

Traffic Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
June 11, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

City of Los Alamitos
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Biri
Commissioner Mejia
Commissioner Schleuter
Commissioner Vardeman

Commissioner Wilhelm
Vice-Chair Patz
Chair Person Emerson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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 five minutes.

5. MINUTES

Approval of April 9, 2014 Regular Traffic Commission Meeting minutes.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. THE VILLAGE AT LOS ALAMITOS TRAFFIC STUDY

The Applicant has heard concerns about the project at the Traffic Commission meeting on April 9, 2014 and at the May 28, 2014 EIR Scoping meeting. The Applicant stated they are working on revising his project accordingly. He has been floating a slightly altered plan, but may take that revision further to address more recent concerns. On May 29, 2014, the Applicant asked that staff immediately stop all work on the project until further notice.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

B. THE GENERAL PLAN MOBILITY ELEMENT

Draft goals and policies on the Mobility and Circulation Elements were given out for review at the Special Joint Commissions Meeting held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Recommendation: The Traffic Commission is to review and provide recommendations to the Mobility and Circulation Elements for the General Plan.

C. PARKING METER PILOT PROJECT

Seeking representation from the Traffic Commission to join the Parking Meter Pilot Project Group. The focus of this project is to create an implementation strategy for parking meters in the City.

Recommendation: Provide two or three Traffic Commissioners to join the Parking Meter Pilot Project.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Adjourn to Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Community Center, Museum, and City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.
Dated this 5th day of June, 2014.



Pamela Brackman, Interim Department Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, California

April 9, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on April 9, 2014, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, Chair Emerson presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS Biri, Emerson, Mejia, Patz, Schleuter,
Vardeman, Wilhelm

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER

PRESENT: STAFF Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Sharon Nowell, Department Secretary
Bruce McAlpine, Captain

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Patz.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. MINUTES

Approval of the Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014

MOTION/SECOND: Schleuter/Wilhelm

Motion was unanimously carried with changes as noted below:

Commissioner Emerson requested that Item 6A, paragraph 2, second sentence, be amended as follows: *'The priorities were as follows (not in order of priority)'*:

Commissioner Emerson requested that Item 6B, paragraph 1, third sentence be amended as follows: *'Commissioners were informed that an ad hoc committee can be used as a body composed of less than a quorum, serving for a single purpose, and dissolved once that specific task is completed in less than a year's time period'*.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. THE VILLAGE AT LOS ALAMITOS TRAFFIC STUDY

City Engineer, Dave Hunt, gave a brief summary of the staff report and the information contained therein. An application for the development, the Village at Los Alamitos, has been filed with the City. Once the Environmental Impact Report has been drafted it will be submitted to the Planning Commission and then the City for their review and approval. He stated that the role of the Traffic Commission is to provide necessary input on the traffic study being presented to them tonight. Mr. Hunt then gave the Commission a big picture of the project and presented renderings of the project. The author of the report, Dan Kloss, and the applicant of the project, Steve Levinson, were introduced to the Commission.

Mr. Hunt discussed the critical intersections and the A.M. and P.M. peak hour traffic volumes of vehicles leaving and entering the development; and where the vehicles were headed. Cumulative effects of projects currently

The meeting was turned over to the Commission for their questions and comments. Their concerns/comments were as follows:

- Can signals accommodate the volume of egress on Briggeman Drive in the AM hours?
Mr. Hunt stated any necessary adjustments will be made by the Traffic Engineer.
- What is expected traffic flow out of the project complex; traffic already impacted from Los Alamitos Blvd. to Cerritos Ave. to get onto the northbound 605 Freeway.
Mr. Kloss stated that based on the review of existing counts their projection assumes that everyone will head towards Los Alamitos Blvd.; with 50% going north to Cerritos Ave. and 50% going south towards Katella Ave.
- Traffic impact on Old Town East neighborhood was not studied.
Mr. Kloss stated that there would be no significant impact on a location where you only have a small amount of traffic going to an intersection.
- What type of retail businesses are planned for the first floor occupancy?
Mr. Levinson stated that the intent is to attract businesses that will encourage foot traffic and walkability in the area. The goal is to be part of the big picture as developed in the General Plan.
- Will parking in and around the development be adequate?

Mr. Levinson assured that with the onsite and on-street parking there would be ample parking provided.

Vice-Chair Patz and Commissioner Biri both stated that they like and are excited about this project but would like to ensure that due diligence is done to make sure that it will be a benefit to the City. Chair Emerson stated that he likes the concept but not the location in a commercial zone, and its location in relation to the High School.

