kelley summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Mejia expressed what has been discussed is in line with what was said in previous years and that he is thankful that this process will now be going to the City Council.

Commissioner Singer noted that if the Traffic Commission is perfectly clear and comfortable with why parking permit signs were installed, the cost of the removal, and are aware of any consequences then he would not have a problem with moving forward with the removal.

Chair Hill commented that the neighborhood do not need permit parking and have not needed it for a long time.

Vice Chair Patz clarified that the request was made by the residents in form of a petition of 75% or greater by the residents in the particular area and they have the right to remove the parking permit program.

The Traffic Commission and City Engineer Hunt discussed the following:

- Cost of the removal being minimal, below \$500.
- No additional cost to remove the signs as it is part of the normal duties of the City staff.
- Next steps of the permit parking removal process: go to the December City Council meeting for approval along with New Dutch Haven Neighborhood, then the removal of the signs by Public Works.

Motion/Second – Mejia/Patz

Carried 6/0 (Rodman Absent): Motion to remove the parking permit program in the Carrier Row neighborhood and recommend to City Council of the entire neighborhood which includes the following streets: Langley Drive, Saratoga Drive, and Green Avenue.

Chair Hill took a quick break to thank the audience for joining the meeting. The audience that attended were students observing for school.

B. Request to Install Right Turn Lane on Cerritos Avenue East of Los Alamitos High School Intersection

The City received a request to install a right-turn lane on the north side of Cerritos Avenue to the east of the high school entrance to facilitate the right-turn onto the Los Alamitos High School.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Coxhill asked and received clarification by Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that staff has not contacted the school or the district in regards to this topic.

Vice Chair Patz asked and received clarification from Chair Hill that this topic was brought up at a City budget meeting.

Commissioner Coxhill expressed that having the right turn lane would make the lanes clearer, but not sure that it would ease up the congestion of pickup and drop off in the area.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab explained that it would deter those to park at that area and improve the flow of traffic.

Vice Chair Patz expressed that installing a dedicated right turn lane will increase rather than impede traffic flow.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that most people who drive along the red curb intend to go straight [on Cerritos Avenue] and not turning into the high school.

City Engineer clarified that if this is approved, City staff will discuss this with the school district.

Vice Chair Patz and Traffic Engineer Iranitalab discussed the cost for the striping and two arrows.

Commissioner Singer shared his concern of traffic flow of vehicles driving away from the curb going east of the new turn lane trying to get into the line of traffic.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that the speed is going to be slower because drivers will be queuing.

Vice Chair Patz added to Traffic Engineer Iranitalab's statement, that the curb is already red and there will be raised markers. He doubts that having a dedicated right lane will have much of an issue.

Sergeant Malatesta clarified that the enforcement activity is to ensure safety. So having signage, for example the striping and arrows for the dedicated right lane, this would provide people direction and structure.

Chair Hill shared another aspect to the complaint of vehicles.

Commissioner Mejia and Traffic Engineer Iranitalab discussed one signage stating "Right Turn Only" and the distance being 50 feet inside the right lane.

Commissioner Mejia spoke regarding a byproduct of the right turn lane during afternoon pickup which would move pickup to the west of the high school driveway entrance.

Brent shared that speed and not obeying signs are literal traffic collision things, and that the enforcement of signs is a quality of life issue.

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer

6/0 (Rodman absent): Motion to direct staff to install a right turn lane on Cerritos Avenue east of the Los Alamitos High School main entrance.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log

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Commissioner Singer discussed the following:

- Item F13 – Update on the item
- Item F15 – Clarification of the remarks

C. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

Assistant City Engineer Kelley answered the question Chair Hill asked via email to City Staff of the nine (concrete) speed humps that would be put in place at Old Town West. The amount would be approximately \$45,000 (\$5,000 each hump) then \$5,000 to make the plans to total \$50,000.

The Traffic Commission begun discussing the topic about speed humps at Old Town West to which City Engineer Hunt clarified that this issue will be brought back to the Traffic Commission meeting in January 2020.

D. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Mejia discussed the following:

- Asked for an update of the street sign replacements.
- Observed more traffic due to the new Starbucks at Winners Circle.
- Observed in the morning time of cars making a prohibited left turn out of the Potholder parking lot.
- Trash in the alley of Katella Deli being overfilled.

Commissioner Singer added that the wall at Katella Deli is deteriorating.

