

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
Council Chamber
3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos CA 90720

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Patz
Vice Chair Murphy
Commissioner D. Hill
Commissioner R. Hill
Commissioner Marchese
Commissioner Mejia

Commissioner Salai

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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. CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Traffic Commissioner requests separate action on a specific item.

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2023

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Red Curb Request: Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue

Request to implement approximately 40 feet of red curb on the northwest corner of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue.

Recommendation:

1. Consider and discuss the implementation of approximately 40 feet of red curb.
2. Provide direction for staff.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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 the Los Alamitos City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave. and online at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.



Michelle Müller
Management Analyst
Dated: 5/3/23

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – April 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz,
Vice Chair Murphy
D. Hill, R. Hill, Mejia, Marchese, Salai

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Michelle Müller, Management Analyst

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner R. Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened oral communications.

Chair Patz closed oral communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Traffic Commissioner requests separate action on a specific item.

A. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2023.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Mejia

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023 with the noted revisions.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Red Curb Request: 3952 Katella Avenue (Katella Senior Living Community)

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Mejia asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda over the possibility of alternatively extending the existing red curb

at the corner of Bloomfield Street and Katella Avenue. Development Services Director Noda advised that there could be an issue with the line of sight and a space constraint for turning vehicles.

Vice Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Battalion Chief Bryan Mahon describing the basis for the red curb request. Battalion Chief Mahon described the hazardous conditions for the emergency crew, when responding to a call for service.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:

- The possibility of incorporating a red curb from the fire extinguisher within the described area, to the end of the curb [southwest corner of Bloomfield Street and Katella Avenue].
- The loss of parking spaces if a red curb is implemented until the end of the curb.
- Whether there was an option to park emergency vehicles in the alleyway.
- The distance between the fire hydrant and the other red curb at the corner.
- No response from the facility was received, in response to the letter noticing this request.

The Traffic Commission asked and received clarification from Battalion Chief Mahon stating the following:

- Whether a red curb longer than 40 feet would be most ideal.
- The length of emergency vehicles including a fire truck and ambulance.
- Whether emergency vehicles can be parallel parked.

Development Services Director Noda proposed having the Traffic Engineer assess the request and issue a second letter for input to the facility about the revised change.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the recommendations for the red curb request, establishing a minimum of forty feet of red curb in front of Katella Senior Living Community [3952 Katella Avenue], subject to the placement as preferred by the Traffic Engineer.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner Murphy requested information about item A33. The Traffic Commission and staff briefly discussed the history behind this request, noticing that this was triggered by the possibility of Arrowhead Products [4411 Katella Avenue] vacating their facility. The Traffic Commission discussed changing this item status to denied.

8. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Director Noda advised of the following:

- Commencement of the Briggeman widening project.
- Upcoming Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) project on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Katella Avenue scheduled for night work.
- Upcoming Southern California Edison (SCE) pole replacement project in various areas throughout the City.
- Upcoming westbound freeway lane closures on the 405 and 22.
- Parklet series commencing on April 20th through May 12th.
- Utilization of new bollards on Pine Street for events triggering street closures.

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Mejia asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda about the possibility of meeting with the Southern California Edison (SCE) representative to learn about new programs, stating that he recently met the new SCE representative for the City and will request a future meeting.

Commissioner Mejia asked and received information from Development Services Director Noda about Public Works week, stating that the crew is invited to attend the May Council meeting, at which time they will be honored. Development Services Director Noda additionally advised that the crew is customarily invited to a lunch at the Los Alamitos Museum and will be featured on the City's social media pages.

Vice Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda about the following:

- Status of e-bike ordinance. Director Noda stated that the Police Department is heading this effort with interest in more training at the school and pending the reassessment of City ordinances.
- Present safety conditions for people exiting their parked vehicles at Pasty Kitchen [3641 Katella Avenue], due to the proximity of the roadway.

- Vehicles using the median to make a left turn at Chestnut Street and Florista Street creating a safety hazard, and the possibility of adding a dedicated turn lane.

The Traffic Commission and staff briefly discussed the calming measures installed in Old Town West.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from staff about the sidewalk between the High School and Ball Road near the Flood Control Channel, advising that the City of Long Beach has been contacted about this issue pending a response.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Murphy/R. Hill

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until May 10, 2023.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:

Michelle Müller, Management Analyst

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: 6A

To: Chair Patz & Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Ron Noda, Development Services Director

Subject: Red Curb Request: Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue

SUMMARY

Request to implement approximately 40 feet of red curb on the northwest corner of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Consider and discuss the implementation of approximately 40 feet of red curb.
2. Provide direction for staff.

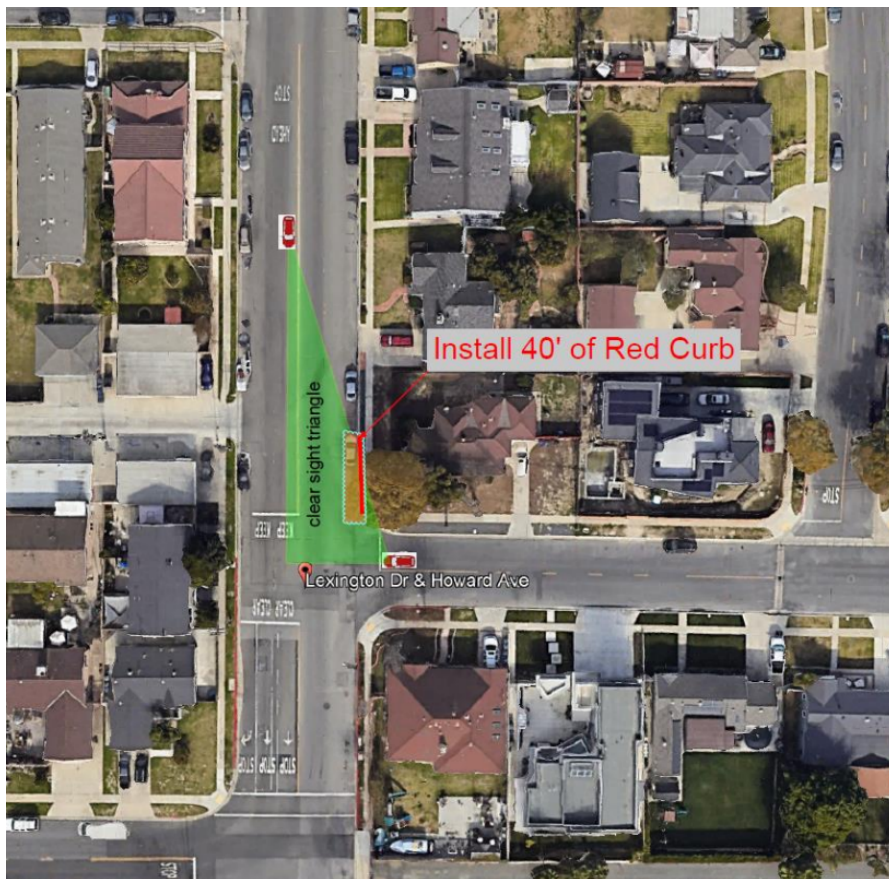
BACKGROUND

The City of Los Alamitos received a request to implement approximately 40 feet of red curb on the northwest corner at the intersection of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue. The request was submitted due to concerns for vehicular and pedestrian safety.

DISCUSSION

The City was notified of a potential traffic and pedestrian hazard near the intersection of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue and a request to implement 40 feet of red curb has been submitted. The specific concern was in relation to a “blind spot,” or obstruction of a clear sight triangle as illustrated in the graphic below (Exhibit A).

Exhibit A



After review by the City's Traffic Engineer, the recommendation is to paint 40-feet of red curb, extending from the northwest corner of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue along the far-right lane of Lexington Drive. Although this area of the street is public access, parking will be prohibited as the extension of the red curb will provide increased vehicular and pedestrian safety. A letter of notice was mailed to addresses around the intersection of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue on April 11, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the City's Public Works Division will implement and paint the recommended red curb as identified. Labor and supplies will be taken out of the Development Services Street Division Budget.

Attachment: 1. Red Curb Request_Lexington Dr and Howard Ave_Noticing Letter to Residents



April 11, 2023

Dear Resident:

The City of Los Alamitos received a request to inquire on the possibility of a traffic hazard near the intersection of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue. The specific concern was in relation to a “blind spot,” or obstruction of a clear sight triangle as illustrated in the graphic attached to this letter. After review by the City’s Traffic Engineer, the recommendation is to paint a 40-foot red curb extending at the northwest corner of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue along the far-right lane of Lexington Drive. Although this area of the street is public access, parking will be prohibited as the extension of the red curb will provide increased vehicular and pedestrian safety.

The request will be discussed at the Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Los Alamitos Traffic Commission meeting. The Traffic Commission is an appointed body that advises the City Council and staff on items related to traffic and parking. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is held in the Los Alamitos City Council Chambers located at 3191 Katella Avenue.

I encourage you to attend this meeting if you would like to be part of the discussion. If you have any questions ahead of the Traffic Commission meeting, please feel free to contact me at (562) 431-3538, ext. 500 or by email at Rnoda@cityoflosalamitos.org.

Respectfully,

Ron Noda
Deputy City Manager/Development Services Director

cc: Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services Manager
Members of the Los Alamitos Traffic Commission



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 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	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 Bouelvard, 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	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
A34	Extend the "merge left" sign on Los Alamitos Boulevard (NB) to be moved closer to Katella Avenue	Apr-19	Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A35	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

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
A36	"No Parking" sign replacement at the west end of San Joaquin Avenue	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A37	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
A38	Katella Deli removal of damaged wall	Feb-19	Traffic Commissioner Mejia	Staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A39	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
A40	Street name signs at Los Alamitos Bl/Florista-paint/vinyl peeling off	Jan-16	J. Seaman	Staff		Completed
A41	Faded permit parking signs on San Joaquin Avenue, San Mateo Avenue, and Humbolt Street paint/vinyl peeling off	Jan-22	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A42	Restripe crosswalk on Kyle Street and Florista Street	Jun-22	Javier Mejia	Staff	Public Works	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. Dykhous	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 Murph	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	Public Works	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
B15	Red Curb Request on 4021 Howard Avenue	May-17	Matthew Dastis	Staff		Item pending written request from Mr. Dastis. <i>*Requestee passed away* No further action needed</i>
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

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D7	15 minute parking sign at 4012 Katella Ave, Suite 101	Mar-20	Business Owner: Hai Nguyen	Staff		Denied - Staff spoke to Business owner
D8	Bring the traffic study for Shea Properties Arrowhead to Commission	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Denied
ITEMS PENDING - TRAFFIC COMMISSION						
E1	Request for median markers on the east side of Katella Avenue	Jan-23	Commissioner Murphy	Staff		item pending
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL						
F1	Safety concern of accessibility on the southeast and northeast corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard/Bradbury Road and Los Alamitos Boulevard/Rossmoor Way	Apr-21	D. Hill	Staff		Item pending - added to 7-year CIP Plan