

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – January 8, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 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
Shaun Krogman, Police Sergeant
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Farhad Iranitilab, Traffic Engineer
Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Murphy opened oral communications.

Chair Murphy closed oral communications.

5. TRAFFIC COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

A. Annual Traffic Commission Reorganization

This annual report provides relevant information for the Traffic Commission's annual reorganization by the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Department Secretary Ouk called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Commissioner Patz nominated Commissioner Mejia.

Department Secretary Ouk asked if there were any further nominations and there were none.

Department Secretary Ouk proceeded with voting for Commissioner Mejia for the Office of Chair

Commissioner R. Hill	Aye
Commissioner Marchese	Aye
Commissioner Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Patz	Aye
Commissioner Rojas	Aye

Carried 6/0 (D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Mejia as Chair.

Chair Mejia called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Patz nominated Commissioner R. Hill.

Chair Mejia asked if there were any further nominations and there were none.

Department Secretary Ouk proceeded with voting for Commissioner R. Hill for the Office of Vice Chair.

Commissioner R. Hill	Aye
Commissioner Marchese	Aye
Commissioner Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Patz	Aye
Commissioner Rojas	Aye

Carried 6/0 (D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner R. Hill as Vice Chair.

6. 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 9, 2024

Chair Mejia requested to bring October's Traffic Commission Minutes for approval to the next meeting due to the audio recording of the October meeting not being available on the city website for reference.

B. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2024.

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Minutes of November 13, 2024.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Amendment to the Speed Hump Policy - Alleyways

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that there is no consideration for speedhumps constructed with asphalt.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the request to amend the speed hump policy was from residents near Katella Deli.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that alleyways are not the main route for emergency vehicles.

Sergeant Krogman stated that alleyways are often used by first responders.

Commissioner Rojas asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that if the recommendation for the policy amendment is approved, the next step would be to do a traffic study in the alleyway to establish locations that may need the speed humps, and if so, the city would reach out to surrounding businesses and residents adjacent to the alleyway to conduct a survey.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that the life expectancy of an asphalt speed hump in an alleyway is five to ten years.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that the material used for the speed humps will be at the discretion of the City Engineer based on the location.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked about using speed tables. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab stated that speed tables are usually used at intersections.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that the width is not included in the amendment because it differs in alleyways.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked and received clarification from Montenegro Jr. that the amendment is for the guidelines for installation and removal of speed humps in alleyways.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that signage will be appropriately installed.

Patz/Marchese: 6/0 (D. Hill absent) Motion to approve amended speed hump policy with the suggested revisions of having the speed hump material chosen by the discretion of the City Engineer.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

Vice Chair R. Hill asked to revise item E3 to state traveling west not east on Bradbury Road.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that he will assess the traffic light on Bradbury Road after tonight's meeting.

Sergeant Krogman suggested assessing the traffic light between 11:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.

Commissioner Patz asked for the status on item E4. City Engineer Kelley stated that the item is still pending review.

Commissioner Murphy asked for an update on item E7. Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the e-bike policy will be taken to the February Council Meeting and the recommendations from the Traffic Commission have been passed to the Los Alamitos Police Department

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. briefly discussed the following:

- Laurel Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – January 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
- Good Evening, Los Alamitos – January 28, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center
- Commission Dinner – February 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Online Parking Permit Presentation to February City Council Meeting

- New bike lanes on Los Alamitos Boulevard

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that additional delineators will be added to further limit vehicles from going into the bike lane.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that we cannot remove the last two bollards to have vehicles turn right because it is a safety concern.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that the reason why the bike lane design when traveling north on the Los Alamitos Boulevard is different because there are only two lanes going in that direction.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the commissioner handbook is in review with the City Clerk's office and that there is a guideline in the handbook regarding attendance.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Commissioner Patz that there is an existing process for petitioning permit parking.

Chair Mejia asked for clarification on who gets notified for projects, owners or renters.

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Commissioner Patz that the daylighting policy was taken into effect in January of 2025.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated education on the policy will take place before enforcement by the police department.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that the city will be able to cite after 2025.

Commissioner Marchese asked and received clarification from Sergeant Krogman that it is necessary to enforce and cite vehicles violating the policy. Chair Mejia stated that citing will help residents obey the daylighting policy.

Commissioner Rojas asked and received clarification from Sergeant Krogman that residents can appeal the citation through parking enforcement.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the city will be using multiple platforms to educate residents on the daylighting law.

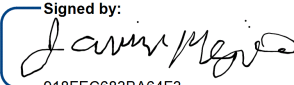
Commissioner Patz requested an update from the city that includes steps taken, where we stand, and to discuss options for daylighting law.

9. ADJOURNMENT

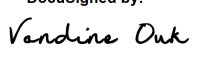
Motion/Second: Patz /R. Hill

Carried 6/0 (D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until February 12, 2025.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:17p.m.

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Javier Mejia, Chair 4/11/2025

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Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary 4/14/2025