

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.

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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.

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:

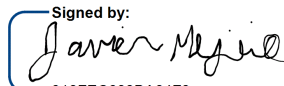
- A copy of the minutes that included the sunset date of the requested and approved handicap parking on 4112 Green Avenue.
- Records from the past two years of where LED lights have been implemented in city lights.
- A copy of the current traffic signal and maintenance contract.

9. ADJOURNMENT

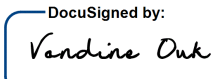
Motion/Second: Mejia/Patz

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.

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Javier Mejia, Chair 4/15/2025

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Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary 4/16/2025