

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Mejia
Vice Chair Randall Hill
Commissioner Dean Hill
Commissioner Murphy
Commissioner Patz
Commissioner Salai
Commissioner Singer

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 three minutes.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2021

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Los Alamitos Alleyways

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information about the alleyways in the City.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Recommendation: Receive, file, and revise as necessary.

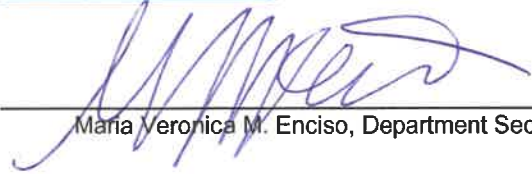
7. FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

8. 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.

9. 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 90720 and on the City's website at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 7th day of October, 2021**



Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 11, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Mejia,
Vice Chair Randall Hill
Dean Hill, Patz, Murphy, Salai and Singer

Present: Staff: Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communication.

Department Secretary Enciso confirmed no public comments was received by the 4:00 p.m. cut off.

Chair Mejia closed the Oral Communication.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2021

Motion/Second: Patz/ Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 14, 2021 with amendments.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Change of Street Name Sign of Los Alamitos H.S. to Griffins Way

Staff is seeking to rename and replace the overhead street name signs at Los Alamitos H.S., along Cerritos Avenue, to be renamed to Griffins Way.

Development Services Director Noda clarified that this item is not a receive and file, but instead staff asked for a recommendation to City Council from the Traffic Commission and then he summarized the staff report.

Commissioner D. Hill and Development Services Director Noda discussed how the request for the street name change began.

Commissioner Patz shared that he has no objections to the street name change, but he did mention a traffic study that was done in the past that encompassed the traffic at the High School.

Commissioner Salai expressed her concern regarding the street name change and how the branding helps the city.

Chair Mejia shared the same thought as Commissioner Salai, but also liked the idea of taking pride of being a Griffin.

Commissioner D. Hill supported the two commissioners (Salai and Mejia) thoughts, but would want a letter from the school district regarding their approval for the name change. He then suggested the name, "Los Alamitos H.S. Way".

The Traffic Commission discussed the location of street name.

Commissioner D. Hill made a motion to recommend the name, "Los Alamitos H.S. Way".

Commissioner Singer received clarification from Chair Mejia regarding the recommended name and what the commission is trying to do in regards to the street name.

Development Services Director Noda clarified that the commission vote to change the name in order to provide City Council with an explanation about using "Los Alamitos H.S. Way" instead of "Griffins Way".

Commissioner Salai quickly discussed the identification as a Griffin to those who've attended the school in comparison to others who have not.

Vice Chair R. Hill expressed that he disagreed with everyone that "Griffins Way" accurately represents what the school means to the people who attended it. He also disagreed that the sign is needed to identify the school.

Motion/Second: D. Hill/Patz

Carried 4/3: The Traffic Commission denied the street name sign of "Griffins Way" and instead use "Los Alamitos H.S. Way".

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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Commissioner D. Hill asked about the sidewalk issue on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Rossmoor Way. Development Services Director Noda mentioned that this item will be included in the 7 year CIP plan.

Commissioner Salai noted the following:

- Item D4 → asked for clarification

Chair Mejia mentioned that there is a faded crosswalk behind the hospital parking lot on Florista Street.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Kelley shared the following:

- OCSan project is coming up and will space for a year starting in October.
- The I-605/Katella Avenue project won't occur for a couple more years.
- Updated the Traffic Commission on the street work on Cerritos Avenue near the Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments.
- There will be two street projects starting soon, Suburbia Neighborhood and CDBG Howard Street from Reagan Street to Maple Street.

Commission Salai asked about the work that was done in the Greenbrook neighborhood and asked about the seams between the main road and the cul-de-sacs.

