MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – September 12, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 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 Chair Mejia.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Resident Dock Rivers thanked the Traffic Commission for their work and expressed concern over the impact of school traffic to the neighborhood.

Commissioner Patz encouraged community members to attend district meetings to raise concern over the lack of parking available to students.

Resident Candice Drucker expressed concern over parents inhibiting safe ingress and egress at Humbolt Street, north of Cerritos Avenue. Furthermore, adding that a red curb on the west side should be considered. In addition, Ms. Drucker suggested that perhaps the “no parking” zone near the High School on Cerritos Avenue should be re-considered to allow parking during pick-up hours.

A resident asked and received clarification from City Engineer Hunt regarding the purpose of reviewing the Permit Parking Program; City Engineer Hunt stated that, the previous Director thought it would be a good idea to re-evaluate the
permit parking program every couple of years to assess the need for the program.

Resident John Avery expressed concern over vehicles violating the no U-turn sign, vehicles speeding down Cerritos Avenue, and trash/debris being left behind by students. Furthermore, expressed support for implementing a sunset clause to the program, while keeping the program as it exists.

Resident Debbie Bender asked and received clarification regarding RV parking on the street from Captain Karrer, stating that a permit can be obtained to park an RV on a temporary basis on a City Street. Ms. Bender added that the "No U-Turn" sign on Del Norte Way, is not effective.

Ms. Bender asked and received clarification regarding requiring a parking permit for guests, from Captain Karrer stating that in some areas of that neighborhood, it is only time restricted parking; therefore, there is no formal permit issued. However, the Police Department can issue temporary exemptions.

Resident Robert Barker expressed concern over students littering the neighborhoods. Furthermore, Mr. Barker expressed concern over vehicles turning right onto Cerritos Avenue from Del Norte Way; in addition, stated that the "No U-Turn" sign is dangerous and should possibly have some sort of reflective feature that would allow it to be more visible. Additionally, Mr. Barker stated that there is no need for the program to change.

A resident who resides on San Joaquin stated that she feels the program is okay as it exists. However, school pick-ups and drop-offs are the problem and area residents are afraid of retribution.

Resident Richard Murphy expressed concern over the curb area, on the south side of Sausalito Street and the challenge it creates for vehicles turning right onto Los Alamitos Boulevard. Mr. Murphy is requesting that the curb be painted red to enable a smoother flow of traffic. In addition, Mr. Murphy brought forward an additional concern a neighbor has about the exit out of the Sausalito Walk tract. When vehicles are exiting Sausalito Walk, visibility is blocked by vehicles parking on the north curb area, east of Sausalito Walk. Mr. Murphy asked the Traffic Commission to not take away permit parking in the neighborhood, as there is a 49 unit development underway. Furthermore, Mr. Murphy asked that the Commission plan with future developments in mind.

A resident expressed concern over the timing of the light at Cerritos Avenue (westbound), for vehicles making a left turn onto Los Alamitos Boulevard.

There being no additional speakers, Chair Mejia closed Oral Communications.
Chair Mejia pulled item 6B forward.

6 STAFF REPORT

B. Residential Permit Parking Review: Greenbrook and Woodcrest Neighborhoods
The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the City’s Residential Permit Parking Program one area at a time. This is expected to take a few meetings. The Commission has finalized a review of Old Town West, Old Town East and New Dutch Haven. Tonight’s discussion will be for the Residential Permit Parking Program in the Greenbrook and Woodcrest neighborhoods.

Commissioner Patz and Commissioner Coxhill recused themselves as they live within the proximity of this agenda item.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the following:
- Either properly enforce or remove the “No U-Turn” sign on Cerritos Avenue and Del Norte Way.
- The absence of police reports for accidents which have occurred due to them not being reported.
- Once all neighborhood permit parking surveys are completed, the final reporting will be brought back as a whole.
- Discussed the public testimony received.

| Chair Mejia | Aye |
| Vice Chair Hill | Aye |
| Commissioner Coxhill | Recused |
| Commissioner Patz | Recused |
| Commissioner Rodman | Aye |
| Commissioner Singer | Aye |
| Commissioner West | Aye |

Carried 5/0 (Coxhill and Patz recused): The Traffic Commission voted keep the permit parking program in the Greenbrook and Woodcrest neighborhoods as they exist.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2018

Commissioner Patz noted the following corrections:
- Replace the word “from” in place of “for” on page 2 of 3, paragraph one.
• Eliminate the word “was” from the motion on page 2 of 3, paragraph four.

