

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

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 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. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2023.

B. Conceptual Proposed Striping of Los Alamitos Boulevard between Katella Avenue and Cerritos (Development Services)

Striping and pavement marking assists in maintaining safe and up-to-date standards that comply with current Federal and State guidelines. Currently, the existing striping is faded on Los Alamitos Boulevard and needs restriping. The City is proposing to modify the striping to include bike lanes and create a safer environment for all modes of transportation. The striping modification presented will address the recommendations from the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) prepared for the City.

Recommendation:

1. Consider and discuss the striping modification plan; and,
2. Provide direction to Staff.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. 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.



Vandine Ouk
Department Secretary
Dated: 11/02/2023

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – October 11, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner D.Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened oral communications.

Chair Patz closed oral communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2023.

Motion/Second: Murphy/R. Hill

Carried 5/0 (Mejia and Salai absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Rosenberg's Rules of Order

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Chair Patz asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that a second is preferable but not required for a motion.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that Rosenberg's Rules of Order also apply to the public.

Commissioner D. Hill asked and received confirmation from Chair Patz about the role of the Chair, stating that it is always best for the speaker to be recognized by the Chair or Mayor before speaking.

Commissioner R. Hill briefly discussed interest in staying on topic to avoid elongated conversations. Development Services Director Noda supported Commissioner R. Hill's suggestion and briefly explained a section in the Brown Act that dictates speaking only on what is on the agenda.

The Traffic Commission briefly discussed the Brown Act.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner R. Hill inquired about item A4. Development Services Director Noda stated that there are Americans with Disability Act (ADA) concerns and Traffic Engineer Iranitalab will assess the viability of moving the pole and crosswalk.

Commissioner D. Hill inquired and received an update from Development Services Director Noda on the status of item F1. Development Services Director Noda stated that it is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Director Noda advised of the following upcoming items:

- Residential Parking and Street Sweeping survey which will be available from Monday, October 23rd through January 26, 2024
- Good Evening, Los Alamitos Event in November
- Trunk or Treat event at Little Cottonwood Park on Saturday, October 21st
- Photos with new Commissioner polos

City Engineer Kelley briefly discussed the following:

- Los Alamitos Television (LATV) demolition project slated for December.
- The planned 605 freeway and Katella project is slated for 2024.
- Grant funding pursued from the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA), for Pine Street Active Transportation Plan (ATP) improvements.

Development Services Director Noda informed the Traffic Commission of the \$2.5 million grant received from Senator Janet Nguyen which will assist with the renovations of the Civic Center complex.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that we currently have a certified housing plan.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda about Los Alamitos Television (LATV) becoming a mobile studio.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy briefly discussed the following:

- Expressed concern over a pothole at the intersection of Chestnut Avenue and Sausalito Road and suggested that it should be prioritized for repair.
- Inquired about the red-light camera on Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard. Chair Patz informed Commissioner Murphy that the front counter of the Police Department has the ability to provide the photos that were taken by the cameras.
- Expressed concern over the right-turning lane on Los Alamitos Boulevard at Walnut Street. Development Services Director Noda advised that there will be a marking plan and signage assessment for Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Commissioner Marchese proposed the reorganization of the Traffic Commission Status Log. Development Services Director Noda advised that staff will review and present suggestions on reorganizing the log.

Chair Patz briefly discussed the following:

- Thanked the Development Services Department for the removal of the flashing speed radar sign on Bloomfield Avenue.

- Inquired about the neighborhood name change. Development Services Director Noda advised that a survey will be conducted once the current neighborhood permit parking & street sweeping survey closes.
- Inquired and received the results from Development Services Director Noda pertaining to the Short-Term Rental Survey.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: D. Hill/R. Hill

Carried 5/0 (Mejia and Salai absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until November 8, 2023.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:

Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: 5B

To: Chair Patz & Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Ron Noda, Development Services Director

**Subject: Conceptual Proposed Striping of Los Alamitos Boulevard between
Katella Avenue and Cerritos**

SUMMARY

Striping and pavement marking assists in maintaining safe and up-to-date standards that comply with current Federal and State guidelines. Currently, the existing striping is faded on Los Alamitos Boulevard and needs restriping. The City is proposing to modify the striping to include bike lanes and create a safer environment for all modes of transportation. The striping modification presented will address the recommendations from the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) prepared for the City.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Consider and discuss the striping modification plan; and,
2. Provide direction to Staff.

BACKGROUND

Street and pavement markings are used to convey important safety messages to roadway users, calm vehicle speed, assist with safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and provide directions for drivers. As part of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), the recommendation is to install bike lanes on Los Alamitos Boulevard north of Florista Street to Cerritos Avenue.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Los Alamitos Boulevard is a six-lane divided arterial and reduces to 4-lanes north of Katella Avenue. The lane next to the curb is approximately twenty-nine feet, with parking allowed at various sections. The posted speed limit is 35 mph.

DISCUSSION

As part of ATP, the City has developed a plan to improve bicycle safety and connectivity to the downtown/Pine Street activity area. The plan calls for the installation of bike lanes with signage and pavement marking, and signage to improve the use of other transportation modes. Also, the existing striping and pavement marking are faded and need repainting. The City is

proposing to include the ATP recommendation and improve the striping to include the ATP plan.

Due to funding limitations and to provide the opportunity to evaluate the proposed striping for safety and operation, this installation will be limited to Los Alamitos Boulevard between Florista Street and Cerritos Avenue. This will be evaluated before installing the plan on Los Alamitos Boulevard within the south and north City limits.

The attached exhibit is only a conceptual plan and will be designed after the funding is allocated.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff will bring the item to City Council with input from the Traffic Commission for budgetary approval.

Attachment: 1. Los Alamitos Blvd Concept

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DATE: Nov 02, 2023 - 3:22pm
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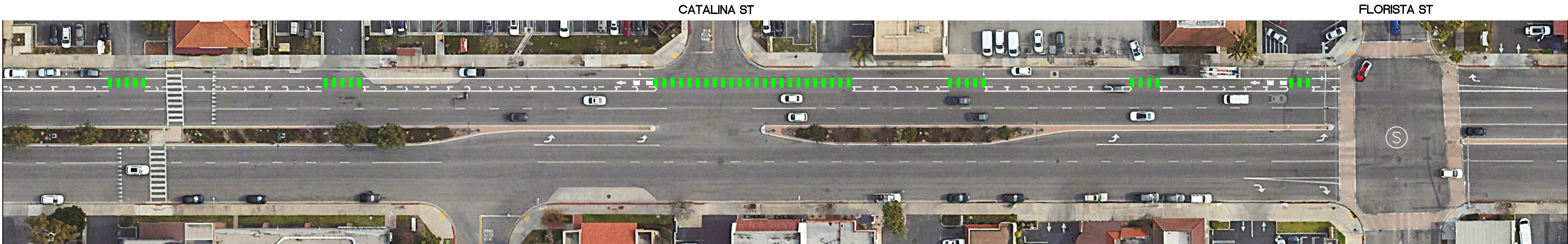
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BOULEVARD



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CATALINA ST

FLORISTA ST

LOS ALAMITOS

BOULEVARD



Install new sign



Existing to remain

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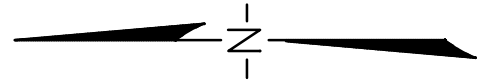
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BOULEVARD

LEGEND



SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION



SCALE: 1"=40'



REVISIONS

NUMBER	DATE	INITIALS	

REFERENCES

APPV'D



DRAWN BY	BC, MO	DATE	3/7/2022
CHECKED BY	FI		3/7/2022
DESIGNED BY	BC, MO		3/7/2022
APPROVED	3/7/2022		
City Engineer	Date		

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

BIKE LANE STRIPING CONCEPT

LOS ALAMITOS BLVD
FROM NORTH CITY LIMIT TO KATELLA AVE

SHEET 1 OF 1

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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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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
E2	Request for removal of flashing radar speed sign on Bloomfield Street between Cerritos Avenue and Katella Avenue	Jun-23	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed
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