

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – July 8, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, in a video conference, Chair Patz presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, all members of the Traffic Commission attended telephonically.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:

Chair Patz
Vice Chair Mejia
Hill, Coxhill, Singer (7:14 p.m.), Murphy, and
West (excused)

Present: Staff:

Dave Hunt, Acting City Engineer
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Ron Noda, Acting Development Services Director
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Murphy.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened Oral Communication

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

Chair Patz closed the oral communication.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2020

Chair Patz mentioned he provided comments to Department Secretary Enciso.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Coxhill

Carried 5/0 (West and Singer absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 10, 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	Absent
Commissioner West	Absent

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Nomination and Appointment of a Traffic Commissioner for SCAG Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information regarding the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Project. The report also requests input into the nomination and appointment of one commissioner to serve on the Community Advisory Council (CAC).

Acting Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Chair Patz stated that Commissioner Hill and Singer are avid cyclists and vocal about creating good, safe paths for walkers, bikers, and school kids.

Vice Chair Mejia shared his concern of the meeting times. Acting Development Services Director Noda stated that he does not know [the meeting times], but most of the meetings will be done in the evening or over the weekend.

Chair Patz asked the Commissioners in attendance if they were interested in participating in the advisory committee. The following Commissioners shared their interest: Hill, Murphy, Singer, and Mejia.

Vice Chair Mejia stated that he would gladly let the other three commissioners [be part of the committee].

Commissioner Singer shared that he would like to do it, but does not have strong feelings [about being on the committee].

Commissioner Murphy stated that he will not be included in the list as there are more qualified [Commissioners] to join the committee.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Murphy

Carried 5/0 (West absent, Hill abstained): The Traffic Commission nominated and appointed Commissioner Hill to serve on the Community Advisory Council (CAC).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye

Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Abstained
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Singer	Aye
Commissioner West	Absent

Acting Development Services Director Noda shared that there will be one more commissioner nominated from the Planning Commission.

B. Update on the Street Sweeping Schedule and Frequency Associated with Parking (citywide)

This report serves as an update to the Traffic Commission regarding a request from Commissioner Singer during the May 13, 2020 Traffic Commission meeting, concerning the City's current street sweeping schedule. In its current form, certain areas of the City have street sweeping on both sides of the street on the same day, which poses parking challenges for residents.

Acting City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

Acting Development Services Director Noda shared that the Republic Services contract expires in 2021.

Commissioner Coxhill asked and received clarification from Acting Development Services Director Noda about the street sweeping schedule in areas where one side is swept and then the other side and if the tradeoff would be the streets not being swept every week but every other week (or twice a month).

Commissioner Singer suggested that the company adjust the logistics without increasing the cost.

Acting Development Services Director Noda clarified that the street sweeping schedule is in the municipal code and if changes were made right now, there would be a fee involved. In addition, a change to the schedule would need to be presented to the City Council for approval.

Acting Development Services Director Noda shared that staff is doing a survey and have found that the street sweepers are doing a section that is not according to the municipal code [for street sweeping] and also areas where sweeping is not in line with the posted signage. Once the survey is completed, staff will present the information back to the Traffic Commission.

Commissioner Singer suggested that the City have a separate trash company and street sweeper company. Acting Development Services Director Noda shared that the City is the only city that Republic Services serves that incorporates trash with street sweeping.

Acting City Engineer Hunt shared that having a combined trash and street-sweeping company can make it difficult to schedule requests for street sweeping as they may have other obligations to other cities for their services and extra costs may incur.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Acting Development Services Director Noda of Republic Services subbing out the work for the street sweeping.

Chair Patz shared that the City would be able to get the street sweeping for a little bit less than what is being paid to the trash company if the work were not subbed out. He also suggested that the City staff reach out to Commissioner Singer if staff needs input on what some of the issues are.

Acting Development Services Director Noda stated that the RFP process for a new trash hauler is a one-year process.

Commissioner Hill shared two things: (1) It does not matter who the trash company is with regards to street sweeping schedule [because the trash company and street sweeping are two separate ideas]. (2) If street sweeping is performed according to schedule and the City changes the route, then the company may need to hire more people.

Commissioner Hill suggested that the City can ask for three scenarios that would determine the cost [when negotiations takes place]:

- The cheapest cost the City can get a deal for.
- Or, suggest to the company what the City needs and ask them what that would cost.
- Or, how much would it cost if the City were to keep going with the schedule as it is.

Commissioner Singer agreed with Commissioner Hill's statement and also asked Acting Development Services Director Noda which comes first, the municipal code change or the contract. Acting Development Services Director Noda stated that the municipal code change would most likely come first.

Commissioner Hill and Acting Development Services Director Noda discussed the timing of the municipal code change and the contract.

Vice Chair Mejia asked to receive the in-depth street sweeping schedule aside from the residential area.

Commissioner Singer followed up with Vice Chair Mejia's statement and stated that alleyways should be included with the sweeping of streets.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner Hill shared his thoughts in regards to the item about speed hump installation in the Old Town West neighborhood of traffic circle concept ideas with barriers.

Commissioner Murphy discussed the following items:

- Item E2 – Department Secretary Enciso shared that the removal would take place on Thursday and Friday of that week.
- Item E3 – Department Secretary Enciso shared that the Code Enforcement Officer is handling it.

Commissioner Mejia discussed the following item:

- Item B11 – Remaining permit parking signage in the Carrier Row neighborhood.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

Acting Development Services Director Noda updated the Traffic Commission of the following:

- City of Cypress is starting the process to turn the old Mitsubishi building located on Katella Avenue into an Amazon distribution center.
- Street sweeping will resume on July 17, 2020.
- Request was received from a developer at the City of Cypress in regards to an installation of a left turn pocket at Katella Avenue and Enterprise Drive.
- The next Traffic Commission meeting will be an in-person meeting on August 12.
- Old Town West speed hump installation.

Acting City Engineer Hunt discussed the following:

- Southern California Edison will be upgrading the streetlights to LED.
- Noel Street Pavement Rehabilitation project starts on July 13, 2020.
- Hotel project will be installing a signal on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Briggeman Drive.
- The apartment project (Los Alamitos Luxury Apartment) will be doing utility work on Cerritos Avenue and Sausalito Street.
- SoCal Gas will be doing night street work in front of McDonald's.

Chair Patz stated that Department Secretary Enciso is doing a fantastic job with social media.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Vice Chair Mejia discussed the following:

- Item C3 from the Traffic Commission Log – Department Secretary Enciso clarified that the bid opening will be on July 14, 2020.
- Illuminated street name signs – Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that the bid has been awarded.

Commissioner Singer mentioned the street sign inconsistency in the City and that the old street name signs should be auctioned off to residents. Acting Development Services Director Noda shared that the company who will do this project will give the signs to the City and that this project will be done in phases and the entire project will take three years to complete.

Commissioner Singer discussed the following:

- Signs on the south side of Rossmoor Way, east of Los Alamitos Boulevard that are unreadable.
- Tree that blocks the line of sight on Bradbury Road and Paseo Bonita.

Commissioner Hill clarified the signage that Commissioner Singer mentioned of a no trailer parking sign.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Mejia/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (West absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until August 12, 2020.

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



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary