

# CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

## AGENDA TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL  
Chair Patz  
Vice Chair Mejia  
Commissioner Emerson  
Commissioner Hill  
Commissioner Rodman  
Commissioner Seaman  
Commissioner Singer
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 12, 2017.**

**B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2017.**

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Nomination of One Traffic Commissioner to Sit on Zoning Code Update Committee**

City Council is seeking volunteers to sit as a member of the Zoning Code Update Committee for the next year. It will involve up to five committee meetings charged with amending the City's zoning code. (No Staff report.)

**B. Red Light Camera Video Presentation**

Police Staff will present a video on the City's Automated Red Light Enforcement System.

**C. Traffic Commission Status Log**

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Recommendations: Receive, file, and revise as necessary.

**D. Residential Permit Parking**

Flyer / Survey the Commission requested of Staff regarding Old Town West Residents.

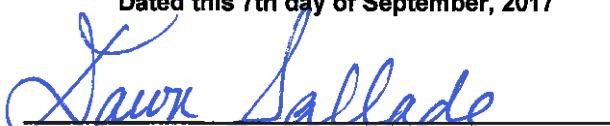
**7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**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**

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 7th day of September, 2017

  
Dawn Sallade, Temporary Department Secretary

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

REGULAR MEETING – July 12, 2017

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:01 PM on July 12, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

## 2. ROLL CALL

**Present: Commissioners:**

Chair Daniel Patz  
Vice Chair Javier Mejia  
Commissioner Dave Emerson  
Commissioner Randall Hill  
Commissioner Sallie Rodman  
Commissioner Elliot Singer

**Absent:**

Commissioner Jason Seaman (Excused)

**Present: Staff:**

Development Services Director Steven Mendoza  
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer  
Captain Rick Moore, Police Department  
Dawn Sallade, Temporary Department Secretary

## 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Rick Moore.

## 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

## 6. STAFF REPORTS

A. **Report from the General Plan Mobility and Circulation Element Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioners Singer, Emerson, and Hill**

The Committee held its first meeting on June 27, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. and realized it was apparent the scope of the General Plan Mobility and Circulation Element (Element) was quite large.

The Committee found that the Element impinges upon and is dependent on many other current and future projects and their costs. The Committee then found that it wanted to address the issues in smaller, more realistic, areas of focus. After much discussion the Committee came up with a few good candidates for the Commission to consider in this initial phase of the action plan.

The Committee is proposing the following discussion items for the Traffic Commission:

- Assignment of a Los Alamitos Police Officer to temporarily accomplish a portion of its travel around the city on a bike.
- A few (sponsored perhaps) signs on or near the bikeway that direct riders to local businesses within the City.
- Bike racks "sponsored" by local businesses.
- Promote the availability of bike riding on our sidewalks for folks who may be unaware of this option.

Following a long discussion, Chair Patz indicated he would like to task the Ad Hoc Committee with finding out about bike share; see if it's something that is paid for by the company that supplies the bikes and the racks to where it would be no cost to the City and just what's involved.

**B. Traffic Commission Status Log**

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Community Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report and turned it over to the Commission for discussion.

Mr. Mendoza reviewed the Status Log with the Commissioners, wrote down changes and will forward the changes to Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab to update the log accordingly.

**C. Review of Residential Parking**

The Traffic Commission is reviewing the time limited parking regulations after implementation. This Staff report provides the Commission with the Post Implementation parking results and continues their discussion on this topic.

Community Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report as and written and stated this report is just to receive and file. Discussion followed.

In May 2016, the City Council established time limits throughout various areas of the City. The decision to establish Time Limited Parking came after nearly 18 months of consideration and outreach. Following implementation, the Traffic Commission has expressed its interest in reviewing the project. Three areas of concern were identified: They are:

- 1) Area adjacent to Katella Senior Living;
- 2) Ganahl Lumber area, and;
- 3) Small apartment building on Catalina.

Vice Chair Mejia said he has an issue with the schedule for street sweeping in Old Town East due to there being no parking between 11:00 and 1:00 which is really late with regards to operating a business as there's no parking between those hours. There was some talk he thought that one or two councilmembers were thinking about switching the hours to early morning and he would really like to see this occur.