Vice Chair Patz and Chair Hill discussed having the Traffic Commission review the minutes, completed by the Department Secretary, prior to the meeting in order to have any grammatical and spelling issues fixed. In addition, to ensure that the documented minutes do not change the meaning of what was said.

Vice Chair Patz discussed the following:

- Repaving schedule of the Pavement Rehabilitation in the Greenbrook neighborhood and Little Cottonwood Park.
- Commission Holiday Dinner on December 12.
- At the January meeting, there will be a Traffic Commission reorganization.

City Engineer Hunt shared that the December Traffic Commission Meeting will be cancelled.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Singer/Patz

Carried 6/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until December 11, 2019.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Randall Hill, Chair

Attest:

Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 8, 2020

ITEM NUMBER: 5A

To: Chair Hill and Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Chris Kelley, City Engineer

Subject: Annual Traffic Commission Reorganization

SUMMARY

This report provides relevant information for the Traffic Commission's annual reorganization, by the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Los Alamitos Traffic Commission nominate and elect:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair

BACKGROUND

The City's Municipal Code requires that the Traffic Commission select a Chair and a Vice Chair at their regular meeting in January. The City's Municipal Code reads as follows.

"2.48.050 Officers—Election and vacancy.

A. The officers of the Traffic Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in the month of January, and shall hold office for a term of one year or until a successor is duly elected and qualified. Election shall be by a majority vote cast by those commissioners present and voting at the meeting at which the election is held. Officers shall assume office immediately."

DISCUSSION

After convening the item, procedure calls for the Chair to temporarily relinquish the Chair to the Secretary in order that election for the Office of Chair may be conducted. The newly-elected Chair would then conduct the election for the Office of Vice Chair. A second is not required for nominations and nominations will be considered in the order received if more than one Commissioner is nominated.

As a reminder, the Commissioner's terms are as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Exp. Date</u>
Christine Coxhill	February 2018	December 2020
Antoinette West	December 2017	December 2020
Daniel Patz	January 2013	December 2022
Elliot Singer	December 2016	December 2022
Javier Mejia	January 2013	December 2022
Randall Hill	December 2016	December 2022
Sallie Rodman	December 2016	December 2019

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January, 2020

ITEM NUMBER: 7A

To: Chair Hill and Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Chris Kelley, City Engineer

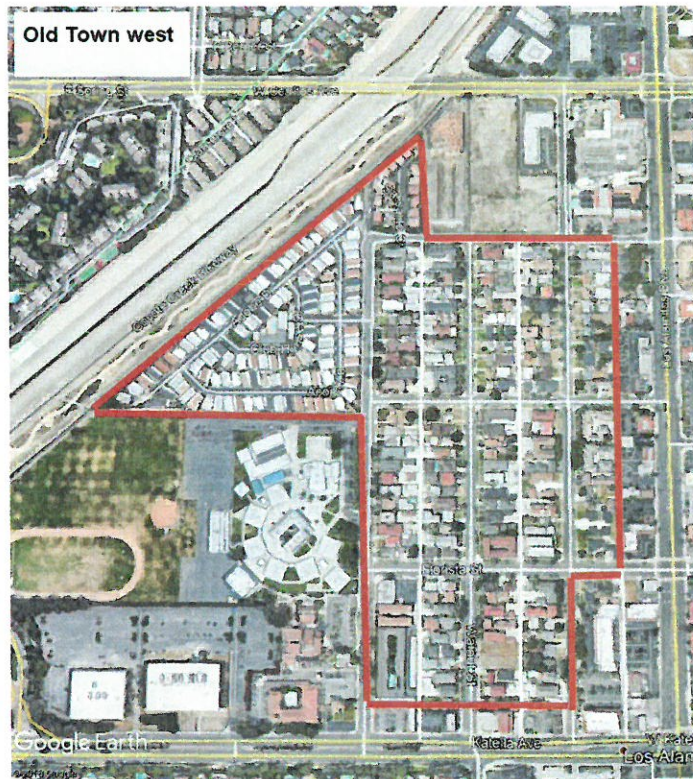
Subject: Petition for Speed Humps in Old Town West - Update

SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATION

Currently, City staff does not recommend installing speed humps on public streets. Over the last few months the Police Department has increased patrols in the area and will be prepared to further discuss results from the patrols during the January Traffic Commission meeting. Results of the speed surveys and a recommendation by City staff will be made to the Traffic Commission in February after the second speed survey is complete and the data is analyzed.



