

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

AGENDA TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
 - Chair Patz
 - Vice Chair Biri
 - Commissioner Emerson
 - Commissioner Mejia
 - Commissioner Seaman
 - Commissioner Wilhelm

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2016.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Consideration of School Sign Removal on Bloomfield Avenue to the North of Laurel High School

The Traffic Commission had previously requested the removal of school signs on Bloomfield Avenue at Laurel High School since the school is closed.

Recommendation: Based on Development Services Director Steven Mendoza's recent discussion with the Los Alamitos School District, the removal of the signs is not recommended.

B. Consideration of Installing a "KEEP CLEAR" Pavement Marking at 10961 Bloomfield Avenue

A request was made to install "Keep Clear" pavement signage in front of the driveway at 10961 Bloomfield Avenue to prevent drivers on Bloomfield Avenue from blocking the single access point into the property.

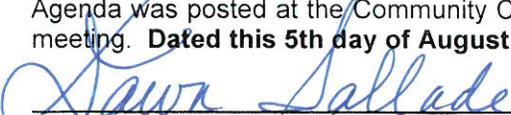
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission consider the request and if warranted, direct Staff to further evaluate the installation of a "Keep Clear" area.

7. 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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 August, 2016.**



Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – July 13, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:01 PM on July 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Daniel Patz
Commissioner Javier Mejia
Commissioner Jason Seaman
Commissioner James Wilhelm

Absent: Vice Chair Gina Biri (Excused)
Commissioner Dave Emerson (Excused)

Chair Patz reported that Vice Chair Biri and Commissioner Emerson and informed him of their absence prior to tonight's meeting.

Present: Staff: Vanessa Munoz, Traffic Engineer
Captain Rick Moore, Police Department
Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Seaman.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications. There being no speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2016.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman

Unanimously Carried 4/0/0 (Biri and Emerson absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 8, 2016, as written.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Consideration of a Signal Modification at Los Alamitos Boulevard at Rossmoor Way and Bradbury Road

A request has been received by the Traffic Commission to look at changing the left-turn signal phases at Los Alamitos Boulevard at

Rossmoor Way and Bradbury Road going into the Highlands Neighborhood.

Traffic Engineer Vanessa Munoz summarized the Staff report and indicated that this issue had been visited in 2010/2012 and she concurred with the findings then. Currently, she said she feels nothing has changed since then and she sees no need to downgrade the operation right now; it would be fairly unsafe to do so.

Following discussion, Chair Patz felt that the Traffic Commission should follow Staff's recommendation.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman

Unanimously Carried 4/0/0 (Biri and Emerson absent): The Traffic Commission accepted Staff's recommendation and will receive and file this report.

7. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Mejia

- Reported that several of the illuminated street name signs on both Los Alamitos Blvd. and Katella Ave. are not functioning well and are not as bright as they should be.

Chair Patz

- Requested an update at the next meeting regarding F-8 (the removal of the Laurel High School street signs).
- Please add to the list - The "No Parking of Vehicle Longer than 22' or Any Recreational Item – 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM, LAMC 10.24.090" – located on the corner of Bloomfield Street onto San Bonito Avenue as it is almost non-legible.

Commissioner Seaman

- Regarding the alley behind the old Rite Aid store and parallel to Los Alamitos Blvd. where the "No Left Turn" from Farquhar Avenue is. He felt that at one point in time, there was consideration of making that a one-way alley and asked if anybody knew why this did not occur.

Commissioner Wilhelm provided a brief history of this issue as he was very involved with it. The recommendation from Staff was to create one-way for the south half of that alley and a motion was made which was seconded but he thought that they were possibly creating a hazard because people were in the habit of making that left turn and dashing across the two westbound lanes and now suddenly you have somebody coming south on a one-way street. He said he had proposed and it was accepted by the Commission to do a "No Left Turn" sign (in fact they put

up two signs on an existing light standard, one with the icon and one that simply states “No Left Turn”). Since then, more signs have been added due to the fact that there’s been some confusion and controversy about not making a left turn so now there are several signs competing with each other.

Following a long discussion among the Commission, Commissioner Seaman requested agendaizing this item for a future meeting and made the motion to review the traffic flow at the alley of Farquhar Ave. running parallel to Los Alamitos Blvd. between Farquhar Ave. and Howard Ave.

Commissioner Mejia seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:32 PM.

City of Los Alamitos

Traffic Commission

Agenda Report
Staff Report

August 10, 2016
Item No: 6A

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission

From: Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer

Subject: Consideration of School Sign Removal on Bloomfield Avenue to the North of Laurel High School

Summary: The Traffic Commission had previously requested the removal of school signs on Bloomfield Avenue at Laurel High School since the school is closed.

Recommendation: Based on Development Services Director Steven Mendoza's recent discussion with the Los Alamitos School District, the removal of the signs is not recommended.

Background:

Laurel High School has been closed for regular student attendance and now serves as the Los Alamitos Unified School District headquarters. Per the telephone conversation between Development Services Director Steven Mendoza and the Los Alamitos School District Superintendent Sherry Kropp, the signs should remain to provide safety for students as the site still offers Adult Transition Courses as well as having a school bus stop.

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Agenda Report
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August 10, 2016
Item No: 6B

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission

From: Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer

Subject: Consideration of Installing a KEEP CLEAR Pavement Marking 10961 Bloomfield Avenue

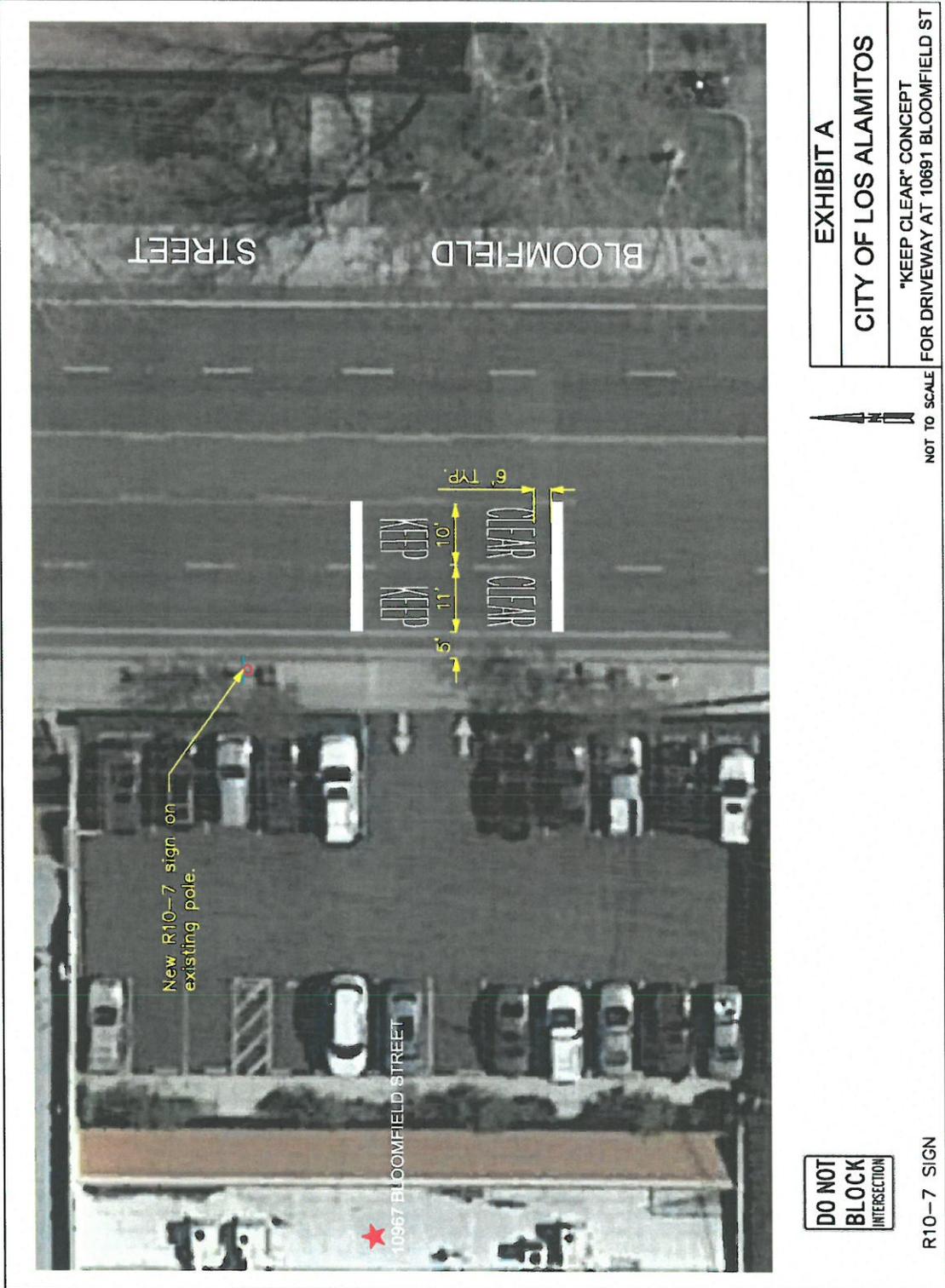
Summary: A request was made to install "Keep Clear" pavement signage in front of the driveway at 10961 Bloomfield Avenue to prevent drivers on Bloomfield Avenue from blocking the single access point into the property.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission consider the request and if warranted, direct Staff to further evaluate the installation of a "Keep Clear" area.

Background:

Semi Dice Electronic Parts is located on 10961 Bloomfield Avenue to the north of Katella Avenue. The only driveway serving the property is located approximately 260 feet to the north of the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Katella Avenue. The intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Katella Avenue is controlled by a traffic signal and the southbound traffic might queue up from the intersection and block the access. (See Exhibit A for sample installation.)

Attachment 1. Exhibit A



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EXHIBIT A
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
"KEEP CLEAR" CONCEPT FOR DRIVEWAY AT 10691 BLOOMFIELD ST