

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – September 10, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Marchese 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

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2025.

Traffic Commissioners discussed and shared input on the structure of the minutes provided for the August 13, 2025, meeting. Neither approved nor denied and will be brought back to the October 8, 2025, meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Traffic Commission Status Log

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification on item A31 from City Engineer Kelley that the lane would have to transition further back on Los Alamitos Boulevard and that will result in traffic, but the City can look into it further.

Commissioner D. Hill asked and received clarification on item C3 from Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services Noda that once the item goes tentatively to City Council in October a new scope of work and plans will be presented to the Traffic Commission.

There were no changes to the Traffic Commission Status Log.

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

Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services Noda shared the Staff Report.

Elvia Schnur, Assistant Superintendent/Business Services of the Los Alamitos Unified School District, approached the podium and shared her justification for the Los Alamitos Unified School District Request for School Bus Zone (Oak Street).

Traffic Commission asked and received clarification on the following:

- Number of buses traveling through morning and afternoon pickup/drop-off.
- The impeding line of sight to surrounding cross walks, traffic, and pedestrians while buses are stopped.
- Removal of parking spaces in the area or if they remain in place.
- The route of the buses arriving in the morning
- The potential of residents parking over night or throughout the day intermittently while the buses are not present.
- The reproductions of unpermitted parking by residents.

Commissioner Marchese asked and received clarification from Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services Noda and Assistant Superintendent/Business Services of the Los Alamitos Unified School District Schnur on the following:

- The difference in layout/set up from Oak Middle School to McAuliffe Middle School.
- Distinction of necessity versus desire.
- Increasing the outreach to surrounding residents to limit potential rework from unintended consequences.

- Clarification that both McAuliffe Middle School and Los Alamitos Elementary share one lot for bus and parent drop off/ pick up.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked and received clarification on the Los Alamitos Elementary school drop off /pick up layout from Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services Noda and Assistant Superintendent/Business Services of the Los Alamitos Unified School District Schnur that there are separate locations for pickup/drop off for busses, for parents, and for parking.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Assistant Superintendent/Business Services of the Los Alamitos Unified School District Schnur that the School District has in fact discussed and set a plan to inform parents at Oak Middle School of the change.

Chair Mejia shared and received clarification from Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services Noda and Assistant Superintendent/Business Services of the Los Alamitos Unified School District Schnur on the following:

- While buses are waiting for pick-up, are they idling or is the engine off?
- Concern about causing a disturbance to the surrounding residents.
- A bigger consequence than a fine should be implemented for cars parking in the bus pick-up location other than a payable citation.
- Inquired about any long-term plans to reconfigure the location for buses such as flattening out the surrounding curbs.
- Request to receive progress feedback from parents/residents both positive and negative as this change is implemented.

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 6/1 (Marchese opposed): The Traffic Commission approved the Los Alamitos Unified School District Request for School Bus Zone (Oak Street).

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. briefly discussed the following:

- Nites on Pine Event taking place on Thursday, September 11, 2025, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm with a performance from a Country Cover band.
- Pine StrEATS event starts at 5:30pm located on Pine Street within the Celebrate Los Al event on September 13, 2025.
- Labourdette Ribbon Cutting & Soroptimist Park Groundbreaking Ceremonies taking place on Monday, September 15, 2025, with a start time of 3:45pm and 4:30pm.
- The City's online permit parking system, Get A Permit, with enforcement starting October 1, 2025.

The Traffic Commission received clarification on the following items pertaining to the new parking permit system:

- Permits can be printed at the resident's home or in City Hall if assistance is needed.
- The advanced warning period of needing a parking permit.
- The design/look of the new parking permits.
- Parking Control's ability to identify a current parking permit from an expired parking permit.
- Providing a sample of the parking permits to the Traffic Commission to view.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services Noda briefly discussed the following to the Traffic Commission:

- The September City Council meeting will take place on the Monday, September 15th and the October City Council meeting will take place on Monday, October 13th.
- DUI checkpoint taking place within the City on September 20, 2025.
- Encouraged the Commissioners to come out to the Celebrate Los Al event and Pine StrEATs.
- Stay connected with the city through all outreach channels.

Commissioner Marchese asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that he will follow up with finding out if Elvis, the Police K-9 dog, will be present at the Celebrate Los Al event.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda that the submitted Oral Comment letter regarding right turn lane (north Los Alamitos Boulevard/Florista Street) can be voted on to be brought back as a discussion item to the Traffic Commission Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2025.

Commissioner Marchese made a motion to agendize and discuss the September Traffic Commission Oral Comment Letter regarding the right turn lane (North Los Alamitos Boulevard/Florista Street) to the Traffic Commission Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2025.

Motion/Second: Marchese/Patz

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the motion to agendize and discuss the September Traffic Commission Oral Comment Letter regarding the right turn lane (North Los Alamitos Boulevard/Florista Street) to the Traffic Commission Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2025.

Vice Chair R. Hill shared and received feedback from Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda that timing of the traffic signal at the intersection of Lexington Drive and Katella Avenue will be forwarded to City Engineer Iranitalab to observe.

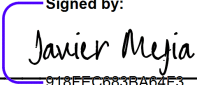
Traffic Commission asked and received clarification from Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda on the following:

- Traffic Signal timing being out of sync.
- Pedestrian bridge being relocated to provide more ramp space.
- Practicality of adding mirrors to assist with the line of sight on Lexington Drive due to diagonal parking and obstructed visibility.
- Timing of striping to replace the signs on Lexington Drive.
- Feedback and residents and enforcement on the Daylighting Law.
- Possible red curb painting to help with Daylighting Law.
- Locations of safety lights that need to be replaced.
- The timing of the lights in the center median from Katella Avenue to Cerritos Avenue.

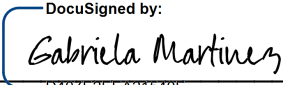
9. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:18p.m. to October 8, 2025.

Attest:

Signed by:


Javier Mejia, Chair

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Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary