

## **MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

**REGULAR MEETING – October 8, 2025**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 6:01 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Chair Mejia presiding.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Present:** Staff: Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services  
Manager  
Chris Kelley, City Engineer  
Farhad Iranitalab, City Engineer  
Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner D. Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. PRESENTATION**

#### **A. Commission Handbook**

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. shared the PowerPoint presentation on the Commission Handbook.

Traffic Commissioners suggested the following ideas for future Commission meetings:

- To have the meeting agenda displayed on the above-head TV screen for future meetings.
- If projection of the agenda could not be displayed on the above-head TV, then move the portable TV Infront of the Dias for better visibility of the agenda.

Commissioner Rojas joined the Traffic Commission Meeting at 6:07p.m.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Chair Mejia opened oral communications.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. introduced new Development Services Intern Priyal Bhalani.

Development Services Intern Bhalani introduced herself to the Traffic Commission.

Chair Mejia closed oral communications.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approval of the August 13, 2025, Traffic Commission Minutes**

Motion/Second: Patz/R. Hill

Carried 5/0 (Murphy excused, Marchese absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2025.

**B. Approval of the September 10, 2025, Traffic Commission Minutes**

Motion/Second: Patz/R. Hill

Carried 5/0 (Murphy excused, Marchese absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2025.

**7. DISCUSSION**

**A. Traffic Concern - Dropped Through Lane (Los Alamitos Boulevard from Katella Avenue to Florista Street)**

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. introduced Discussion Item A.

City Engineer Iranitalab shared the staff report with the Traffic Commission.

Traffic Commissioners asked for and received clarification from City Engineers Iranitalab and Kelley regarding the following items:

- The potential installation of bollards (in any variation) to prevent vehicles from cutting through the right-turn lane before Florista Street after the Los Alamitos Boulevard and Katella Avenue intersection
- Extending the transition lane between Katella Avenue and Florista Street.
- Reintroducing high-reflective Botts' dots and adding high-reflective striping paint.
- Adding a right-turn arrow prior to the Florista Avenue driveway.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley if photos are taken and saved when new striping projects are done within the city.

Chair Mejia and Commissioner Patz expressed concern after reading online comments from residents who were attributing city changes to the Traffic Commission, even though those changes had not been presented to or approved by the commission.

Commissioner R. Hill made a motion to have the Traffic Engineer examine the merging lane North of Katella Avenue on Los Alamitos Boulevard that impacts the right turn lane before Florista Avenue and bring back the item for further discussion.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Rojas

Carried 5/0 (Murphy excused, Marchese absent): The Traffic Commission approved the motion to have the Traffic Engineer examine the merging lane North of Katella Avenue on Los Alamitos Boulevard that impacts the right turn lane before Florista Avenue and bring back the item for further discussion.

#### **B. Pavement Markings Modification on Cerritos Avenue West of Humbolt Avenue Intersection**

City Engineer Kelley and Iranitalab shared the Staff Report.

Traffic Commissioners received clarification from City Engineers Kelley and Iranitalab in response to the following items:

- Feasibility of creating left-turn pockets for all westbound driveways on Cerritos Avenue.
- Comments and concerns raised by surrounding business owners regarding the proposed modifications.
- Potential safety impacts to the public resulting from the planned roadway changes.
- Confirmation that adequate space would remain to accommodate large vehicles, including 18-wheelers.

Commissioner Marchese arrived in the Traffic Commission meeting at 6:56 pm.

Business owner Seeley took to the podium to advocate for traffic concerns on Discussion Item B. She touched briefly on the following:

- Safety
- Individuals following/not following traffic rules.
- Trusts the city and commission to make the right decision with this item.

President of the Board at We Care Miller took to the podium to also share advocacy for Discussion Item B by speaking on the benefits of restriping to help with traffic safety.

Commissioner Patz made a motion to approve Discussion Item B, Pavement Markings Modification on Cerritos Avenue West of Humbolt Avenue Intersection to reflect the recommendation of the 90 foot taper.

Motion/Second: Patz/R. Hill

Carried 6/0 (Murphy excused): The Traffic Commission approved the motion to the Pavement Markings Modification on Cerritos Avenue West of Humbolt Avenue Intersection to reflect the recommendation of the 90 foot taper.

## **8. STAFF REPORT**

### **A. Request for Loading/Unloading zone – Rise Up Athletics**

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. introduced Staff Report.

City Engineer Iranitalab provided his recommendation to the Staff report.

Commissioner Rojas asked for clarification from City Engineer Iranitalab regarding the number of potential parking spaces that could be gained and/or lost.

Rise Up Athletics Owner, Cheryl Vuong took to the podium and advocated for the Request for Loading/Unloading zone and also provided clarification to the Traffic Commission on the following:

- Transition times between classes being held
- The various red zone congestion times
- Various days the addition of the loading/unloading zone would be helpful

City Engineer Iranitalab clarified further the location and length of the requested Loading/Unloading zone and that the already present parking would not be altered.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. shared from previous discussions and experience that taking away parking will always be counter productive and supports City Engineer Iranitalab recommendation to turn the red zone into a white loading/unloading zone.

The Traffic Commissioners shared thoughts and discussed the following:

- Parents choosing to stay longer periods of time should utilize a parking spot.

- Partial conversion of the red zone into a white loading/unloading zone, still leaving 20foot red marking.
- Install additional surrounding signage.
- Start with the zone adjustments before opting to remove parking.

Commissioner Marchese shared with the Commission the importance of signage and would like to see more to help with the changes.

Chair Mejia shared the Commission's main objective is to protect the safety of the patrons and help make loading/unloading a smooth easy process.

Vice Chair R. Hill made motion to add a loading zone from as much of the red curb zone as possible and add one additional car-length space with signage stating Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm - 8pm.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Rojas

Carried 6/0 (Murphy excused): The Traffic Commission approved the motion to add a loading zone from as much of the red curb zone as possible and add one additional car length space with signage stating Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm - 8pm.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley on the timeline for the proposed changes.

## **B. Bloomfield Avenue ATP Project**

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. introduced the Staff Report.

City Engineer Kelley shared the Staff Report along with a reference video to demonstrate the operation of a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk(HAWK) system.

The Traffic Commissioners asked and received clarification from both City Engineers Kelley and Iranitalab on the following:

- The need for a HAWK System.
- The duration of the project and how it will impact the surrounding area.
- The location of the HAWK System.
- Pre-existing conduit systems already in place.
- Advantages of a HAWK System versus a regular crosswalk signal.

This item is Receive & File.

## **C. Traffic Commission Status Log**

Vice Chair R. Hill asked and received clarifications on items E3 & E5 from City Engineer Iranitalab that item E3 has been completed and recommended moving the item to the completed portion of the Traffic Commission Traffic Log. Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. shared Item E5 is recommended to leave as pending until the construction is complete.

Commissioner D. Hill asked and received clarification on item C3 from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that it is currently pending the presentation to the City Council.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification on item E1 from City Engineer Kelley that it has been completed and recommended moving the item to the completed portion of the Traffic Commission Traffic Log.

## 9. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. shared the following:

- The last Nites on Pine Event will be taking place on October 9<sup>th</sup> with a performance from The Emperors.

## 10. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

The Traffic Commission shared the following:

- Los Alamitos Oak Middle School was highlighted on KTLA Channel 5 News for riding your bike or walking to school day.
- Happy to have residents attend and speak at meetings.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to November 12, 2025.

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Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary

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Javier Mejia

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Javier Mejia, Chair