BACKGROUND

On August 5, 2019, the City received a petition signed by 98 residents and two postal carriers. Residents live on Walnut Street, Oak Street, and Chestnut Street. 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 also not observing the posted stop signs. As a result, they are requesting of the City to install speed bumps on the noted streets. The petition statement reads as follows:

This petition is for the city to address the problem of traffic speeding through our neighborhood on a daily basis. The highest traffic hours are 7am-8:30am, 1pm-3pm & 4:30pm-7pm, Mon-Fri. We are located between Katella Ave., Sausalito St., Oak St. and Los Alamitos Blvd. A large percent of this traffic is not only driving well above the speed limit, they are not stopping at any of the posted stop signs. Now our neighborhood also has to deal with semis and work trucks speeding down Walnut St. to and from the Sausalito Construction Site.

Several of our residents, their children, postal workers, delivery people and pets have had close calls with traffic. It's hard to cross the street when no one is stopping. So, before any person or pet gets hit or property damage occurs, we are asking that our city insure the safety of its residents, by installing speed bumps. Installing them between every stop sign in our neighborhood would slow the traffic down and possibly deter them from cutting through our neighborhood at all.

A number of us have expressed our concern to the Police Department, but they don't have enough officers to have someone patrol on a daily and regular basis.

We know our city cares about the safety of the residents and we look forward to the installation of these speed bumps in a timely manner. We thank the city in advance for its expedience in resolving this safety issue.

Staff provided an update on review of the traffic conditions during the October 9, 2019 meeting. This included providing results from a speed survey conducted in September. After further review of the speed survey and concern raised over the information gathered possibly being impacted by the Police Department placing "ghost" patrol cars in the neighborhood, it was decided that a second speed survey was needed. This survey is scheduled to occur during the second week of January. In addition, police patrols of the neighborhood have increased, particularly during peak hour traffic periods, in an effort to observe conditions and enforce traffic laws. Staff will be prepared to further discuss the patrol efforts during the meeting, should Commissioners wish to hear additional information or discuss.

HISTORY

It is important to note that this is not the first time that the City has considered the use of speed humps. As a result of resident concerns with speeding vehicles, the City installed, and subsequently removed, speed humps in the Carrier Row neighborhood back in the 1970's. The removal was apparently due to complaints received from residents after the speed humps were installed.

In July 2001, a staff report recommending the feasibility of adopting a speed hump policy to control traffic circulation in residential streets was taken to City Council. At that time staff was directed to spend up to \$5,000 to conduct a study. However, on August 27, 2001, the City Council subsequently rescinded that vote.

The Traffic Calming Study and Implementation Plan for the City, (December 2004, Page 22), cites the City Council's decision not to develop guidelines or procedures for the use of speed humps in the City. Therefore, speed humps are not generally used in the City of Los Alamitos. Furthermore, a recent communication from the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) (*Attachment 2*) indicates they do not look favorably on speed humps; however, the OCFA does evaluate each request in the localized area as to the impacts to their emergency response times.

GUIDELINES FOR SPEED HUMPS

The City does not have any speed data for the identified streets. The City does have Average Daily Traffic Volumes on the street below counted in 2015.

- Oak Street from Katella Avenue to Florista Street = 3,300
- Walnut Street from Katella Avenue to Florista Street = 2,500
- Chestnut Street from Katella Avenue to Florista Street = 1,600
- Florista Street from Oak Street to Los Alamitos Boulevard = 3,100
- Sausalito Street from Oak Street to Los Alamitos Boulevard = 2,700

The Police Department's records show that there were 249 service related calls in Old Town West between January 1, 2019 and August 1, 2019. Of those 249 service related calls, there were 21 traffic stops (self-initiated - various related offenses); 45 patrol checks (self-initiated) and only three calls for service related to speeding vehicles.

The group of residents are asking for the installation for speed humps. A speed hump is recognized in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as an acceptable traffic control device in the State of California. In fact, some local agencies in Orange County have installed them on public streets. Speed humps are different than speed bumps. Speed bumps are generally found in shopping center parking lots and may cause a vehicle to experience a sharp jolt; speed humps on public roadways are designed to provide a smoother, although in some cases uncomfortable, ride.

STEPS TO IMPLEMENTATION

Providing that there is sufficient neighborhood concern for a traffic problem, there are a series of steps that would need to be completed prior to installation of a speed hump.

These steps include information gathering, traffic counts, collision reports, speed profile data and an inventory of existing conditions.

Once the above data is analyzed, it would be compared to criteria set by the City. This criteria can include a certain minimum of 85th percentile speed that is sustained over a given amount of time and reported collisions that can be identified as being caused by unsafe speeds.

