

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – September 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, Chair Murphy presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner R. Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Murphy 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 August 14, 2024.

Motion/Second: Patz/Marchese

Carried 6/0 (D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2024.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Orange County Grand Jury Report – E-Bikes Friends or Foe

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. summarized the staff report.

Commissioner R. Hill questioned why the state is stating that the City does not have a consistent or accurate tracking system, which we do not.

Commissioner R. Hill asked if the outreach and education programs are directed toward adults. Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated that he would follow up with the Police Department.

Commissioner Patz requests the City of Los Alamitos to adopt the same laws Orange County created for unincorporated areas.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the Los Alamitos Police Department will implement the program.

Commissioner Patz stated that the City of Irvine has cited minors for e-bike violations and that guardians and minors can attend a two-hour bike safety course if they do not want to pay a fine. Parents need to be a part of the solution.

Commissioner Patz supports California Assembly Bill AB2234.

Commissioner Patz disagrees with response F1 in the *Response to the 2023 – 2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report*. He stated that the policy is still not implemented and suggests using Orange County's E-Bike Laws for unincorporated areas as the first step to implementing a policy.

Commissioner Marchese suggests outreach and education to expand beyond students of the Los Alamitos School District and recommends signage for the e-bike speed limits.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the City currently has a motorized bike law that does not specifically call out e-bikes.

Vice Chair Mejia stated that Rossmoor will be the most impacted by the new e-bike laws.

Commissioner Rojas stated that the City responded that the recommendation would be implemented by December 1, 2024 and asked if the Traffic Commission can make a recommendation to adopt the ordinance? Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated that any ordinance changes would be presented to City Council.

Vice Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Commissioner Patz that the schools do not require parents to attend be-bike safety education programs.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

The Traffic Commissioners requested an update on the following items:

- E3: City Engineer Kelley stated that the City has addressed this item.
- A32: Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated that the City is in the process of removing all speed humps in alleyways and will be conducting an assessment of speed humps.

Vice Chair Mejia recommended that the Traffic Commissioners be informed of all street projects happening in the City.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the City can make an administrative decision on the installation of speed humps as well as residents.

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. briefly discussed the following:

- Southern California Edison Representative will be attending the Traffic Commission Meeting on October 9th
- Los Alamitos Signing and Striping Project will start on September 23rd
- Celebrate Los Al – Saturday, September 14th from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Grand Reopening of Community Center – Friday, October 4th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Rojas discussed an email received from a resident about the St. Hedwig school drop-off line and the need for enforcement. Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated he would follow up with the Police Department.

Vice Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. for clarification that the City notifies residents with a mailer about upcoming events or projects within a thousand-foot radius.

City Engineer Kelley stated that the information is also available and open for public communication in the City Council and Commission Meetings.

Vice Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the Neighborhood Sign Assessment Survey responses are currently being analyzed.

Vice Chair Mejia asked Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. for clarification that City Council members receive all meeting agendas and minutes.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the resident who reached out via email about speed humps on Harrisburg Road has been informed about the process of speed hump installations.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Patz

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until October 9, 2024.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Bruce Murphy, Chair 10/21/2024

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Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary
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