Mr. Mendoza indicated that Vice Chair Mejia should provide him with a map and he will explore this with the street sweeper.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Katella Deli and the lack of parking for both their employees and their customers. Also, the employees are leaving their trash on the street and playing their radios loudly. They spoke about parking permits, etc. It was suggested that maybe at some future meeting, Staff can send something out to the people in that area to invite them to sit down with the Commission to urge them to talk about their parking issues.

## 7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. **Director** – Mr. Mendoza reported that there will be a Grand Re-Opening at Coyote Creek Bike Trail at 5:00 PM on July 17<sup>th</sup> and invited the Commission to attend with or without their bicycles.
- B. **Police Captain** – None.
- C. **Traffic Engineer** – Gave an update on the Los Alamitos Blvd. Median Project and the Cerritos Avenue intersection.

Chair Patz felt that a warning of the upcoming construction should be put on Nextdoor.com as it's very important for as much warning to the citizens of Los Alamitos as possible.

## 8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Attest:

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Daniel Patz, Chair

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Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

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

REGULAR MEETING – August 9, 2017

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 9, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

## 2. ROLL CALL

**Present: Commissioners:** Chair Daniel Patz  
Vice Chair Javier Mejia  
Commissioner Dave Emerson  
Commissioner Randall Hill  
Commissioner Sallie Rodman  
Commissioner Jason Seaman  
Commissioner Elliot Singer

**Absent:** None

**Present: Staff:** Development Services Director Steven Mendoza  
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer  
Sergeant Chris Karrer, Police Department  
Dawn Sallade, Temporary Department Secretary

## 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Emerson.

## 4. INTRODUCTION OF LOS ALAMITOS POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT CHRIS KARRER

Community Services Director Steven Mendoza introduced Sergeant Karrer as the new liaison from the Police Department.

Sergeant Chris Karrer gave a brief description of the positions he has held in the Police Department and said he hopes to be the Traffic Commission's Police liaison permanently.

## 5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2017.**

Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman

Carried 7/0/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 14, 2017, as written.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Redflex Video Presentation and Discussion**

This item will be presented to the Commission during September's meeting and, therefore, there is no Staff report to give.

**B. Residential Permit Parking Review**

The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the City's Residential Permit Parking Program. This is expected to take a few meetings.

Community Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report and turned it over to the Commission for discussion.

The Traffic Commission discussed various outreach alternatives and decided to focus the initial outreach on Old Town West and directed Staff to draft a question/outreach flyer which will be presented to the Traffic Commission.

**C. Traffic Commission Status Log**

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The Traffic Commission reviewed the Status Log, noted a few changes and Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab will update the log accordingly.

**8. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**A. Mr. Mendoza indicated he had received correspondence from Ms. Betty Binder who had complained about parents and students that are parking on Del Norte and waiting to pick up their kids and friends. She requested a red line be painted on the curb of Del Norte to keep people from parking there. She also requested posting "No U-Turn" on Cerritos Ave. as people are making u-turns in the left hand turn lane as if turning onto Del Norte. Ms. Binder said it's a very unsafe situation.**

Following discussion, it was decided that Director Mendoza would write a letter to Ms. Binder explaining that the Traffic Commission has asked the Traffic Engineer to review her situation after the school is in session for a month or so.



**9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**

- Vice Chair Mejia reported that behind the Katella Deli Restaurant, their loading zones are filled with garbage, furniture, etc. and the trucks that are supposed to be off loading are unable to utilize the loading zone. Their trucks actually stick out in the alley which makes it difficult for traffic that utilizes the alley to get around them. Perhaps a letter could be sent to Katella Deli reminding them to clean up the loading zone.
- Commissioner Singer reported the Bicycle Ad Hoc Committee met with Corey Lakin, Recreation Director who indicated a company by the name of Tri-Zone said they would be willing to place bicycle racks up on the Coyote Creek Trail but wanted to also attach their name on the racks.
- Chair Patz reported he retired August 1! He also reported that he had attended the reopening of the Coyote Creek Bike Trail and it was a very nice event.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:51 PM.