Following the collection of data, identifying the problem(s), and developing potential solutions, many agencies again will engage the residents in the findings and potential solutions. Most agencies include an incremental approach to resolving speeding problems by the utilization of signing, and passive and active enforcement approaches before considering installation of speed humps or cushions.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The process of speed hump approval requires a residential petition process. By soliciting neighborhood involvement, it allows residents an opportunity to provide initial input. Although the amount of resident approval does vary by agency, most petitions indicate a 67 percent resident identification of a problem on a particular street. The 67 percent value is an arbitrary figure, which the City may wish to modify.

The installation of speed humps will generally impact a majority of the residents living along the roadway. Whether the residents are willing to live with that inconvenience to control a generally small number of violators is the reason to involve the entire neighborhood in the process of determining what action should be taken.

DATA COLLECTION

In many local agencies, a request for speed humps is based on excessive “speeding” whether perceived or actual. Collection of speed profile data over a 24-hour period will reveal the extent of speeding, and more importantly, it will identify the time and volume of speeding that allows for special enforcement during those peak periods. Roadway traffic volumes have a large bearing on speeding complaints as does the noise created by the roadway surface material and the traffic volume. This is true particularly when a large percentage of traffic is not related to the neighborhood it is passing through. Studies have shown that installation of speed humps may simply transfer the problem to impact adjacent residential roadways with diverted traffic.

Typical residential streets have generally been found to have an 85th percentile speed of about 31 to 35-MPH. A typical residential roadway has a daily traffic volume of 600 to 1200 vehicles per day. Generally, only two-lane roadways that have:

- 1) A volume of 800 to 1200 vehicles per day
- 2) Are longer than 800 feet
- 3) Have no controls such as stop signs

Roadways which serve public transit or are primary emergency response routes are not typically recommended for consideration of speed humps.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are pitfalls to the use of roadway design features particularly “speed humps” that can impact emergency vehicle response times, diversion of traffic, increased traffic noise and costs. Studies of emergency response vehicles, in response situations, show delays of 2 to 9+ seconds encountered at each speed hump depending on the type of emergency vehicle. Generally speeds are reduced near the speed hump installation although the speed can vary dramatically between speed humps as drivers become irritated or try to make up time lost. Also, some agencies have found that noise generated by the speed humps becomes a problem.

It should be noted that speed humps are not the only physical design feature available as there is a variation termed a “speed cushion”. Speed cushions are similar to speed humps with the exception that they have gaps over the width of a roadway making them more acceptable to emergency response vehicles. The speed cushions allow fire trucks to negotiate the roadway generally without slowing as they would for a speed hump.

CRITERIA FOR INSTALLATION

Criteria typically includes the following:

1. The roadway must not be more than one lane each direction and conform to CVC 515 definition – “Residential District”, prima facie speed of 25-MPH;
2. The roadway must have an uncontrolled, uninterrupted length of at least 800 feet and a daily traffic volume of no less than 800 vehicles.
3. Consider an 85th percentile speed of 35-MPH or more.
4. Adequate visibility can be provided at all potential speed hump locations.
5. Approval by all residents within 50 feet of potential speed hump location.
6. If, in the opinion of staff, the installation of speed humps will impact a parallel roadway the residents of that roadway shall be notified and the signature of those residents must be obtained as well. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain all of the needed signatures.

DISCUSSION

The City does not have formal guidelines for requesting speed humps in a neighborhood. City staff has recommended some guidelines above. Since only 14 percent of the residential units have signed the petition they are far below the recommended 67% needed to install speed humps. Also, during the six month period after the petition was given to the City, only three calls were received from residents saying speeding was an issue, but with the petition signed by 98 people that number is a lot higher. With that information City staff is not recommending speed humps at this time. A recommendation by City staff will be made to the Traffic Commission in February after the second speed survey is complete and the data is analyzed.

If the next step is a new petition, City staff will make a map of the area showing where speed humps will be required so residents can see if one is in front of their house/apartment.

FISCAL IMPACT

Installations of speed humps/cushions would require a substantial amount of funds. The ultimate restrictions to vehicle movements or the installation of speed humps/cushions are decisions that have to be approved by the City Council, since the roadways are public. The costs of implementing the solutions need to also be identified. Speed hump installations are estimated at \$5,000 to \$7,000 per hump and are generally placed at 300 to 400 feet intervals.