Development Services Director Noda shared the following:

- Encouraged the Traffic Commission to follow the City's social media platforms.
- The Public Works Division will be doing a citywide median project.
- There will be more trees added citywide along with drought tolerant plants.
- High intensity reflective stop signs will be installed around the City.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Salai asked about the crosswalk at Southland and Ganahl (along Los Alamitos Boulevard) and discussed with City staff about the light that flashes when pedestrians cross.

Commissioner Murphy commented that the Old Town West Traffic Calming is very effective. He then asked if there will be a traffic survey completed. Development Services Director clarified that it will be done once all the signage and painting is completed.

Commissioner Singer shared that the signage eastbound Katella Avenue near the 605 north exit that states the City's Police Department and Civic Center is not effective and that there may be a need for another sign.

Vice Chair R. Hill shared that he observed someone not being able to go up the ramp at the intersection of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Chair Mejia shared that he noticed a wooden plate at the corner of Farquhar Avenue and the southeast corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard. He also then shared that there will be an airshow in Huntington Beach on October 1-3.

Chair Mejia asked if the City (staff) is back at full capacity and Development Services Director Noda confirmed that it has been since mid-July.

Commissioner Patz commented on the tree trimming (residential) and how there are remaining stumps. Development Services Director Noda confirmed that the contracted company will complete the removal of the stumps and that the trees will be removed.

Chair Mejia shared that there was a transformer explosion on Humbolt Street and that the work that was completed was done really well.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until September 8, 2021.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Javier Mejia, Chair

Attest:

Ron Noda, Secretary

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 13, 2021

ITEM NUMBER: 6A

To: Chair Javier Meijia & Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Ron Noda, Development Services Director

Subject: Los Alamitos Alleyways

SUMMARY

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information about the alleyways in the City.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file

Background

The Traffic Commission requested Staff to place on the agenda an item to discuss the City's alleyways. Los Alamitos has 9.3 miles of alleyways that are mostly concentrated in Old Town West, Old Town East, and Apartment Row neighborhoods.