Ted Pollard, President of Gemini Forest Products spoke of his concern about the volume of traffic the project would create on Briggeman Drive, and of the mixed use of residential in a commercial and industrial area. He stated that in addition to Briggeman Drive being a truck route for the businesses in the area, there is the added traffic from the Post Office and the High School. Also, the loss of parking on Briggeman Drive would impact the trucks delivering in the early morning hours. Chair Emerson stated that he is sympathetic to Mr. Pollard's concerns and expressed concern about the possible loss of revenue to the businesses.

Mr. Levinson stated that the widening of Briggeman Drive will help alleviate many of the concerns that have been brought up.

Alice Jempsa, resident, spoke and informed the Commission of a condo development for seniors that was proposed for that property many years ago. The sewer system at time could not handle such a development and the project did not go forward. She asked if this has been looked into for this project. Mr. Mendoza answered that it is too early; those concerns will be looked into later in the process.

Mr. Mendoza stated that the proposed development is still in the concept planning stage, and has many stages to go through. The purpose of presenting it tonight was to get preliminary input from the Commission on the traffic study portion.

The Traffic Commission summarized their concerns as follows:

1. Crosswalks
2. Employee parking not appropriately addressed
3. Loading Zone for trash and delivery zones need more thought
4. Serpentine needs a crosswalk mid-block for new residents

5. Estimates for 56 departures and 56 arrivals seem low.
6. Charging stations for electric vehicles
7. Use of National Averages instead of local information is a concern
8. Study should look at co-mingling of cars and industrial trucks
9. Study does not adequately address industrial businesses and traffic
10. Sewer capacity issues
11. Commercial parking should be two hours
12. Signal cycle adjustments should be addressed

Due to the fact that the Traffic Commission desired more time to study the Village at Los Alamitos Traffic Study, discussion ensued regarding continuing this item to the June 11, 2014 Traffic Commission Meeting.

MOTION: PATZ/BIRI: Motion was made to continue the review of the Traffic Study to the next regularly scheduled meeting of June 11, 2014. Motion was unanimously carried.

It was also unanimously approved to hold a Joint Commission meeting with all three Commissions, Planning, Recreation, and Traffic on May 14, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to kick off goals and objectives for the General Plan.

7. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- Community Development Director, Steven Mendoza, gave an update on the construction currently under way on Katella Avenue. The one-lane closure in each direction will start on April 21, when construction on the center medians begins.
- Dave Hunt reported that construction on the Rossmoor Channel will start on April 21. This work consists of lining the channel with concrete. It should be complete by October 15, 2014.

8. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**

- Caltrans detour sign in front of US Bank is still encroaching into right-of-way.
- Speed bump near Katella Deli, at the entrance to the alley, section is starting to come up.
- Check loop sensitivity on northbound Lexington Drive. He has experienced difficulties while riding his motorcycle.
- Street name sign missing at Lexington Drive and Corporate Center Drive.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION/SECOND: MEJIA/BIRI

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dave Hunt, City Engineer

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Discussion

June 11, 2014
Item No: 6A

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission

From: David Hunt, City Engineer

Subject: Continuation of April 9, 2013 Meeting of The Village at Los Alamitos Traffic Study

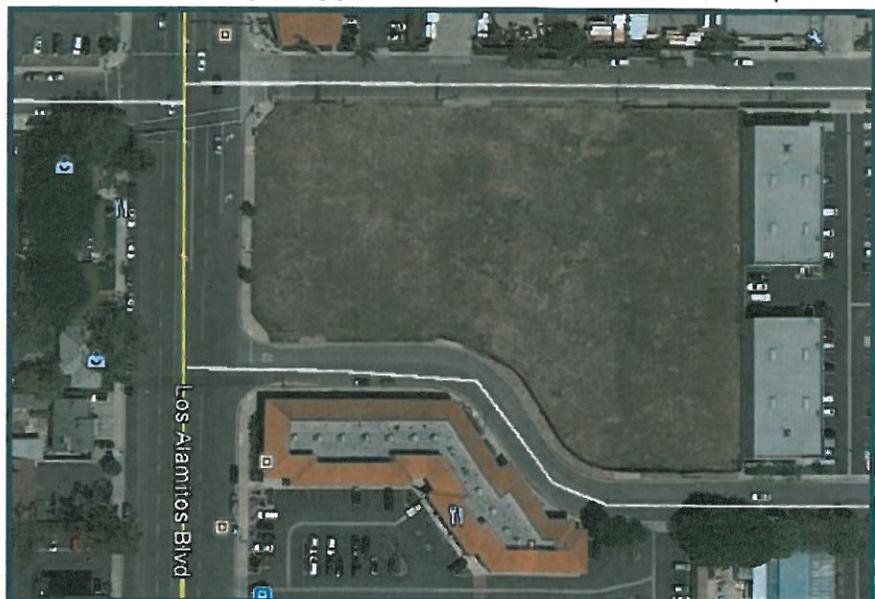
Summary: The Applicant has heard concerns about the project at the Traffic Commission meeting on April 9, 2014 and at the May 28, 2014 EIR Scoping meeting. The Applicant stated they are working on revising his project accordingly. He has been floating a slightly altered plan, but may take that revision further to address more recent concerns. On May 29, 2014, the Applicant asked that staff immediately stop all work on the project until further notice.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Background

Highland Pointe Partners has filed applications to obtain consideration to develop a mixed use project at 10650 Los Alamitos Boulevard (vacant Lew Webb Site). The project site is a vacant lot that is bound by Briggeman Drive on the north, Serpentine Drive on the south, Los Alamitos Boulevard on the west and industrial buildings on Reagan Street to the east.

This project will be formally presented to the Planning Commission and City Council once the Environmental Impact Report has been drafted and circulated for 45 days. The Planning Commission



and the City Council will take into consideration all impacts. The role of the Traffic Commission is to provide necessary input regarding traffic and circulation related issues.

At the Traffic Commission on April 9, 2014 this project was discussed and consisted of the following:

- Approximately 4,600 square-feet (SF) of ground floor retail space.
- 133-unit apartment complex is comprised of 69 one-bedroom units, 60 two-bedroom units and 4 three bedroom units.
- A total of 287 parking spaces will be provided for the project via a four-story, five level parking garage.

The Traffic Commission voted to continue the discussion at the June 11, 2014 meeting.

Discussion

The City staff held the mandatory public EIR Scoping meeting for the project on May 28, 2014. During the Scoping meeting, three neighboring businesses/property owners expressed their concerns with the project related to land use compatibility, drainage, circulation, and the potential for future residential residents to complain about their industrial business activities.

The Applicant has heard most of the concerns and is working on revising his project accordingly. He has been floating a slightly altered plan, but may take that revision further to address more recent concerns.

On May 29, 2014, the Applicant asked that staff "please immediately stop all work being performed on behalf of Highland Pointe Partners and The Village at Los Alamitos proposed mixed use project, until we can further analyze the results of last nights' EIR Scoping meeting, and the discussions we had afterward".

Therefore the project is on hold.

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Submitted By:



David L. Hunt, PE
City Engineer

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Discussion

June 11, 2014
Item No: 6B

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission

From: David Hunt, City Engineer

Subject: Continuation of the General Plan Update – Consideration of Draft Mobility and Circulation Element

Summary: Draft goals and policies on the Mobility and Circulation Elements were given out for review at the Special Joint Commissions Meeting held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Recommendation: The Traffic Commission is to review and provide recommendations to the Mobility and Circulation Elements for the General Plan.

Background

The City of Los Alamitos is in the process of undertaking a comprehensive update of its General Plan, the guiding document for development and public improvements in the future. The General Plan is a plan that will provide guidance as people propose projects, and help the City make informed decisions. The plan will provide vision and policies for land use, economic development, environmental protection, and infrastructure investment through 2035. A successful General Plan reflects the goals and values of the community. Public input is sought at key stages of the update process, ensuring that community members can take an active role in shaping the City's future.

The City Council and Commissions will use the goals and policies of the General Plan as a basis upon which to make both long-term and short-term decisions, determine long-term objectives, generate and evaluate budgets, plan capital improvements, and prioritize tasks. The City Staff, throughout all of its departments, will also reference the General Plan when considering development applications, capital improvements, service programming, and departmental budgeting.

Individual residents, existing and prospective business owners, and the development community can also seek guidance for preserving and enhancing the community through the General Plan.

Finally, other local and regional agencies will refer to the General Plan when projecting future needs and services. The General Plan is truly the City's collective guide to the future.

Discussion

The City has hosted a series of Joint Commission meetings with three of its Commissions: Planning; Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts; and Traffic. The last Joint Commission meeting was on May 14, 2014. At that meetings, the three most substantial Elements have been completed in draft form were reviewed and discussed by the City's Commissions. The Elements were Land Use; Mobility and Circulation; and Open Space, Recreation, and Conservation.

Once the Draft Elements have been considered by the Commission, the goals and policies will be incorporated into the EIR. Staff and the Consultant will continue to finalize the remaining Elements of the General Plan and the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR is expected to be released in June.