*Attachment: 1. Signed Petition received August 5, 2019
2. Letter from Orange County Fire Authority dated September 13, 2007*

ATTACHMENT 1

April 29, 2019

RECEIVED

AUG 5 2019

City Clerk's Office
City of Los Alamitos

To: City of Los Alamitos
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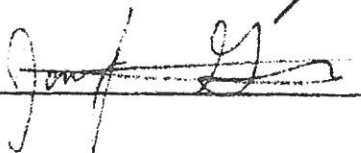
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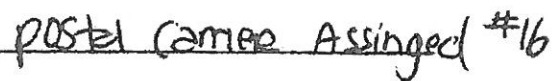
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Attached you will find signatures of the concerned citizens of our neighborhood and employees from businesses that operate in our neighborhood on a regular basis.

Cc: Eric Nunez, Chief of Police
Los Alamitos City Council




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September 13, 2007

Derek Wieske, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer
City Of Los Alamitos
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720-5600

SUBJECT: Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) position on the installation of speed humps on private and public streets

Dear Mr. Wieske:

This letter is written to follow up on your conversation with Assistant Fire Marshal Dianne Parker on September 5, 2007 pertaining to speed hump installations within the City. I wanted to use this opportunity to express OCFA's concerns regarding the installation of speed humps.

OCFA reviews speed hump proposals against a 5-minute time frame criterion. This criterion is intended to allow OCFA to continue to meet department sanctioned emergency response goals. Studies have shown that for every speed hump installed emergency response times are increased by 10 seconds. During emergency response calls, every second counts. Lost seconds can be life threatening to those depending on our emergency services.

OCFA frequently receives requests for the installation of speed humps. We've established procedures to determine the impact on response-time goals. When an installation is requested through the OCFA Planning & Development Services Section, the fire station nearest the street or area in question performs a simulated emergency response timed trial. The data resulting from these tests provide staff with the realistic impact of the proposed speed hump installation, which in turn allows staff to provide a response to the proponent.

OCFA does not believe that speed humps are the best method to control vehicle speeds. Their affect upon emergency response activities directly impact service delivery within the communities we serve. If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 573-6101.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Petroff".

Brett Petroff
Deputy Fire Marshal

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
RECOMMENDATION PENDING/APPROVAL/COMPLETION						
A1	install 4-way stop signs at 4-way stop intersections	Jul-15	J. Wilhelm			Completed
A2	Farquhar/Los Alamitos Alley Study		Emerson/Mejia			Completed
A3	No left turn sign by the post office on Reagan St	Jun-15	D. Patz			Completed
A4	Katella/Cherry crosswalk on eastside of Katella	Jun-15	J. Mejia			Pending - Put on 7-yr CIP
A5	High School Traffic Study		D. Hunt		TC - April 2015	Submitted request to the district and was denied. No further action at this time.
A6	Extend signal time for cars crossing Katella @ Walnut/Wallingsford	Apr-June-15	Lindsey			Completed
A7	Repaint arrows at bus pad on Katella @ Walnut	Apr-15	J. Mejia			Completed
A8	3-way stop sign @ Cherry St & Catalina St	Jan-13	J. Wilhelm		TC - May 2015 CC - June 2015	Completed
A9	Consider options for widening Civic Center Dr	Jan-14	J. Mejia			No longer applies
A10	Upgrade forklift crossing on Catalina	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Completed		Completed
A11	remove parking spaces on s/s Catalina opposite - near the Los Alamitos Medical Center	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Possibly Council		Completed
A12	PT/P study to downgrade fully protected operation for Rossmoor Way/Los Alamitos TS and Bradbury/Los Alamitos TS S/B and N/B directions	Jun-16	D. Emerson	Staff		Completed
A13	1. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Farquhar - safety light out 2. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Katella - safety light cycling 3. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Florista, safety light out 4. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Cerritos - Illuminated street name dark 5. Cerritos Ave @ Los Al High, ISNS is out 6. Cerritos Ave @ Humbolt, ISNS is out 7. Cerritos Ave @ Bloomfield, safety light out	7-Feb	J. Mejia	Staff		Completed
A14	Conduct Four-Way Stop Study at the intersection of Walnut and Catalina	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
A15	Los Alamitos Blvd @ Orangewood Safety Light Out	Mar-08	Hill	Staff		Completed
A16	Safety light out at the intersection of Humbolt Street and Cerritos Ave.	May-17	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed
A17	Bloomfield speed sign is not working	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
A18	School Traffic Study for New Commissioners	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
A19	Traffic Signal @ Wallingsford and Katella	May-17	Resident	Staff		Completed
A20	Parking Revision 10732 Los Alamitos Boulevard in Front of McNally Back to 24 Min. Zone.	Feb. 7	Commission	Council		Completed

