MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – May 10, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular session at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz Emerson, Hill, Rodman, Seaman and Singer

Absent: Mejia (Excused absence)

Present: Staff: Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer Michelle Müller, Department Secretary Rick Moore, Police Captain

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Emerson.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Matthew Dastis, resident of Los Alamitos expressed concern over the street parking outside of his residence at 4021 Howard Avenue and the way in which parked vehicles inhibit visibility as he backs out of his driveway. As a result, Mr. Dastis is requesting for the curb outside of his property be painted red.

Mr. Dastis was instructed by Development Services Director Steven Mendoza to submit a request in writing for further review.

There being no additional speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2017

Motion/Second: Seaman/Rodman
Carried 6/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 12, 2017.
6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Request for a “Four-Way” Stop at Catalina Street/Walnut Street

A request from residents initiated the analysis of a “four-way” stop installation at the intersection of Walnut Street and Catalina Street.

Traffic Engineer Farhad Iraniitalab summarized the Staff report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff briefly discussed the findings from the Traffic Study.

Commissioner Singer inquired about whether or not there will be a measureable impact from adding one more stop sign.

Traffic Engineer Farhad Iraniitalab stated that the volume is not that high to be able to really consider a delay.

Motion/Second: Emerson/Seaman
Carried 5/1: (Singer voted no; Mejia absent). The Traffic Commission made a motion to install the “four-way” stop sign at the intersection of Catalina Street and Walnut Street.

B. Goal Setting

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed different options for items to add for possible implementation as goals.

Chair Patz proposed implementing the goal of obtaining additional traffic related training including a ride-along with the Police Department and a traffic camera stop light course.

Commissioner Emerson suggested checking with City Council as to what goals are priorities for them from the City’s General Plan related to traffic.

Motion/Second: Emerson/Rodman
Carried 6/0: (Mejia absent). Commissioner Emerson proposed incorporating practical training at each Commission meeting which is relevant to the goal at focus and that all Commissioners be encouraged to participate in a ride along.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the benefits of adding goal three of the General Plan – Implementation Plan as a future item of discussion.

Commissioner Singer proposed adding goal four of the 2015 General Plan – Implementation Plan, on the agenda for the next meeting.
The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed listed goals and actions on the General Plan.

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill
Carried 6/0: (Mejia absent). Commissioner Singer made a motion to add goal four (Bicycle, Pedestrian, Transit Systems that are desirable alternatives to the car) of the 2015 General Plan – Implementation Plan, on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed Actions 1.4, 4.1 and Action 5.8 from the General Plan as items for the next meeting for discussion.

Consensus was reached by the Traffic Commission to move Actions 1.4, 4.1 and Action 5.8 from the General Plan for discussion to the next meeting.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log
This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Commissioner Emerson expressed concern over the street signage on Farquhar Avenue near the alley over the fact that vehicles still turn in prohibited directions creating dangerous conditions for passing vehicles and pedestrians.

Commissioner Singer inquired about the history of the light poles which were installed in the alleyway on Farquhar Avenue near Mighty Kitchen. Development Services Director Mendoza indicated that this project was part of a master plan for the City.

Chair Patz expressed concern over only one safety light functioning at the intersection of Humbolt Street and Cerritos Avenue.

Chair Patz closed discussion on item 6C following no further questions or concerns.

D. Four Month Review of Residential Parking Implemented in May 2016
Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Traffic Commission that the Traffic data was taken right before Spring break, and now the before and after is being tabulated.

Chair Patz closed discussion on item 6D following no further questions or concerns.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Traffic Commission of the Katella/605 Interchange Outreach which will be taking place on Thursday, June
29, 2017 at 6pm, at the Los Alamitos Community Center. Furthermore, he extended attendance to all Commissioners of this event.

Chair Patz inquired about whether or not there will be any funding acquired from this project, for a future pedestrian bridge across Katella Avenue to allow school kids from Oak Middle School to cross over Katella Avenue safely.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Council that at a City level, we have no say about funding pertinent to this project.

Chair Patz closed discussion on item 7 following no further questions or concerns.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT
Motion/Second: Seaman/Singer
Carried 6/0 (Mejia absent). The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:

Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

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