Recommendation

The Traffic Commission is to review and provide recommendations to the Mobility and Circulation Elements for the General Plan.

Submitted By:



David L. Hunt, PE
City Engineer

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Discussion

June 11, 2014
Item No: 6C

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission
From: David Hunt, City Engineer
Subject: Parking Meter Pilot Project

Summary: Seeking representation from the Traffic Commission to join the Parking Meter Pilot Project Group. The focus of this project is to create an implementation strategy for parking meters in the City.

Recommendation: Provide two or three Traffic Commissioners to join the Parking Meter Pilot Project.

Background

Seeking representation from the Traffic Commission to join the Parking Meter Pilot Project Group. The focus of this project is to create an implementation strategy for parking meters in the City.

Discussion

The meetings take place twice a month on Fridays at 10:30am in the Council Chambers Building Executive Conference Room. The following are current attendees; City Manager Bret Plumlee, Community Development Director Steven Mendoza, Captain Bruce McAlpine, Public Works Superintendent Tony Brandyberry, City Engineer Dave Hunt, Planning Aide Tom Oliver and Willdan Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet.

Recommendation

Provide two or three Traffic Commissioners to join the Parking Meter Pilot Project.

Submitted By:



David L. Hunt, PE
City Engineer

TRAFFIC COMMISSION UPDATED STATUS LIST - 2011 to 2014

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	TAKEN TO		REMARKS
				T.C.	C.C.	
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED/COMPLETED						
A-1	Review of Draft I-605 Freeway @ Spring St./Cerritos Ave. Interchange		City Engineer	May-11		Received and filed
A-2	General Plan Review		Steven Mendoza	Aug. 2011		Received and filed
A-3	Katella Ave. Removal of U-turn restrictions		Marilynn Poe	Aug. 2011		Approved remove Midw., Ticon., Ent.
A-4	Laurel H.S. xwalk on Bloomfield - consideration of limit line		Kusumoto			Done - 9/13/11
A-5	Alley Safety - Phase 1 Speed Survey Results		City Engineer	Oct-11		Receive and File
A-6	General Plan-Overview of Circulation Element & Strategic Plan		Steven Mendoza	Nov-11		Receive and File
A-7	Consideration of right-turn only lane on sbound Los Al @ Florista	Nov-11	Resident	Jan-12		TC Approved - implemented
A-8	Alley Safety - Katella Ave. - from Noel to Lexington		City Engineer	Dec-11		Signage, move humps
A-9	General Plan Overview - Part III	Feb-12	S. Mendoza			Review and discuss
A-10	Traffic Calming Information-Neighborhood Traffic Management	Mar-12	City Engineer	Mar & Apr	Jun-12	Traffic Calming Budgeted
A-11	Traffic Circulation Issues at Los Alamitos High School	Jun-12	City Engineer	12-Jun		Input from Commission
A-12	Katella Ave. (TLSP) Project		City Engineer	Aug-12		Receive and file
A-13	High Traffic Volume Hour Data-Rossmoor Way/Bradbury Rd.	Dec-12		Jan-13		Receive and file
A-14	Medical Center traffic control during Phase 1 construction	Dec-12		Jan-13		Receive and file
A-15	7-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	Mar-13	Dave Hunt	Mar-13		Receive and file
A-16	Additional measures - right-turn only Los Al Bl. & Florista St.		T.C.	Mar-13		Approved triangular striping
A-17	Proposed Cypress Development - Katella Avenue	Apr-13				Receive and file
A-18	Left-turn signal modifications Los Al & Rossmoor Way/Bradbury			Dec-12		H&C modified timing
A-19	Change Drop Off to Unloading Zone - 10904 Reagan St.	Mar-13	Reagan Surgery Center	Mar-13		Installed
A-20	Add 20' white curbing and install passenger loading/unloading sign	Jun-13	4152 Katella Ave.	Jun-13		Installed
A-21	4 - Way Stops Apartment Row	Dec-12	Traffic Commission	Dec-12	Aug-13	CC approved
A-22	Laurel Park Parking Lot Improvements			Sep-13		TC approved Option 4 - temporary
A-23	Traffic Calming - Farquhar Ave. traffic	Feb-13		May-13		Install 2nd left-turn lane
A-24	Lexington Dr./Howard Ave. red curb	Jun-13	Comm. Schleuter	June-13		Approved
A-24	KEEP CLEAR-Los Al.HS driveway & Los Al. Bus. Park driveway	Nov-13		Dec-13		Approved
A-25	Use of Ad Hoc Committees by T.C.	Feb-14	D. Emerson	Mar-14		Receive & file
A-26	Draft CIP for FY 2014-15 thru FY 2020-21	Feb-14	D. Hunt	Mar-14		D.Hunt to forward to CC
A-27	Powers and duties of Traffic Commission	Feb-14	D. Emerson	Mar-14		Receive & file
A-28	Review Draft Engrg. & Traffic Survey for Speed Limits	Feb-14	D. Hunt	Feb-14	Apr-14	
A-29	Loading/Unloading Lexington Dr.-Katella Ave. to first alley	Feb-14	Traffic Commission	Feb-14	May-14	
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED & PENDING IMPLEMENTATION						