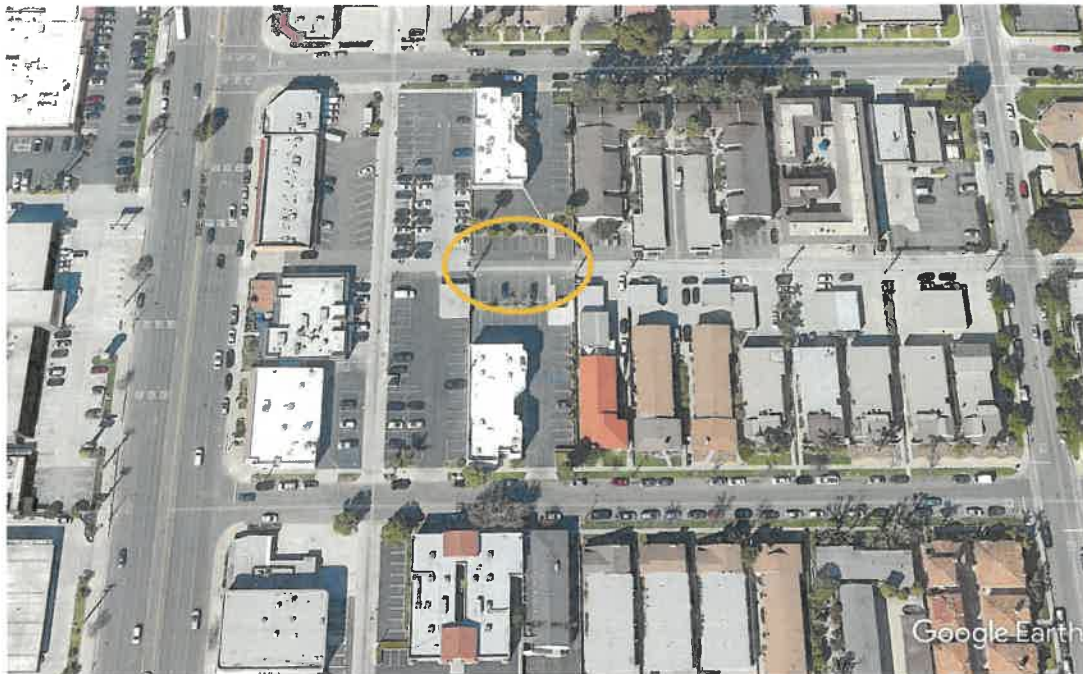
Discussion

The alleys in Los Alamitos are owned by the City and can be an asset for the residents and businesses in several ways. As a business owner, alleys may be able to assist expansion primarily for vehicle parking and commercial connection within the community. Residents utilize alleys for transportation whether it be walking, biking, or using a vehicle and many residents, especially those in multi-family complexes, utilize the alleys to gain access to parking. The City's waste hauler also utilizes the alleys to collect refuse as many of the residence and business has their garbage receptacle near the alleys. Alleys are an asset to many residents and business owners but there are also several concerns:

Infrastructure

Alleys are heavily utilized by resident's vehicles, trash trucks, and commercial delivery vehicles and over time can damage the concrete alleys. The alleys are owned by the City and the Public Works Division does inspection on a monthly schedule and if needed, is

able to repair minor damage. Highlighted below are two alleyways that will be repaired. The top photo is a replacement of the asphalt alleyway to concrete that is located behind Mama's Comfort Food. The second photo is the alley way located behind Precious Life Shelter and Casa Youth Shelter. Both of the projects are in the City's Capital Improvement Project (CIP).



Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping has been an issue for the past several years and staff has come up with a multi-prong approach in hopes of decreasing the amount of illegal dumping. The first step was to post signage along the City's alleyways notifying perpetrators that dumping items into receptacle not belonging to them is a violation. Below is an image of the signage posted.



Educating the residents and businesses of Los Alamitos was next. Outreach was done through the City's social media avenues (FaceBook, Instagram, and NextDoor), the Recreation & Community Services Department quarterly brochure, the City's weekly email blast, and door hangers. Below is a graphic of the door hanger that was distributed citywide letting residents know about the free curbside bulky item collection done by the City's waste hauler.



Additional outreach was done as staff worked with Republic Services to organize a dumpster day. At the Dumpster Day event, curbside collection flyers were distributed.



The City is currently undergoing a request for proposal (RFP) for the City's waste hauler services as the current agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2021. The RFP included the continuation of the curbside bulky item pickup but also added a monthly sweep of the City for unattended items. Also included in the RFP is the continuation of the outreach and education.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for door hangers is budgeted in the Development Services Department budget. Social media outreach and the City's weekly email blast incurs no cost. The curbside bulky item and dumpster days cost are absorbed by the City's waste hauler.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
ELECTED OFFICIALS INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED						
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	Completed. Submitted request to the district and was denied. No further action at this time.
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 Rossmore 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	Feb-19	J. Mejia	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	Parking Revision 10732 Los Alamitos Boulevard in Front of McNally Back to 24 Min. Zone.	Feb. 7	Commission	Council		Completed
A19	Real Estate Sign limiting visibility at the intersection of Florista and Pine	Apr-17	Commission			Completed
A20	Florista Signal Timing	Jul-17	Commissioner Hill	Staff		completed.

