

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

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 10, 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 August 13, 2025 Traffic Commission Minutes

Recommendation:

Recieve & File.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Traffic Commission Status Log

B. Los Alamitos Unified School District Request for School Bus Zone (Oak Street)

The City received a request from the Los Alamitos Unified School District (LAUSD) to discuss a traffic flow problem, related to school buses, at Oak Middle School during drop-off and pick-up times during the school year. A number of options were considered, and a school bus zone on Oak Street, for specific morning and afternoon times, was identified as the best solution. The California Code of Regulations allows the City to designate such school bus zones on a public street. Staff is recommending the approval of the request made by LAUSD.

Recommendation:

1. Discuss the item; and,
2. If no revisions are needed, recommend approval of the LAUSD request for a school bus zone on Oak Street.

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

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Los Alamitos City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave. and online at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriela Martinez', written over a horizontal line.

Gabriela Martinez
Department Secretary

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 13, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services
Manager
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Patz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened oral communications.

Chair Mejia closed oral communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Rojas

Carried 6/0 (Marchese absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Traffic Commission Status Log

Commissioner Patz inquired about item E4 of the Traffic Commission Status Log.

Assistant City Manager/ Development Services Director Noda provided response on the difficulty of doing angled parking due to space limitations.

Traffic Commissioners agreed to move item E4.

Commissioner Rojas inquired about item E3 of the Traffic Commission Status Log.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared that item E3 is still currently pending.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired about the timing of traffic signal lights and the duration of approval within the Traffic Commission Log.

Assistant City Manager/ Development Services Director Noda shared clarity and further insight into the process.

City Engineer Kelly shared the findings of when a traffic technician was sent out to evaluate the timing of the traffic signal.

Traffic Commissioners shared clarity and further discussed further the timing of the traffic signal at West Bound Bradbury to South Bound Seal Beach Boulevard.

Vice Chair R. Hill requested an update on Traffic Commission Log item E2.

Commissioner D. Hill shared clarity as to why the item was originally initiated.

Traffic Commissioners discussed the item further.

Commissioner Patz commented that it is no longer illegal to jaywalk in the State of California.

Commissioner D. Hill asked for an update on item C3.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared an update is scheduled to be discussed later in the agenda then asked for clarity on moving Traffic Commission Log item E2.

Vice Chair R. Hill shared to move item E2 to section D.

Chair Mejia discussed item A4 of the Traffic Commission Log.

Traffic Engineer Farhad shared the dilemma with changing the crosswalk to the west side of the street.

Chair Mejia shared to move item A4 to “denied” then inquired if item C4 will come forth to the Traffic Commission.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda stated yes and shared the tentative timeline of when it will begin.

Chair Mejia closed the update on the Traffic Commission Log.

B. Progress of Notable City Street Projects

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. and City Engineer Kelly shared the Staff Report.

Commissioner Patz shared feedback and thanks from his neighbors for removing the Los Alamitos Boulevard/Cerritos bike lanes.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared that the City strives to serve its residents and thanked the City Council for truly taking into account resident feedback.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Commissioner Rojas asked for clarity on the Scramble design.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared that City Council requested a Scramble to be installed but an infrastructure dilemma arose which dramatically rises the expense of the proposed design.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Commissioner Patz inquired on what a HAWK (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) system is.

City Engineer Kelly provided a description.

Chair Mejia asked about the location of the HAWK system.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared details on an awarded grant and a workshop will be held at a future Traffic Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Murphy commented on the increased presence of e-bikes.

Vice Chair R. Hill shared his concerns with the impact to programming the bike lanes may have.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed further the bike lanes, parking, and the adjustments to the queue line that may happen.

Chair Mejia recommended adding a crossing guard to the cross walk.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked for clarification on what the damage to the curb and gutters was.

City Engineer Kelly provided clarity.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed the meaning of what Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Vice Chair R.Hill inquired on the timeline of I-605 Katella freeway access closure.

City Engineer Kelly shared a rough timeline.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed the following:

- I-605 progress and is
- Planned to be completed by mid-September.
- Different asphalt improvement projects to come.
- Seeking a Department of Defense Grant for corridor asphalt replacement.

Chair Mejia commented on the improvement of the Katella Avenue striping.

7. DISCUSSION

A. Recommended FY 25-26 CIP Projects Add-On

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared agenda report.

Commissioner Patz inquired on the location of the two city owned bridges.

