

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

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Mejia
Vice Chair R. Hill
Commissioner D. Hill
Commissioner Marchese
Commissioner Murphy
Commissioner Patz
Commissioner Rojas

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

Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2025

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue Intersection Improvements

This item provides information on three options to improve the traffic conditions at the intersection of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue.

Recommendation:

Receive and File.

B. 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

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Vandine Ouk
Department Secretary
Dated: 4/03/25

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Chair Murphy presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened oral communications.

Chair Mejia 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 Minutes for October 9, 2024

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2024.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2024 with noted revisions.

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B. Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2025

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2025.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025 with noted revisions.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Disabled Parking Policy and Guide

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission received clarification on the following:

- City staff will identify if the accessible parking significantly affects available curb parking in the area.
- The language in the policy allows qualification to be interpreted under the discretion of Traffic Engineer and Traffic Commission.
- The policy excludes condominiums, apartment complexes, and multi family units but may be appealed with a formal request presented to the Traffic Commission.
- The applicant must not have off-street parking available in order to request a blue curb
- The request will be brought to the Traffic Commission Meeting for oral communication.
- City Traffic Engineer, Police Services and Planning Division will conduct an investigation and will determine if the residence qualifies for a parking space for the disabled.
- The applicant(s) must submit the information every two years to renew and maintain the parking space.
- Any existing blue curb for disabled parking will need to comply with this new policy, notably one in the City in Midtown in which case City Staff would conduct noticing.

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the proposed policy and guidelines with noted revisions.

B. Request for "Keep Clear" Marking

City Engineer Kelley summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the marking will be installed westbound on Cerritos Avenue before Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the City will pay for the installation of the marking.

Commissioner Rojas asked if someone can get cited blocking a keep clear zone.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Commissioner Murphy that the intersection has a leading left turn light.

Chair Mejia requested information on how many buses come out of the driveway.

Commissioner Marchese asked if the keep clear marking can be set for certain hours or strictly for buses.

Motion/Second: Patz/D. Hill

Carried 6/1 (Marchese opposed): The Traffic Commission recommended proceeding with the request for installation of the keep clear marking on Cerritos Avenue.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log

Vice Chair R. Hill requested an update on item C3. City Engineer Kelley stated that the project is in the budget for fiscal year 2025/2026.

Commissioner Patz requested the status of item E7 to be completed.

Commissioner Patz requested an update on item E6. City Engineer Kelley stated the city-wide assessment is currently in review.

Chair Mejia asked if the implementation of time-limit parking signs is in the Traffic Commission's purview. Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated that he will review and confirm in future meeting.

Commissioner Patz requested to change verbiage in item E4 from Apartment Row to Midtown.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. recommended removing the completed items from the Traffic Commission Status Log.

Chair Mejia requested an update on item A4. City Engineer Kelley stated he will discuss with Traffic Engineer Iranitalab as a traffic study may need to be conducted.

Chair Mejia recommended accessing the right turn lane going westbound on Katella Avenue before Walnut Avenue. City Engineer Kelley will discuss with Traffic Engineer Iranitalab.

Chair Mejia requested an update on item E1. City Engineer Kelley stated the item is currently out for bid.

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. briefly discussed the following:

- CDBG Maple Street Improvement Project - commenced March 10th
- Los Alamitos Striping Project revision will be presented to City Council – April 28th
- Arbor Day – Saturday, April 26th at Little Cottonwood Park
- Neighborhood Clean Up Day – Saturday May 17th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Pine Street
- OCTA/I-605 presentation will be presented to City Council – April 28th and come to the Traffic Commission as well in a future meeting.

Vice Chair R. Hill recommended extending the green light on Los Alamitos Boulevard while flashing the Don't Walk signal for vehicles to continue to flow through.

Commissioner Patz recommended a scramble crosswalk at the Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue intersection.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy requested a discussion of the implementation of daylighting law.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the speed hump policy was communicated to Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Fire Department and will be presented to City Council in April.

Commissioner Murphy recommended the installation of an additional street sweeping sign on the east side of Bunker Hill.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the Traffic Commission board will eventually be going from seven members to five members.

Commissioner Marchese informed City staff of a complaint about the headlights shining in the residents' homes in result of the new parking stalls on Lexington Drive.

Commissioner Marchese informed City staff of a complaint about the newly installed stop signs in New Dutch Haven being placed directly in front of residential driveways.

Commissioner Patz requested to agendize the recommendation of changing the streets in Midtown on Green Avenue and Howard Avenue to one-way streets with angled parking.

Chair Mejia requested the following items:

- A copy of the minutes that included the sunset date of the requested and approved handicap parking on 4112 Green Avenue.
- Records from the past two years of where LED lights have been implemented in city lights.
- A copy of the current traffic signal and maintenance contract.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Mejia/Patz

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until April 9, 2025.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Javier Mejia, Chair

Attest:

Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2025

ITEM NUMBER: 6A

To: Chair Mejia & Members of the Traffic Commission

**Presented By: Farhard Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Ron Noda, Development Services Director**

**Subject: Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue Intersection
Improvements**

SUMMARY

This item provides information on three options to improve the traffic conditions at the intersection of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File.

BACKGROUND

Striping and pavement marking improvements (including bike lanes and buffer zones) were implemented on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue pursuant to the City's approved Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The striping plan was presented and recommended for approval by the Traffic Commission at the January 10, 2024, meeting. The recommended striping plan was then presented and approved by the City Council at the March 18, 2024, meeting.