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Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:

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Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

**6-A**

**Nomination of One  
Traffic Commissioner  
to Sit on Zoning Code  
Update Committee**

**NO STAFF REPORT**

# City of Los Alamitos

## Traffic Commission

**Agenda Report**  
**Staff Report**

**September 13, 2017**  
**Item No: 6B**

**To:** Chair and Members of the Traffic Commission  
**From:** Christopher M. Karrer, Acting Police Captain  
**Subject:** Red Light Camera Video Presentation

**Summary:** Police Staff will present a video on the City's Automated Red Light Enforcement System.

**Recommendation:** Receive and File.

### Background and Discussion

The City implemented the red light camera program in 2005 as a public safety measure in response to the community's safety concerns for the Los Alamitos Boulevard/Katella Avenue intersection. Since traditional enforcement efforts were difficult and unsafe given the high volume of vehicles using the intersection, photo enforcement provided a mechanism to increase awareness and provide safe enforcement 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

As part of our ongoing training, new Traffic Commissioners requested to know more information about the red light camera program. A video presentation will be shown to further demonstrate how the system operates.

**6-C**

**STATUS LOG**

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LIST

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO		REMARKS
					T.C.	C.C.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION APPROVED/COMPLETED</b>							
A	1	Install 4-way stop signs at 4-way stop intersections.	J. Wilhelm				Completed
A	2	Farquhar/Los Alamitos Alley Study	Emerson/Mejia				Completed
A	3	No Left Turn sign by the Post Office on Reagan St	D. Patz				Completed
A	4	Katella/Cherry crosswalk on East side of Katella - move to west side.	J. Mejia				Completed - Put on 7-yr CIP
A	5	High School Traffic Study	D. Hunt		Apr-15		Completed -Needs Los Al Unified approval
A	6	Extend signal time for cars crossing Katella @ Walnut/Wallingford	Lindsey				Completed
A	7	Repaint arrows at bus pad on Katella @ Walnut	J. Mejia				Completed
A	8	3-Way Stop Sign @ Cherry St & Catalina St	J. Wilhelm		May-15	Jun-15	Completed
A	9	Consider options for widening Civic Center Dr	J. Mejia				Included in development
A	10	Upgrade fork-lift crossing on Catalina	J. Mejia				Completed
A	11	Remove parking spaces on S/S Catalina opposite	J. Mejia	Possibly			Completed
A	12	PT/P Study to downgrade fully protected operation for Rosmoor Way/Los Alamitos TS and Bradbury/Los Alamitos TS S/B and N/B directions	D. Emerson	Staff			Reviewed and determined the existing operation is optimal
A	13	Los Alamitos Blvd @ Farquhar Safety Light Out Los Alamitos Blvd @ Katella, Safety Light Cycling Los Alamitos Blvd @ Florista, Safety Light Out Los Alamitos Blvd @ Cerritos, Illuminated Street Name Dark Cerritos Avenue @ Los Al H.S, ISNS is Out Cerritos Avenue @ Humboldt, ISNS is Out Cerritos Avenue @ Bloomfield, Safety Light Out	J. Mejia	Staff	Feb. 7		Completed
A	14	Conduct Four-Way Stop Study at the intersection of Walnut and Catalina		Staff	Apr-17		Completed
A	15	Los Alamitos Blvd @ Orangewood Safety Light Out	Hill	Staff	Mar-08		Completed
A	16	Safety light out at the intersection of Humbolt Street and Cerritos Ave.	Chair Patz	Staff	May-17		Completed
A	17	Bloomfield speed sign is not working		Staff	Apr-17		Repaired and working
A	18	School Traffic Study for New Commissioners		Staff	Apr-17		Distributed
A	19	Traffic Signal @ Wallingsford and Katella	Resident	Staff	May-17		Completed
A	20	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar at Cherry	D. Emerson	Staff	Mar-16		Will not be repainted

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LIST

A	21	Parking Revision 10732 Los Alamitos Boulevard in Front of McNally Back to 24 Min. Zone.	Feb. 7	Commission	Council	Mar-17	Completed
<b>RECOMMENDATION APPROVED &amp; PENDING IMPLEMENTATION</b>							
<b>RECOMMENDATION DENIED</b>							
<b>ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - TRAFFIC COMMISSION</b>							
<b>ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL</b>							
E-	1	Piggy-back on Seal Beach BI signal synch OCTA program for Los Alamitos BI	Jan-16	D. Emerson	Council	Mar-16	On proposed 7-yr CIP (unfunded)

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LIST

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO		REMARKS
					T.C.	C.C.	
<b>TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS - ENGINEERING</b>							
F	1	Modify pedestrian signal/sign for NB right turns - East leg Bloomfield & Katella	Jan-14	J. Wilhelm	Staff		Under surveillance to determine the solution.
F	2	Address sight distance for driveways on S/S Katella - Reagan to Cherry	Mar-16	J. Wilhelm	Possibly Council		Under observation. No further action required at this time
F	3	Move or upgrade mid-block crosswalk on Cherry s/o Florista	Mar-16	J. Mejia & D. Patz	Possibly Council		The visibility have been improved by hospital placing a sign at the
F	4	Bring the traffic study for Shea Properties Arrowhead to Commission	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Waiting for study to be submitted
F	5	Remove school signs for Laurel HS, which is closed	Nov-15	D. Patz	Staff		Confirmed - Staff will remove
F	6	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar at Cherry	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Staff		Will not be repainted
F	7	Street name signs at Los Alamitos Bl/Florista-paint/wrnyl peeling off	Jan-16	J. Seaman	Staff		Part of Citywide replacement
F	8	Replace speed bumps in alley - poor condition	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Ordering new ones
F	9	Vehicles in N/bound left turn lanes on Los Alamitos at Katella back up into thru lane	Jan-16	D. Emerson	Council		Reviewing - Would likely require capital improvements
F	10	Add red curb for sight distance on Katella for n/bound Bloomfield	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Possibly Council		Under observation. No further action required at this time
F	11	Scramble Timing at the intersection of Cerritos and Katella	Apr-17		Staff		Will be evaluated after School Traffic Study Review
F	12	Real Estate Sign limiting visibility at the intersection of Florista and Pine	Apr-17		Staff		The sign has been removed
F	13	Red Curb Request	May-17	Matthew Dastis	Staff		Item pending written request from Mr. Dastis. No written request yet.
F	14	Florista Signal Timing	Jul-17	Commissioner Hill	Staff		
F	15	Traffic signal @Katella and Los Alamitos	Jul-17	P. Dykhouse	Staff		Traffic signal is operating as was intended

**6-D**

**Residential Permit  
Parking  
Flyer / Survey**





## Old Town West Residents We would like to hear from you!

Completing the Survey can be done in various ways:

1. You may mail the Survey
2. You may take a picture of survey with your phone and email it.
3. You may Email it to [smendoza@cityoflosalamitos.org](mailto:smendoza@cityoflosalamitos.org) or
4. You may attend the Traffic Commission Meeting on October 11, 2017

The Los Alamitos Traffic Commission is reviewing Residential Permit Parking to assess the validity of parking zones and to determine if such Residential Permit Parking Zones should continue, be amended or cease to exist. The purpose is to address any formal issues or concerns regarding the regulations and to provide an opportunity to review, in a comprehensive manner, whether or not to retain such regulations.

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|  | <u>Circle One</u> |
| <b>Do you like the current residential permit program?</b>     | Yes No            |
| <b>Should the current residential permit program continue?</b> | Yes No            |
| <b>Should the residential permit program be amended?</b>       | Yes No            |
| <b>Should the residential permit program cease to exist?</b>   | Yes No            |

**Comments?**

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The *Old Town West Neighborhood* is defined by Cerritos on the North; on the west by Oak Street; on the south by commercial uses fronting on Katella Avenue, and on the east by commercial uses fronting on Los Alamitos Boulevard



In addition to this Survey, the Traffic Commission is hosting a workshop on the Old Town West Residential Permit Parking Program on October 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The Commission would like to hear from you!

### Meeting Date/Time/Location

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 7 p.m.  
City Council Chamber  
3191 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos CA 90720