

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – November 8, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz,
Vice Chair Murphy
D. Hill, R. Hill, Marchese, Mejia, and Salai
(arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened oral communications.

Resident Viki Howard expressed concern about turning left out of Del Norte Way onto Cerritos Avenue. Mrs. Howard stated that the intersection is very dangerous with cars traveling Cerritos Avenue quickly and cars parked on the curb blocking the line of sight. Mrs. Howard is requesting a temporary stop sign or extending the painted red curb north of Cerritos Avenue.

Vice Chair Murphy and Commissioner R. Hill asked for and received clarification from Mrs. Howard on the problematic area and the issue being the impacts to the line of sight.

Chair Patz informed Mrs. Howard that the Commission will take it under advisory.

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 October 11, 2023.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Marchese

Carried 5/0 (Mejia and Salai abstained): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023, with the noted revisions.

B. Conceptual Proposed Striping of Los Alamitos Boulevard between Katella and Cerritos

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Salai asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that a contracted consulting firm conducted the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) study.

Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the various elements of the ATP including the findings and efforts which went into its development.

Commissioner Salai briefly discussed concerns about the use of thermoplastic paint and also sign pollution in the city and the concern of drivers being distracted by the signs.

Development Services Director Noda briefly informed Commissioner Salai about the upcoming sign assessment and asset management for the City.

City Engineer Kelley briefly explained how striping assists with providing structure for traffic.

Commissioner D. Hill discussed the following:

- Green hash marks for the bike lane not being continuous
- Possibility of having a bike lane on the sidewalk
- Safety concern about the green hash mark ending before Cerritos Avenue

Development Services Director Noda stated he will follow up with the Traffic Engineer for clarification on the start and end of the green hash marks.

Commissioner D. Hill and Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the current lane configuration at Florista Street and Katella Avenue, and the future plans for improvements identified in the ATP.

Vice Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a state-mandated project.

Vice Chair Murphy and Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed project ideas for the ATP.

Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed grant funding which became available to assist with the Bloomfield project identified in the ATP.

Commissioner Mejia briefly discussed the striping conditions of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard. Staff and the Commission briefly discussed the ATP project slated for this area and additional striping projects slated for the area.

Commissioner Mejia briefly discussed the following:

- Potential of adding bicyclist signage to the area of Florista Street and Los Alamitos Boulevard.
- Request for information pertaining to the ratings for striping. Development Services Director Noda clarified that the ratings pertain to the pavement [conditions].

Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the process for roadwork repairs including procurement processes.

Commissioner Marchese expressed safety concerns for the bike lane ending on Los Alamitos Boulevard between Sausalito Street and Cerritos Avenue. City Engineer Kelley advised that the bike lane striping concept would be revisited.

Commissioner R. Hill suggested a bridge on Wallingsford Street and Walnut Avenue.

Commissioner Mejia suggested the City look into the City of Long Beach's bike lane on Second Street where the bike lane hash marks continue into the shared lane.

Commissioner D. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda advising that different projects will eventually connect the striping throughout the City.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved for staff to review the discussed items and present an update at a future meeting for additional discussion.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner R. Hill inquired about the following:

- A30: Requested clarification on this item. Commissioner Mejia informed that this item no longer exists and stated that no further action is required and can be marked as completed.
- A33: Requested clarification on this item. Commissioner Mejia informed that no further action is required, and it can be removed from the log.
- F1: Requested recategorizing item to section C, recommendation approved and pending implementation.

Commissioner Mejia requested adding the striping plan on Katella Avenue to the Traffic Commission Status Log.

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Director Noda discussed the following:

- Commissioners whose terms are expiring need to reapply by December 4th
- Extended an invitation and provided information about the upcoming event, *Good Evening, Los Alamitos* on November 16th
- Reminder about the City Council Meeting on Monday, November 20th
- Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 2nd
- Commission Dinner tentatively scheduled for February 1, 2024
- Postponement of December Traffic Commission meeting to January 2024

Chair Patz briefly discussed the reorganization of the Traffic Commission in January 2024.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Mejia inquired about the following items:

- Complimented City staff on the striping in the Old Town West [neighborhood].
- Reflective signs in Cottonwood Cove [Apartment Row]. Development Services Director Noda briefly discussed the sign assessment starting shortly after the Residential Parking and Street Sweeping Survey.

- Short-Term Rental Survey results. Development Services Director Noda advised that the Planning Commission provided direction to not pursue any changes.
- Request for the Southern California Edison representative to attend a Traffic Commission Meeting.
- LED lighting in streetlights and crosswalks.
- Parking restriction review process.
- Pavement and striping rating system. Development Services Director Noda informed Commissioner Mejia about the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) table that shows the conditions of the City streets.

Chair Patz requested a follow-up to the concern expressed by Mrs. Howard at the beginning of the meeting. Development Services Director Noda that Traffic Engineer Iranitilab will assess the area of concern.

Chair Patz reminded the Commissioners of photos to be taken after the Traffic Commission Meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second: Murphy/Mejia

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until January 11, 2024.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

