

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.

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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 hydrant 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

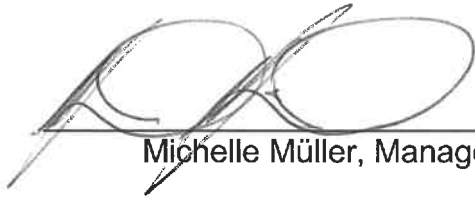
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until May 10, 2023.

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



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Michelle Müller, Management Analyst