Subsequently, after installation in November 2024 was completed, the City received concerns regarding delays with northbound traffic on Los Alamitos Boulevard at Cerritos Avenue during the morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) peaks and the traffic queue at Sausalito/Briggeman Street. City staff were requested at the February 2025 meeting to evaluate options to improve or mitigate traffic delays at the intersection and provide those at an upcoming City Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

City staff ordered the collection of traffic data to evaluate the latest vehicle turning movements for AM, Mid-day, and PM traffic peaks on February 18 and 19, 2025. Additionally, staff collected video footage of current conditions and observed the conflict between heavy pedestrian (students) traffic crossing both streets and motorists making right-turns from northbound Los Alamitos Boulevard onto eastbound Cerritos Avenue. "Right-turning" vehicles are stopped for pedestrian crossings and subsequently block "through traffic" vehicles. The intersection analysis and evaluation prepared three (3) options for City Council consideration. The following briefly describes each option and their effects on northbound Los Alamitos traffic:

1) Install "Exclusive Pedestrian Phase" - this option allows pedestrians (students) to cross the intersection in all directions at the same time. During the exclusive pedestrian phase, pedestrians/students cross the street without interacting with vehicle movements. Once on every signal cycle, all traffic will stop for pedestrian crossings. The benefit of this option is that when the signal light is green for the northbound on Los Alamitos Boulevard, right-turning vehicles move without pedestrians impeding the turn movements. Additionally, pedestrians can cross diagonally, and overall pedestrian and vehicular delays at the intersection will be reduced.

If this option is selected, it can be complemented by synchronizing the signal timing between the Sausalito/Briggeman intersection and the Los Alamitos/Cerritos intersection to improve the traffic flow between the two intersections. This option will require upgrading the ADA ramps at the four corners of the Los Alamitos/Cerritos intersection to conform to ADA requirements. The estimated cost for option #1 is \$100,000.

2) Remove a Left Turn Lane and add a Right Turn Lane on Los Alamitos Boulevard - this option removes one of the northbound left turn lanes on Los Alamitos Boulevard and to add a right turn lane to eastbound traffic on Cerritos Avenue. The intent is to ease the congestion of right-turning vehicles that are interfering with traffic. Northbound Los Alamitos Boulevard currently has two left-turn lanes. This option eliminates one of those lanes and reduces the storage length for the left-turn vehicle pocket from 340 feet to 170 feet. Approximately 240 vehicles make this turn movement during the PM peak. The reduction of the number of left-turn lanes and pocket length will cause left-turning vehicles to extend into the northbound through traffic, causing backup on Los Alamitos Boulevard. The estimated cost for option #2 is \$50,000.

3) Widen the eastside Los Alamitos Boulevard sidewalk for a bike lane shift - this option will widen the sidewalk on the east side of Los Alamitos Boulevard from 8' to 13' wide. The additional 5' will be dedicated as an elevated bike path, separated by K-71's delineators to protect pedestrians and bicyclists. The Los Alamitos traffic lanes will remain one 10' right lane, two 10' through lanes, and two left-turn lanes. The estimated cost for option #3 is \$500,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated costs for each option are: Option 1) \$100,000, Option 2) \$50,000 and Option 3) \$500,000. If any of the options are approved by the City Council, an appropriation is required as this is not budgeted in the FY 24-25 budget.

Attachment: None

LOS ALAMITOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	REMARKS
A4	Katella/Cherry crosswalk on eastside of Katella Avenue	Jun-15	J. Mejia	Pending - Put on 7-yr CIP
A31	Vehicles in northbound left turn lanes on Los Alamitos at Katella back up into thru lane	January 2016	D. Emerson	Reviewing -Likely require capital improvements
COMMUNITY INITIATED ITEMS				
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED				
C1	Analysis of other intersections near all schools within City limits which might warrant the installation of a crosswalk	January 2019	Traffic Commission	Approved - pending implementation
C2	Street sweeping signage around the LAMC (initiated by excess trash and debris on the street)	January 2019	Resident	Approved - pending implementation
C3	Safety concern of accessibility on the southeast and northeast corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard/Bradbury Road and Los Alamitos Boulevard/Rossmoor Way	April 2021	D. Hill	Approved - pending implementation
C4	Review time limit parking signs in the city	June 2024	J. Mejia	Approved - in review
ITEMS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION				
E1	Striping plan on Katella Avenue	November 2023	J. Mejia	Item pending
E2	Guardrail on southeast corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard	January 2024	D. Hill	Item pending
E3	Traffic signal timing traveling west on Bradbury Road at Los Alamitos Boulevard	March 2024	R. Hill	Item pending
E4	One-way Street with angled parking in Midtown on Green Avenue and Howard Avenue	June 2024	D. Patz	Item pending
E5	Review 2-hour parking sign in front of 10841 Bloomfield Street to reserve for staff	June 2024	R. Hill	Item pending
ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL				
RECOMMENDATION DENIED				
D1	Installation of northbound speed limit sign on Bloomfield Street	November 2019	Resident: Art DeBolt	Denied
D2	Change the alley (between Farquhar Avenue & Howard Avenue) to be one-way only	November 2019	Resident: Art DeBolt	Denied
D3	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar Avenue at Cherry Street	March 2016	D. Emerson	Denied
D4	Remove school signs for Laurel HS, which is closed	November 2015	Commissioner D. Patz	Denied per schools request

LOS ALAMITOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	REMARKS
D5	Modify pedestrian signal/sign for northbound right turns - east leg Bloomfield Street & Katella Avenue	January 2025	J. Wilhelm	Denied
D6	Request to add permit parking on Maple Street in Midtown	January 2020	Resident: Mark Giruad	Denied
D7	15 minute parking sign at 4012 Katella Ave, Suite 101	March 2020	Business Owner: Hai Nguyen	Denied - Spoke to owner
D8	Bring the traffic study for Shea Properties Arrowhead to Commission	March 2016	Commissioner J. Mejia	Denied