

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz,
Vice Chair Murphy
D. Hill (absent), R. Hill, Marchese (absent),
Mejia, and Salai

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant
Michelle Müller, Management Analyst
Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Murphy 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 June 14, 2023.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Salai

Carried 5/0 (D. Hill and Marchese absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2023, with the noted revisions.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Fiscal Year 23-24 Los Alamitos Capital Improvement Project

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Chair Patz asked and received confirmation from Development Services Director Noda about the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) absorbing the costs for damages caused by their contractor during a recent project.

Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the upcoming Capital Improvement Projects, including the Bloomfield Street Improvement project.

Commissioner Salai expressed concern over the proposed project location for the Bloomfield project, further stating that Bloomfield Street north of Cerritos Avenue is in worse condition.

Development Services Director Noda also explained that the City contracts with Wildan Engineering to complete a street assessment every two years to determine which streets need repair. Development Services Director Noda proposed to have the Public Works Division assess the location of concern and if deemed that improvement is needed, a vendor will be hired to fix the street.

Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed that the Bloomfield Street Improvement project is coming from a federal grant.

The Traffic Commission and Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the road condition of Bloomfield Avenue, between San Bonito and Cerritos Avenue. Development Services Director Noda advised that he have staff assess the area.

Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the following:

- Design projects and the importance of having shelf ready projects. If a grant is not available, projects would go to City Council for approval.
- Planned Bradbury/Rossmoor Way Traffic Signal Relocation.
- The City's Engineering team is currently working on a timeline for CIP projects, to identify commencement dates.
- Planned demolition of the LATV building.
- Anticipated Youth Center relocation and building remodel.

Commissioner R. Hill asked about using the funds received from Janet Nguyen and Michelle Steele's office towards the projects instead of using general funds. Development Services Director Noda briefly explained the procedures for project consideration during the budget process, which is then considered by the City Council for budget allocations and Requests for Proposals (RFP's) approval and awarding.

Commissioner Mejia asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda stating that Measure M funds can be used for anything having to do with the streets.

Commissioner Mejia asked if there will be any traffic mitigation relating to the new construction (on Katella Avenue east of Siboney Street) in Cypress. Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the Vehicles-Miles Traveled (VMT) metric utilized in the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) completed for that project, which identified that there is no need for street improvements.

Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the light synchronization on Katella Avenue.

Commissioner Mejia inquired about the striping issues and where that is addressed. Development Services Director Noda advised that this falls within the street marking striping line item.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner Murphy inquired about the following:

- E1: Requested clarification on this item. Development Services Director Noda advised that this item does not have a financial threshold in order to be placed on the list for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) therefore, staff will look into this item internally.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda confirming that item F can be moved to the approved and pending section [of the Traffic Commission Status Log].

Chair Patz expressed concern over the operating flashing signal on Bloomfield Street. Development Services Director Noda advised that he would check on the status with the Public Works Division.

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Director Noda discussed the following:

- Announced that the last concert series of the summer will be at Orville R. Lewis Park featuring the band Knyght Ryders.
- Extended an invitation and provided information about the upcoming event, Celebrate Los Al, on September 16, 2023.

- Briefly explained the PinestrEATs grant.

Commissioner R. Hill inquired about the potential impacts on the high school kids and their booster clubs. Development Services Director Noda briefly described how the City will be assisting Larry Strawther with his event [Taste of Los Al].

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Salai asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda on radars triggering the flashing stop signs when cars are approaching.

Commissioner Salai expressed concern over the striping in the Old Town West neighborhood. Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the upcoming street improvement projects which includes crosshatching striping to the area to help with calming traffic.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received an update from Development Services Director Noda on the striping modification on Lexington Drive [between Farquhar Avenue and Katella Avenue]. Development Services Director Noda stated that the team is still working on a solution.

Commissioner Mejia stated that he would like our Southern California Edison (SCE) representative to visit [a Commission meeting]. Development Services Director Noda advised that he will be meeting with the City representative next week and will discuss it at the time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Salai/Murphy

Carried 5/0 (D. Hill and Marchese absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until September 13, 2023.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary