

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – June 10, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, in a video conference, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Staff: Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Leslie Roseberry, Interim Development Services Director
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hill.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Department Secretary Enciso shared that there were no public comments received by the 4:00 p.m. cut off.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of May 13, 2020

Chair Patz mentioned he provided comments to Department Secretary Enciso.

Commissioner Murphy mentioned that he submitted comments Department Secretary Enciso.

Motion/Second: Singer/Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Special meeting of May 13, 2020 with amendments given to Department Secretary Enciso.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye

Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Singer	Aye
Commissioner West	Aye

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Update on the Interstate 605 (I-605)/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project

This report serves as an update to the Interstate 605 (I-605) and Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project. Currently the project is in the RFP Proposal phase to select a design consultant for the preparation of plans and specifications for the project. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Los Alamitos, has issued the Request for Proposals (RFP). Proposals have been received and are being evaluated to select a consultant

City Engineer Kelley summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Hill and City Engineer Kelley discussed how the project includes a bike lane along Katella Avenue near the interchange and how it is up to the consultants to solve having a bike lane on both sides of Katella Avenue.

Commissioner Singer mentioned that there is not a path connectivity of bikes and pedestrians to the west of Katella Avenue. City Engineer Kelley clarified that this is something the consultants are trying to solve and to have crosswalks for each ramp.

Chair Patz mentioned that previously it was discussed to build a pedestrian bridge going over Katella Avenue from Rossmoor to Oak Middle School. City Engineer Kelley shared that it may have been an alternative but was rejected.

Commissioner Hill shared that Katella Avenue and Wallingsford is a busy intersection and kids from Oak Middle School and [Los Alamitos] High School going to and from Rossmoor cross this area. He suggested that there would be a huge dent in safety and efficiency of Katella Avenue if there was a way to prevent a long string of kids from blocking the intersection for so long.

The Traffic Commission, City Engineer Kelley, and Traffic Engineer Iranitalab discussed the following:

- Elaborated on Commissioner Hills concern.
- Concern of the safety of kids crossing such a wide street (Katella Avenue).
- The traffic signal timing at the intersection of Katella Avenue and Wallingsford.

- An overpass on Katella Avenue would alleviate the issue.

Vice Chair Mejia and City Engineer Iranitalab discussed the striping on Wallingsford, but Commissioner Coxhill clarified that the street is not in the City of Los Alamitos.

City Engineer Kelley continued to summarize the staff report.

Commissioner Hill asked for clarification of paragraph 3 on page 2 of the staff report:

“On westbound Katella Avenue, the ramp termini of the northbound entrance and loop exist ramps would be reconfigured to eliminate the existing free right-turn movements and the short merge at the ramp entrance.”

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab and City Engineer Kelley clarified that it would turn this area into a T-intersection.

Commissioner Singer and City Engineer Kelley discussed the purpose of this project being to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access and to make the interchange safer for the pedestrians and bicyclists.

City Engineer Kelly continued to summarize the staff report.

Commissioner Hill and City Engineer discussed the merge when on Willow Street going northbound 605.

Commissioner Hill pavement work on attachment 1 of the staff report.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Vice Chair Mejia discussed the following items:

- Item C3 – update on when the project will take place.
- Item E2 – update when the damaged wall will be fixed at Katella Deli.

Vice Chair Mejia asked when the street sweeping parking citation would start again. Department Secretary Enciso shared that there hasn't been a date set.

Commissioner Murphy discussed the following items:

- Item A31 and A5 – asked if the two items are related to one another.

Commissioner Coxhill mentioned to clean up the remarks of Item A31 and A5.

7. PRESENTATION
A. Transportation Analysis: Vehicle Miles Traveled

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab presented the Transportation Analysis.

8. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Kelley discussed the following:

- Update on the Orange County Sanitation District project.
- Update on Old Town West.
- Associate Planner Oliver notified the Pharmacy owner of the next steps to contact the property owner (for a designated parking space).

Commissioner Hill asked if it is inappropriate for Traffic Engineer Iranitalab to talk to Commissioner Murphy and not the City Council (in regards to the Old Town West item). Interim Development Services Director Roseberry clarified that it would not be appropriate.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda thanked Interim Development Services Director Roseberry for her services and that she will be a consultant. Also, moving forward on July 1st will transition to the Development Services Department.

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Singer commented about the Old Town West item and would like to see work to be done on the streets most residents are concerned about. He also shared his concern of the City budget and how there is a possibility of the budget depleted before the residents' concerns are met.

Vice Chair Mejia asked about information on the 4th of July event. Sergeant Malatesta mentioned that he would look into some information in regards to the traffic due to the event.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda quickly updates the Traffic Commission about the 4th of July event.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Coxhill/West

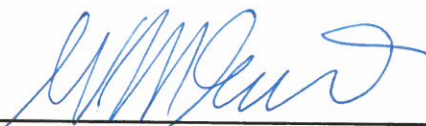
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until July 8, 2020.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary