

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – July 10, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, Chair Murphy presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners: Patz (excused)
Rojas (excused)

Present: Staff: Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services
Manager
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Marchese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Murphy opened oral communications.

Robert Feldman, a resident of the New Dutch Haven Neighborhood, expressed concern about the vehicles cutting through the neighborhood and speeding at forty miles per hour. Mr. Feldman is requesting flashing stop signs at the corner of Siboney Street and Antietam Avenue to help slow down traffic or stop for pedestrians.

Commissioner Marchese agreed with Mr. Feldman that vehicles use the neighborhoods of New Dutch Haven and Carrier Row to avoid the traffic on Katella Avenue.

Commissioner D. Hill asked and received clarification from Mr. Feldman that the speeding is happening with vehicles coming north and south of Siboney Street and Bennington Street.

Vice Chair Mejia suggested a speed survey and assistance with enforcement from the Los Alamitos Police Department.

Mr. Feldman also expressed concern about the timing of the traffic light when traveling west on Katella Avenue and turning left onto Siboney Street.

City Engineer Kelley will confer with Traffic Engineer Iranitalab on recommended solutions.

Vice Chair Mejia recommended upgrading the stop signs as the first step of the process.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Mr. Feldman that the traffic is worse after 4:00 p.m.

Chair Murphy 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 June 12, 2024.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Mejia

Carried 4/0 (D. Hill abstained) (Patz and Rojas absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2024.

6. STAFF REPORTS

**A. Update on Street Improvements on Various Streets FY 2023-2024
Project (CIP No. 23/24-03)**

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. summarized the staff report.

City Engineer Kelley presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 23/24-03 Street Improvements on Various Streets.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the City can receive additional funds because Katella Avenue is a pass-through for other cities.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the contractors dictate which areas they work and the City will review and approve.

Commissioner D. Hill asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the city wants more pavement-driven projects readily available when we receive funds and grants.

Vice Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the striping in future projects will be done with thermoplastic paint.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

The Traffic Commission reviewed the status log, and no additions or changes were made.

6. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. discussed the following:

- Angled parking in Apartment Row: The City needs more time to review and decide what will be the most effective and cost-efficient method.
- 2-hour parking along Bloomfield Street: Traffic Engineer Iranitalab is conducting a survey and review of all timed parking signs in the City.
- No U-Turn sign request near Good Shepherd: The City is establishing a specific time frame to install the sign.
- E-Bike plan for the City: No update.
- Neighborhood Sign Assessment Survey is live and closes on August 2nd.
- Canning Hunger Curb Painting will be starting this week throughout the City and will be accepting optional donations for their cause.
- Summer Concerts Event hosted by the Recreation and Community Services Department will shift to Orville Lewis and Little Cottonwood Park on alternating Thursdays and referenced the upcoming dates.
- Dog Park Event at Laurel Park: Sunday, July 14th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Chair Murphy inquired about the Lexington Striping Project initiated at the Traffic Commission but not brought back for review.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. provided clarification on the discretionary action to bring it through the City Council for immediate consideration.

Commissioner D. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Manager Montenegro Jr. that the curb painting project has guidelines with specific design, font and color.

Commissioner Marchese requested copies of flyers for the Neighborhood Sign Survey and Senior Master Plan.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the sidewalk repair at Los Alamitos High School has been approved in the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Vice Chair Mejia suggested reviewing all the parking and time restriction signs in the City.

Vice Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. about the Southern California Edison representative attending the September Traffic Commission Meeting.

Commissioner D. Hill inquired about expanding the brick wall in the Highlands along Los Alamitos Boulevard. There is no immediate plan to do so.

City Engineer Kelley provided contextual feedback to temporarily suspend any further progress since the initial assessment.

Commissioner R. Hill expressed his appreciation for the progress of installing a U-Turn sign near Good Shepherd.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Mejia/Murphy

Carried 5/0 (Patz and Rojas absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until August 14, 2024.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Attest:

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Bruce Murphy, Chair

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Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

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