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A21	Katella Avenue at Lexington Safety light is dark	Sept. 17	Commission	Staff		Completed
A22	Traffic signal indication at S/W corner missing	Sept. 17	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed
A23	Move or upgrade mid-block crosswalk on Cherry s/o Florista	Mar-16	J. Mejia & D. Patz	Possibly Council		Completed
A24	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	Completed
A25	parkway trees are blocking the effectiveness of the street lights, on the east side of Los Alamitos Bouelvard, between the car wash and Bradbury Road.	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A26	alley, south of Katella from Lexington heading west: overgrown vegetation at the rear of the private properties	Feb-19	E Singer	staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A27	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	Completed
A28	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	Completed
A29	Scramble Timing at the intersection of Cerritos and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Apr-17	R. Hill	Staff		No further action required at this time. Will be evaluated after School Traffic Study Review
A30	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
A31	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
A32	Replace speed bumps in alley - poor condition	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Completed
A33	Bring the traffic study for Shea Properties Arrowhead to Commission	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Waiting for study to be submitted
A34	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
A35	Extend the "merge left" sign on Los Alamitos Boulevard (NB) to be moved closer to Katella Avenue	Apr-19	Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
A36	Painted "merging" street marks on Los Alamitos Boulevard north of Katella Avenue, south of Florista Avenue.	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Mejia	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A37	"No Parking" sign replacement at the west end of San Joaquin Avenue	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A38	San Bonito Avenue street sign on Bloomfield Street going north to south is blocked by a block wall	Oct-19	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A39	Katella Deli removal of damaged wall	Feb-19	Traffic Commissioner Mejia	Staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A40	Overgrown tree on private property covering a signal at the intersection of Bradbury Road and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Rodman	Staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A41	Street name signs at Los Alamitos B/Florista-paint/vinyl peeling off	Jan-16	J. Seaman	Staff		Completed
COMMUNITY INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED						
B1	Extend signal time for cars crossing Katella @ Walnut/Wallingsford	Apr-June-15	Lindsey			Completed
B2	Conduct Four-Way Stop Study at the intersection of Walnut and Catalina	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
B3	Traffic Signal @ Wallingsford and Katella	May-17	Resident	Staff		Completed
B4	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.
B5	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.
B6	Traffic signal at Katella and Los Alamitos	Jul-17	P. Dykhouse	Staff		Completed: Traffic signal is operating as was intended
B7	Red curb request on north side of Sausalito Street east of the driveway into Sausalito Walk	Sep-18	Resident: Richard Murp	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B8	Installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Green Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue	Jan-19	Resident:	Staff	Public Works	Completed

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B9	Dedicated right turn lane on Cerritos Avenue in front of Los Alamitos High School	Oct-19	Traffic Commissioner Hill	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B10	Permit parking sign removal in New Dutch Haven neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B11	Permit parking sign removal in Carrier Row neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B12	Red curb request on south of Sausalito Street west of Los Alamitos Boulevard (next to Shenandoah's)	Sep-18	Resident: Richard Murphy	Staff		Completed
B13	Request for the installation of equipment for the visually impaired on Florista Street and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Fall 2018	Resident	Staff	City Council	Completed
B14	Installation of speed humps at Old Town West (Project updated to Traffic Calming)	Sep-19	Resident	Staff	City Council	Completed
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED & PENDING IMPLEMENTATION						
C1	Analysis of other intersections near all schools within City limits which might warrant the installation of a crosswalk	Jan-19	Traffic Commission	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
C2	Street sweeping signage around the LAMC (initiated by excess trash and debris on the street)	Jan-19	Resident	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
RECOMMENDATION DENIED						
D1	installation of northbound speed limit sign on Bloomfield	Nov-19	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
D2	change the alley (between Farquhar Ave & Howard Ave) to be one-way only	Nov-19	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
D3	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar at Cherry	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Staff	CC - March 2017	Denied
D4	Remove school signs for Laurel HS, which is closed	Nov-15	D. Patz	Staff		Denied per schools request
D5	Modify pedestrian signal/sign for NB right turns - East leg Bloomfield & Katella	Jan-14	J. Wilhelm	Staff		Denied
D6	Request to add permit parking on Maple Street in the Apartment Row neighborhood	Jan-20	Resident: Mark Giruad	Staff	Staff	Denied
D7	15 minute parking sign at 4012 Katella Ave, Suite 101	Mar-20	Business Owner: Hai Nguyen	Staff		Denied - Staff spoke to Business owner
ITEMS PENDING - TRAFFIC COMMISSION						

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E1	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						