

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

REGULAR MEETING – June 13, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on June 13, 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, Rodman, Singer and West

Present: Staff: Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Chris Karrer, Police Captain
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Singer.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

There being no speakers, Chair Mejia closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 09, 2018

Motion/Second – Hill/Mejia

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 09, 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:

- Feedback from residents wanting the striping to go back to the previous design.
- Whether or not it is a mistake to revert back to the previous design.
- The possibility of allowing the current striping to stay in place longer to allow drivers to get use to the change.
- Whether or not the current striping has justified the expense incurred from the change.
- The observations by City Staff and seeing no significant back-up.
- The increase of traffic within the Vons shopping center.
- Discussion as to whether the back-up is only occurring during school hours.
- Possibility of leaving the no left turn sign out of the Vons.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab that it is uncommon for a traffic striping change implemented to be reversed.

Resident came forward and expressed opposition to the current striping and the back-up it causes for residents.

Captain Karrer stated that perhaps it would be a good idea to allow the striping to remain for at least six months to make a more adequate assessment of the striping.

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer

Carried 6/1 (Mejia voted no): The Traffic Commission voted to revert the striping back to the striping conditions which were previously in place prior to the current design.

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.

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:

- Whether or not installing a U-turn is legal.
- Extending the yellow line would not impact enforcement.
- Newsletters sent to the parents by the school district regarding parking movements when picking up or dropping off children.
- Add a portable sign at the start of the school year, to remind parents that U-turns are not permissible.

Motion/Second: Patz/Rodman

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission voted to keep the existing striping as recommended by staff.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed updating the following items on the log:

- Item D3: to read denied.
- Item D4: to read denied.
- Item F13: to read completed.

7. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Hunt and the Traffic Commission and staff unanimously agreed to cancel the meeting for the month of August.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Singer advised that there is a hedge along the alley between Katella and Green Avenue which is blocking vehicle movements.

Commissioner Patz thanked Traffic Engineer Iranitalab for all of the work he put into the striping on Farquhar Avenue.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the City Council's final decision to revert the striping on Los Alamitos Boulevard back to its original two lanes in each direction.

Commissioner Patz advised of a median light on the new Los Alamitos Boulevard median that is out and needs to be replaced.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/Rodman

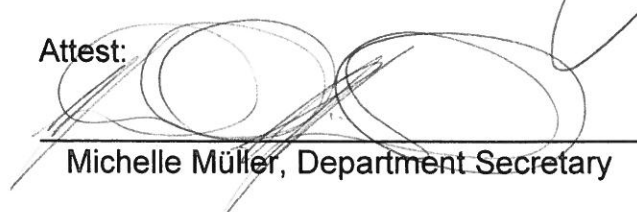
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until July 11, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Javier Mejia, Chair

Attest:



Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