Vice Chair Hill noted the following correction:
• Include the following to the list of items discussed for agenda item 6B, “add a portable sign at the start of the school year, to remind parents that U-turns are not permissible.”

Motion/Second – Patz/Singer
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 13, 2018 with the noted corrections.

6. STAFF REPORTS
A. Request for red curbs on Sausalito Street
A request was received requesting two red curbs on Sausalito Street.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the first red curb request on Sausalito Street, west of Los Alamitos Boulevard. The following was expressed:
• The potential impact that taking more parking away might have on businesses.
• The future parking impact of the large developments planned for construction on Sausalito Street.
• The authority that the City Engineer has on curb colors.
• Discussion of the possibility of creating a two-lane design for eastbound traffic, where one of those two lanes would be a dedicated right turn lane and one lane westbound.
• Requesting further assessment of the possibility to implement a two-lane design.

Motion/Second: Patz
Not Carried: Motion to create a two-lane design for eastbound traffic, west of Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer
Carried 7/0: motion to approve the request for a red curb on the south side of Sausalito Street, west of Los Alamitos Boulevard; additionally, have staff assess the viability of implementing a two-lane design for eastbound traffic on Sausalito Street, west of Los Alamitos Boulevard.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the second red curb request on Sausalito and Oak Street, adjacent to Sausalito Walk. The following was expressed:
• Discussed what an appropriate distance is for proper clearance (i.e., one car length) from the end of the curb.
• The possibility of installing a beveled mirror to facilitate visibility for drivers exiting Sausalito Walk.
• The possibility of making the exit out of Sausalito Walk a right-turn only.
• The likeliness of not having an abundance of police reports to back up the propensity of accidents as a result of the blocked visibility.
• The challenge that could be faced as a result of eliminating street parking.
• The potential impact of losing up to 20 feet of curb space for parking.

Motion/Second: Patz/West
Carried 7/0: Motion to deny the request for 20 feet of red curb on Sausalito Street, adjacent to the Sausalito Walk tract.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log
The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed updating the following items on the log:
• F10 – needs to be corrected as the log is blank for this item.
• F17 – should read completed.
• D1 – should read completed.

Commissioner Patz advised that one of the lights on the new Los Alamitos Boulevard median is still out.

Commissioner Patz thanked City Engineer Hunt for having the traffic loops on Humbolt Street replaced.

Commissioner Patz requested to have an assessment be completed by the Traffic Engineer, to consider the viability to installing a red curb on the west side of Humbolt Street, north of Cerritos Avenue. Captain Karrer added that perhaps also adding a sign that says, “no parking, no standing”, would alleviate the current traffic problem faced during school pick-up hour.

7. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER
City Engineer Hunt provided the following updates:
• The Los Alamitos Boulevard Slurry project is set to commence in the middle of October.
• The striping on Los Alamitos Boulevard will go back to its original design of two lanes in each direction.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS
Commissioner Singer expressed the following concerns:
- Large sign regarding RV's that is difficult to read on Rossmoor Way, east of Los Alamitos Boulevard.
- The lack of visibility on Kaylor Street and Katella Avenue for traffic turning left onto Katella Avenue (eastbound).
- Concern over the northbound Los Alamitos lane, south of Katella which creates a dangerous situation when people enter/exit their parked vehicles on the street.

Commissioner Hill commented that the timing at the light on Cerritos Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard allows for only three vehicles to turn at a time.

Chair Mejia commented that the Farquhar striping looks good. Furthermore, reminded the Commission of the upcoming Commission Dinner in December.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion/Second: Patz/Rodman
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until October 10, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Javier Mejia, Chair

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Michelle Müller, Department Secretary