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A21	Real Estate Sign limiting visibility at the intersection of Florista and Pine	Apr-17	Commission			Completed
A22	requesting the installation of a u-turn sign and/or paint a red curb in the Woodcrest neighborhood - school traffic imposes safety concerns (Los Alamitos High School)	Oct-17	Residents: Carol Wall & Betty Binder	public		completed.
A23	installation of a right-turn only sign at the exit driveway off Farquhar, on the east side of Jack in the Box leaving Bank of America parking lot going onto Farquhar.	Nov-17	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		completed and removed.
A24	Florista Signal Timing	Jul-17	Commissioner Hill	Staff		completed.
A25	Traffic signal @Katella and Los Alamitos	Jul-17	P. Dykhouse	Staff		Completed
A26	Katella Avenue at Lexington Safety light is dark	Sept. 17	Commission	Staff		Completed
A27	Katella Avenue at Lexington Safety light is dark	Sept. 17	Commission	Staff		Completed
A28	Traffic signal indication at S/W corner missing	Sept. 17	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed
A29	Move or upgrade mid-block crosswalk on Cherry s/o Florista	Mar-16	J. Mejia & D. Patz	Possibly Council		Completed
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED & PENDING IMPLEMENTATION						
B1	installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Green Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue	19-Jan	Resident:	Staff		pending - implementation
RECOMMENDATION DENIED						
C1	installation of northbound speed limit sign on Bloomfield	17-Nov	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
C2	change the alley (between Farquhar Ave & Howard Ave) to be one-way only	17-Nov	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
C3	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar at Cherry	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Staff	CC - March 2017	Denied
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - TRAFFIC COMMISSION						
D1	Red Curb Request on 4021 Howard Avenue	May-17	Matthew Dastis	Staff		Item pending written request from Mr. Dastis. No written request yet.
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL						
E1	Analysis of other intersections near all schools within City limits which might warrant the installation of a crosswalk	Jan-19	Traffic Commission	Staff		pending
E2	Request for the installation of equipment for the visually impaired on Florista Street and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Fall 2018	Resident	Staff		pending
TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS - ENGINEERING						
F1	Modify pedestrian signal/sign for NB right turns - East leg Bloomfield & Katella	Jan-14	J. Wilhelm	Staff		Denied

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F2	Address sight distance for driveways on S/S Katella - Reagan to Cherry	Mar-16	J. Wilhelm	Possibly Council		Under observation. No further action required at this time
F3	Bring the traffic study for Shea Properties Arrowhead to Commission	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Waiting for study to be submitted
F4	Remove school signs for Laurel HS, which is closed	Nov-15	D. Patz	Staff		Denied per schools request
F5	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar at Cherry	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Staff		Denied
F6	Street name signs at Los Alamitos Bl/Florista-paint/vinyl peeling off	Jan-16	J. Seaman	Staff		Currently in progress
F7	Replace speed bumps in alley - poor condition	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Repairs in progress
F8	Vehicles in N/bound left turn lanes on Los Alamitos at Katella back up into thru lane	Jan-16	D. Emerson	Council		Reviewing - Would likely require capital improvements
F9	Add red curb for sight distance on Katella for n/bound Bloomfield	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Possibly Council		No further action required at this time
F10	Scramble Timing at the intersection of Cerritos and Katella	Apr-17		Staff		Will be evaluated after School Traffic Study Review
F11	five (5) traffic signs on the south side of Katella Avenue, between the 605 freeway and Wallingsford are starting to lean toward the street.	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	pending completion
F12	parkway trees are blocking the effectiveness of the street lights, on the east side of Los Alamitos Boulevard, between the car wash and Bradbury Road.	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
F13	alley, south of Katella from Lexington heading west: overgrown vegetation at the rear of the private properties	19-Feb	E Singer	staff	Code Enforcement	pending completion
F14	request to adjust the new median lights on Los Alamitos Boulevard, so that the lights are triggered to turn on and off by the sensor and not the timer.	Feb-19	D. Patz	Staff	Public Works	pending completion
F15	repair of two speeds bumps in the alley between Lexington Drive and Noel Street, and between Katella Avenue and Green Avenue.	Mar-19	J. Mejia	Staff	Public Works	Repairs last done in October 2019