RECOMMENDATION DENIED						
C-1	Permit parking restriction Lexington Dr.-from Katella to Howard	Mar-11	Petition	Mar-11		Permit Parking request denied
C-2	Two-hour parking restriction - east side of Humbolt	Jan-11		Jan-11		Denied
C-3	Keep Clear @ Los Al High School driveway, Farq. & Rochelle	Nov-12		Dec-12		Denied
C-4	No Parking' SB Los Al. Blvd., south of Katella Ave.	Jan-13	Kyle Poff, OCTA	Feb-13		Motion failed
C-5	Remove parking restriction in front of 3691 Katella Ave.	Mar-13	Dean Grose	Mar-13		Denied
C-6	Remove 24-minute parking in front of 4582 Katella Ave.	Feb-14	Owner/4582 Katella	Feb-14		Denied
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - TRAFFIC COMMISSION						
D-1	Diagonal parking Cherry Street @ Catalina Street	Jan-13	Wilhelm	Feb-13		Re-visit after hospital construction
D-2	The Village at Los Alamitos Traffic Study		D. Hunt	Jul-14		On-hold

TRAFFIC COMMISSION UPDATED STATUS LIST - 2011 to 2014

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	TAKEN TO		REMARKS
				T.C.	C.C.	
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL						
F	TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS - ENGINEERING					
F - 1	20' curb radius - no parking	Mar-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 2	Barricade on Bloomfield in front of elementary school	Mar-13	J. Mejia			Gone
F - 3	NB Los Al. @ Katella Ave./left-turn extend pocket	Apr-13	Emerson			Part of school traffic study
F - 4	Katella Deli loading dock - used as break area	Mar-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 5	NB one-way alley for three month trial period east of Los Al/no. of Farquhar	May-13	N. Wray			
F - 6	SB Bloomfield - street markings unclear	May-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 7	Speed limit sign on Katella Ave. near Bloomfield St. is bent	May-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 8	Crosswalk across Los Alamitos Blvd. @ Ganahl Lumber	Aug-13				Dave to obtain more information
F - 9	Get crossing guard uniforms	Jun-13	J. Mejia			No
F - 10	Laurel Park Manor - needs left turn restriction sign on east side	Oct-13	J. Wilhelm			Dave to look into
F - 11	Street name signs in Carrier Row are crooked	Oct-13	J. Schleuter			
F - 12	Wbound Katella Ave. approaching Walnut - striping needs to be repainted	Oct-13	J. Schleuter			P.W. to replace soon
F - 13	Additional enforcement Cerritos & Humbolt - bet. 7:30 & 8:00 am	Oct-13	D. Patz			Sent to P.D.
F - 14	Right-turn only striping on Los Al./include northbound Sausalito	Nov-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 15	Los Vaqueros/Industrial Park - sidewalk raised	Nov-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 16	Delivery trucks @ Katella Deli still blocking alley	Dec-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 17	Alley speed bumps need reflective paint	Dec-13	J. Mejia			Dave to request P.W. do
F - 18	Commissioner name tags	Dec-13	J. Mejia			Done
F - 19	SB Los Al. @ Florista St. - needs dashed line @ right-turn only	Dec-13	Vardeman/Patz			Done
F - 20	Consider options for widening Civic Center Drive	Jan-14	J. Mejia			
F - 21	Install pedestrian signal @ n/bound Bloomfield & Katella	Jan-14	J. Wilhelm			
F - 22	Traffic counts include Howard from Lex. To Bennington	Jan-14	J. Schleuter			
F - 23	Signage to deter cut-thru traffic - Siboney, Midway, Enterprise	Jan-14	J. Schleuter			
F - 24	Modify traffic count map showing Lexington as going through	Jan-14	D. Emerson			
F - 25	Katella/Lexington intersection-adjustments to left-turn onto Katella?	Jan-14	D. Emerson			
F - 26	Discuss priorities for Traffic Commission for upcoming year	Jan-14	D. Emerson			