MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – May 8, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2019 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Hill presiding.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Commissioners:  
Chair Hill  
Vice Chair Patz  
Coxhill and Mejia
Absent: Commissioners Rodman (excused), Singer, and West (excused)

Present: Staff:  
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant  
Dave Hunt, City Engineer  
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer  
Les Johnson, Development Services Director  
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mejia.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION
Chair Hill opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Vice Chair Patz introduced a Boy Scout attending the meeting as an audience member.

There being no speakers, Chair Hill closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2019.

Vice Chair Patz noted the following changes:
- Correct Farhad Iranitalab’s title from City Engineer to Traffic Engineer.
- Page 3, Item 6A motion – replace the word “to” with “on” after the word equipment.
- Page 5, Item 6C:
  o Second bullet point replace the word “sign” with “signs”.
Third bullet point add the word “process” to the end of the sentence.
Fifth bullet replace the word “to” with “on”.
- Page 7, Item 8 – add verbiage “Monday through Friday to enforce “No Right Turn” during those hours” to the end of the Vice Chair Patz request.

Commissioner Mejia noted the following changes:
- Page 4, last paragraph – add the word “go” in the last sentence to read “have to go before the City council”.

Commissioner Coxhill noted the following changes:
- Page 4, second bullet point from the top add a period at the end of the sentence and at the fourth paragraph second bullet point.
- Page 6, Item 8 – first paragraph wanting to change “leading” to “speaking”, but Chair Hill clarified that the use of “leading” is correct.

Motion/Second – Patz/Mejia
Carried 4/0 (Rodman, Singer, and West absent): Motion to move approval of April 10, 2019 minutes to the next Regular meeting on June 12, 2019 because there is no quorum to approve the minutes as Chair Hill and Commissioner Mejia were absent at the meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS
A. Overhead Street Name Signs Replacement
The City is in the process of updating citywide overhead street name signs. The City is considering four different designs.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Mejia discussed the following:
- Logos are not very legible from the street.
- Whether there would be a mixture to the type of street signs (reflective and illuminated). Traffic Engineer Iranitalab advised that over the course three years, all signs will be replaced therefore, will be one uniformity.
- The possibility of having a different color than neighboring cities.

Commissioner Coxhill asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab concerning which signs are being replaced. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab stated that it will only be the street name signs, not the residential signs.

City Engineer Hunt advised that all residential signs have been replaced within the last five years.
The Traffic Commission and staff discussed possible options for sign colors, fonts, and styles.

B. Citywide School Crosswalk Upgrade to Conform to Safe Routes to School
Per the Traffic Commission request, staff reviewed and proposes upgrading the school crosswalks at and around all school zones within the City.

Traffic Engineer Iraniitalab summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- The crosswalk on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Sausalito Street will be done last because there will be street widening taking place of Briggeman Drive as part of the construction of the Marriott Hotel.
- Questioned the angled crosswalk on Walnut Street and Catalina Street.
- The cost for the installation of one crosswalk.

Motion/Second: Patz/Coxhill
Carried 4/0 (Rodman, Singer, and West absent): The Traffic Commission voted to approve upgrading the school crosswalks at and around all school zones within the City as identified in the first attachment.

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

Commissioner Coxhill noted the following:

- Item A12 – Revise to say completed.
- Item A26 – Requested a status on having this item be re-checked and be noted as completed. Discussed that OCTA will have a project to synchronize the signal lights through multiple cities including Los Alamitos.
- Item F4 – Revise to say denied per schools request.

Commissioner Mejia noted the following:

- Item B1 – Revise to say pending – implementation. Include date initiated as Jan-19.

Chair Hill noted the following:

- Item A4 – Discussed to keep in the 7-year CIP.
• Item F1 – Revise to say denied.
• Item F5 – Revise to say denied.

7. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Hunt informed the Traffic Commission of the following issues:

• A car accident that hit the rail on Los Alamitos Boulevard [north of Cerritos Avenue]. Sergeant Malatesta provided an overview of what transpired.
• Update on the Golden State Water Company (GSWC) pavement project in the Apartment Row neighborhood.
• Upcoming pavement work behind the alleyway of McDonalds and the installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps in the apartment row neighborhood.
• The Greenbrook Neighborhood and Little Cottonwood Park Pavement Rehabilitation project might start in July of this year.
• Upcoming project by the Orange County Sanitation District, which is scheduled to begin next summer. Development Services Director Johnson provided additional information on the project and advised that a presentation will be shown at the May City Council Meeting.

Development Services Director Johnson discussed the following:

• Informed the Traffic Commission of a possible joint meeting with City Council on June 17th at 5:00pm.
• Thanked the Commissioners who attended the City Council meeting which discussed the permit parking review.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Mejia noted the following:

• Discussed the work being done at Katella Deli and the removal of the damaged wall.
• Discussed the poor work that the contractors did in the Apartment Row neighborhood as part of the GSWC project.
• The poor condition of the pavement on Farquhar Avenue and Noel Street.
• Requested a status the need for a possible relocation of the “lane merging” sign on Los Alamitos Boulevard, north of Katella Avenue. City Engineer advised that the signs have been ordered.

City Engineer Hunt advised of the following with regards to the GSWC project in the Apartment Row neighborhood:

• There are segments on Howard Avenue that need to be re-done.
• The next segment of this project will be within private properties for lateral work.
• Will provide the contact information for the GSWC inspector, in the event that anyone observes any problems.
• Upcoming walk-through inspection with the GSWC inspector next week, to examine the condition of the roadway on Farquhar Avenue and Noel Street.

Vice Chair Patz discussed the following items:
• Thanked City Engineer Hunt for getting the light repaired on the new Los Alamitos Boulevard median.
• Asked Sergeant Malatesta to remind Captain Karrer to have an officer park at San Bonito Avenue from 7 am - 9am to ticket those making a turn in that area.

Chair Hill advised City Engineer Hunt and Development Services Director Johnson about the Los Alamitos High School plans to modify the parkway area.

Chair Hill advised the Commissioners about an anticipated sewer fee to resident.

Vice Chair Patz asked who the new Director of Facilities for the Los Alamitos Unified School District is; neither Staff nor other Traffic Commissioners had that information.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Motion/Second: Coxxhill/Patz
Carried 4/0 (Rodman, Singer, and West absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until June 12, 2019.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Randall Hill, Chair

Attest:

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Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary