1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on May 09, 2018 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:
   Chair Mejia
   Vice Chair Hill
   Coxhill, Patz and Rodman

Absent (excused):
   Singer and West

Present: Staff:
   Dave Hunt, City Engineer
   Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
   Kain Gallaugher, Police Sergeant
   Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rodman.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Shelley Hasselbrink, resident of Los Alamitos expressed the following about the re-striping done on Farquhar Avenue:

- The previously implemented two left turn westbound lanes on Farquhar Avenue made an improvement on backed up traffic.
- With the new lane configuration, there is now a dedicated left turn lane into a parking lot that leads to the alley, which shortens that second turn lane and cause more back-up.
- Entrance into the shopping center when traveling westbound on Farquhar Avenue, a driver needs to turn into the 1st parking lot creating dangerous scenarios for drivers.
- The new configuration made the entering and exiting of Jack in The Box more dangerous.
A resident of Los Alamitos expressed concern over the potential for accidents on Farquhar Avenue as a result of the restriping, in addition to the back-up that it causes now.

Art DeBolt, resident of Los Alamitos expressed concern about the existing striping. Mr. DeBolt added that the might look good on paper but when it comes to functionality, it is not good; in addition, Mr. DeBolt stated that perhaps the option to block the alley east of Los Alamitos Boulevard explored.

Bob Smith, resident of Los Alamitos expressed approval of the new striping. Mr. Smith expressed that the real problem is the traffic from non-resident passing thorough City.

Craig Ibinez, resident of Los Alamitos expressed opposition to the new striping, as it is now a nuisance therefore it should be reversed back. Mr. Ibinez added that perhaps blocking the alley would help. Perhaps consideration of installing speed bumps along Farquhar Avenue to alleviate traffic.

Mr. Smith asked for information on the construction work taking place at the base.

There being no further speakers, Chair Mejia closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2018
Motion/Second – Patz/Rodman
Carried 5/0 (Singer and West absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 11, 2018.

6. STAFF REPORTS
A. A request from a resident initiated a traffic analysis of Farquhar Avenue, east of Los Alamitos Boulevard.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- The possibility and potential safety risks of blocking off the alley on Farquhar Avenue, east of Los Alamitos Boulevard on a temporary basis.
- Whether or not modifying the alley would create a tactical disadvantage for the police department.
- The possibility of having the shopping center property owner implement markings near the Bank of America directing traffic.
- Vehicles continue to make illegal turns even with the new striping.
• Explore the possibility of installing glued delineators in the middle of the street.
• Discussed the possibility to extend the red curb affecting drivers traveling west on Farquhar Avenue.
• Perhaps allowing more time to pass to re-evaluate the current striping before making changes.
• Briefly discussed the findings from the Traffic Study completed in 2015.
• Citations were not issued immediately after the installation of the striping.
• The feasibility of installing advanced loop detectors at the intersection on Farquhar Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard.
• Preventing left turns into the alley closest to Los Alamitos Boulevard.
• Alternate options for reducing the flow of traffic down Farquhar Avenue.
• Modifying the center line to facilitate the flow of traffic.

Motion/Second: Patz/
Not Carried (a second was not made): Motion to block alley with plastic delineators, reduce the “pork chop” to a double yellow extending down to the last driveway at the east end of bank of America. Restripe white lines to allow two lanes from the east driveway to Farquhar.

Resident Dale Parkes expressed support for the newly implement striping.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed possible alternatives for improving the striping.

Motion/Second: Patz/Coxhill
Carried 5/0 (Singer and West absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to bring this item back to the next meeting of June 13, 2018 proposing any additional options to include reverting to the mode which existed prior.

B. A request was received requesting the installation of a double yellow line on Oak Street in front of Oak Middle School to prevent vehicles from making U-turns to park in the angled parking stalls in front of the school.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, Transportation of the Los Alamitos School District John Eclavea expressed concern over the safety concern present when vehicles are making U-turns during school peak hours right in front of Oak Middle School on Oak Street.
The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed whether installing double-yellow striping would make the current condition safer.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the following:
- Walnut Street already has a lot of foot traffic.
- Should this change be implemented, traffic would be re-routed into the neighboring residential streets.
- Whether or not the double yellow striping would be enforceable.
- The possibility of placing street cones during peak hours as a calming measure.

Motion/Second: Patz/Coxhill
Carried 5/0 (Singer and West absent): The Traffic Commission voted to bring this item back to the next meeting of June 13, 2018 allowing for Staff to review and bring back with recommendations.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log
The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed updating the following items on the log:
- Item A23: update on status
- Item A22: has been completed. Repainted and worked with the hospital to ensure state regulations were satisfied.
- Item D3: already resolved
- Item D4: already resolved
- Item F7: on-going
- Item F10: voted against
- Item A4: Crosswalk on Katella Avenue and Cherry Street is underway.
- Item F13: has been completed.
- Item F15: pending traffic order for installation.
- Ball Road & Bloomfield Street: will not be modified due to litigation.

Commissioner Coxhill asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab advised that the City of Cypress is responsible for the maintenance of the traffic lights at the intersection of Ball Road and Bloomfield Street.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Ms. Hasselbrink that it is expected for the lane modification on Los Alamitos Boulevard to go before the City Council at the next meeting.

7. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER
A. Correspondence for the record related to the denial of a request submitted from a resident for a blue curb marking.
City Engineer Hunt briefly described the request received from the resident.
8. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**
Commissioner Rodman requested for staff to check the synchronization of the lights on Katella Avenue and Kaylor Street as they seem to be off.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion/Second: Patz/Coxhill
Carried 5/0 (Singer and West absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until May 9, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Attest:

[Signature]
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

Javier Mejia, Chair

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