City Engineer Kelly shared Los Alamitos Boulevard & Cerritos Avenue bordering the City of Long Beach.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda continued to share the agenda report.

Commissioner Patz inquired on the number of kilowatts for the emergency generators.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda responded and continued to share the agenda report.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired on the field maintenance for the Sunburst Field renovations.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda provided insight on what will go into maintaining the fields and continued with the agenda report.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired on the total amount it would take to do all the presented CIP projects.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared insight on the process with The Budget Standing Committee and City Council.

Chair Mejia inquired about the Traffic Commissions involvement with the further design process of the listed CIP projects.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared the process after choosing the two CIP projects to continue first with.

Traffic Commissioners discussed the list of possible CIP projects.

Commissioner Rojas inquired about the following:

- Which project is the most cost efficient out of the four options.
- From an ADA standpoint, which project takes precedence.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed the importance of each and ADA compliance.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked for clarification on the ADA sidewalk repair project.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared who has jurisdiction over either side of the sidewalk.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired into the completion of the remaining two CIP projects in FY 27-28.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda provided clarity of the process.

Chair Mejia inquired about the bid process.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda provided clarity.

Traffic Commissioners discussed the different CIP Projects.

Commissioner Rojas made a motion to proceed with CIP Project option #2 ADA and Safety Enhancement of Sidewalk and CIP Project option #3 Bradbury & Rossmoor Way Signal Light Relocation.

Motion/Second: Rojas/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (Marchese absent): Proceed with CIP Project option #2 ADA and Safety Enhancement of Sidewalk and CIP Project option #3 Bradbury & Rossmoor Way Signal Light Relocation.

Commissioner Patz made an alternate motion to proceed with CIP Project option #1 Replace Safety Lights at Intersection to LED as a backup to option #2 & #3.

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (Marchese absent): Proceed with alternate CIP Project option #1 Replace Safety Lights at Intersection to LED as a backup to option #2 & #3.

8. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. briefly discussed the following:

- Nites on Pine event taking place on August 14, 2025, from 6:30p.m. – 8p.m. and the band will be a Taylor Swift cover band.
- Celebrate Los Al and Pine StrEATs event taking place on September 13, 2025, with various start times for events.
- Dual event for Labourdette Ribbon Cutting at 3:45 p.m. and Soroptimist Park Groundbreaking at 4:30 p.m. on Monday September 15, 2025.
- Good Evening Los Al has been postponed with a tentative future date in November.

Traffic Commissioners asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. on food being present for Nites on Pine event.

Chair Mejia inquired about the attendance number for Nites on Pine event.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. answered roughly 200 people.

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Traffic Commission asked and received clarification from Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda on the following:

- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Katella Avenue intersection traffic camera catching U-Turns.
- Recycled water pipeline location within the City.
- Possible shared pipeline connection to surrounding cities.
- Asking for accident data or traffic studies on Orangewood and Los Alamitos Boulevard coming out of St. Hedwig on behalf of a resident.
- Safety light out at Lexington Drive and Katella Avenue on the Southeast corner.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Javier Mejia, Chair

Attest:

Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary

LOS ALAMITOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	REMARKS
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
E3	Traffic signal timing traveling west on Bradbury Road at Los Alamitos Boulevard	March 2024	R. Hill	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
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

LOS ALAMITOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	REMARKS
D9	One-way Street with angled parking in Midtown on Green Avenue and Howard Avenue	June 2024	D. Patz	Denied
D10	Guardrail on southeast corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard	January 2024	D. Hill	Denied
C11	Katella/Cherry crosswalk on eastside of Katella Avenue	Jun-15	J. Mejia	Denied

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2025

ITEM NUMBER: 6B

To: Chair Mejia & Members of the Traffic Commission

**Presented By: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Irving Montenegro Jr., Manager**

Subject: Los Alamitos Unified School District Request for School Bus Zone (Oak Street)

SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATION

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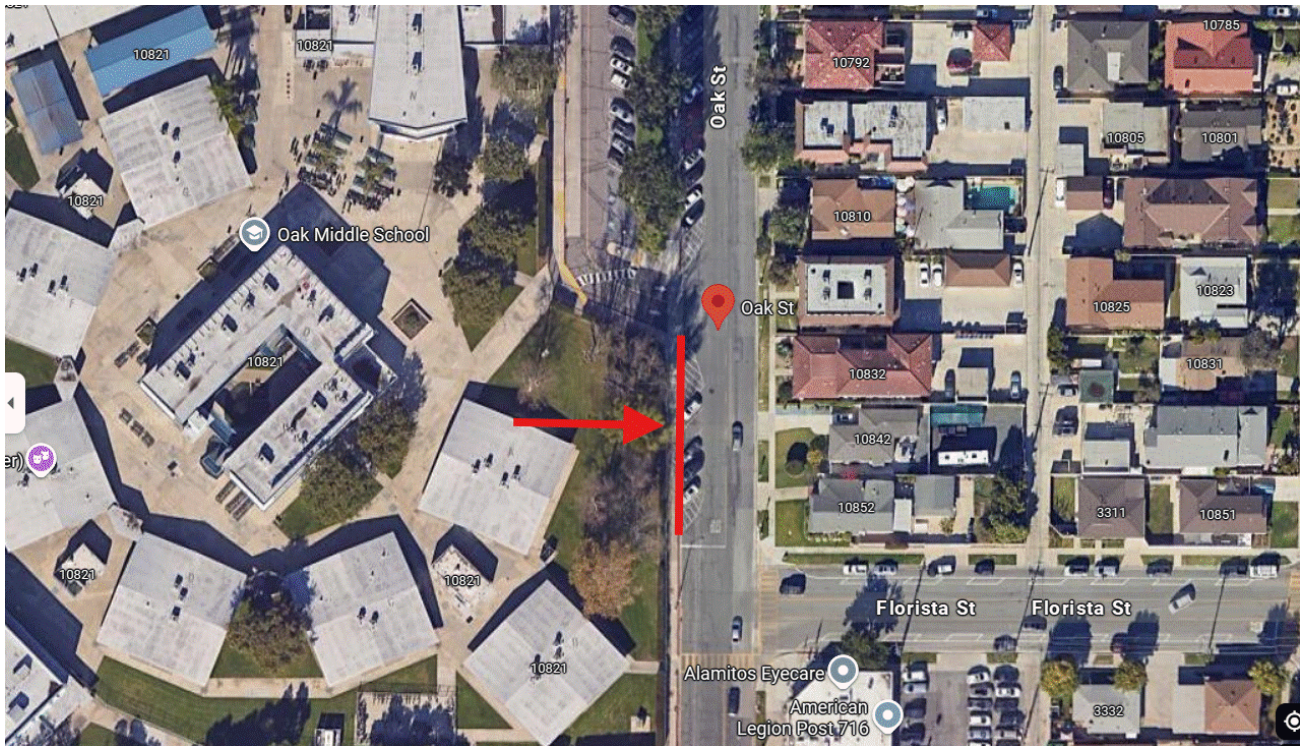
BACKGROUND

The City received a request from the Los Alamitos Unified School District (LAUSD) to discuss a traffic flow problem at Oak Middle School, during school bus drop-off and pick-up times. Oak Middle School's enrollment is approximately 1,000 students. The school buses use a small visitor parking lot in front of the middle school for the drop-off/pick-up curb zone. The buses must contend with parents in private vehicles dropping off or picking up students at the same time. As such, there is significant congestion accessing that parking lot, congestion in the parking lot, and congestion departing the parking lot, thus creating issues with the school buses keeping to their schedule.

DISCUSSION

City staff met with LAUSD staff on-site to discuss options to mitigate the congestion. A number of options were considered and a school bus zone on Oak Street, for specific morning and afternoon times, was identified as the best solution. The recommended location is the west side of Oak Street adjacent to the school, where there are currently five diagonal parking spaces (see map below). Rather than lose the parking spaces, the recommendation is to restrict parking for a limited time on school days, during the school bus morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. The proposed signage that will be

placed would state "NO PARKING - Bus Loading Zone Only - Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



The City's Traffic Engineer confirmed the City's ability to designate a school bus zone on a public street. The California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 5026 allows a large vehicle like a school bus to legally occupy more than one marked parking space when picking up or dropping off students. This is a common and necessary practice due to the size of the bus and the specific safety requirements for loading and unloading students. On a public street, a school bus can block a certain amount of space to ensure a safe loading and unloading area. This proposed area has been discussed internally with the police department command staff, and they have no concerns about the designation.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the Public Works Division will order and install the new signage internally and expense it out of the maintenance and operation budget in the street maintenance division.

Attachment: None