

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Patz
Vice Chair Mejia
Commissioner Coxhill
Commissioner Hill
Commissioner Murphy
Commissioner Singer
Commissioner West

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Traffic and Engineering Survey to Establish Speed Limit

On April 21, 2014 City Council approved and adopted an Engineering and Traffic (E&T) Survey establishing speed limits on 17 segments of roadways citywide. The purpose of the Traffic and Engineering Survey is to determine whether

changes in pre-existing conditions have occurred where older speed limits should be modified. The last E&T expire on April 21, 2021.

Willdan is authorized to perform an Engineering and Traffic Survey to determine the validity of existing posted speed limits or new speed limits should be established.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

B. Crosswalk Striping

Staff has identified several areas within Los Alamitos to restripe or stripe crosswalks where students travel on their way to school or back home.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Recommendation: Receive, file, and revise as necessary.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

At this time, Commissioners may report on items not included on the agenda, but no such matter may be discussed, nor may any action be taken in which there is interest to the community, except as to provide Staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720 and on the City's website at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 8th day of October, 2020**



Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2020 ITEM NUMBER: 6A

To: Chair Patz and Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer

Subject: Traffic and Engineering Survey to Establish Speed Limit

SUMMARY

On April 21, 2014 City Council approved and adopted an Engineering and Traffic (E&T) Survey establishing speed limits on 17 segments of roadways citywide. The purpose of the Traffic and Engineering Survey is to determine whether changes in pre-existing conditions have occurred where older speed limits should be modified. The last E&T expire on April 21, 2021.

Willdan is authorized to perform an Engineering and Traffic Survey to determine the validity of existing posted speed limits or new speed limits should be established.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File.

BACKGROUND

Engineering and Traffic Surveys (E&T) are intended to serve as the basis for the establishment, revision and enforcement of speed limits for street segments throughout the State of California. E&T Surveys are required by the State to establish intermediate speed limits on local streets and to enforce those limits using radar or other electronic speed measuring devices. These surveys must be updated every 5, or 7 years to ensure the speeds reflect current conditions as dictated by the California Vehicle Code (CVC). The CVC also requires that the surveys be conducted based on the methodology required by the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) dated November 2014, as required by section 627 of the CVC.

An E&T is necessary on certain designated streets within the City to properly enforce the posted speed limits and to enable the Police Department to utilize radar or other electronic speed measuring devices for speed enforcement. CVC Sections 40801 and 40802 require E&T Surveys that verify the appropriate speed limit before enforcement by such a device is legal.

DISCUSSION

The reason that speed limits are established is to guard reasonable drivers from the unreasonable behavior of reckless, unreliable, or otherwise dangerous drivers. As with other similar laws, the limits identified are based on the consensus of the majority of those who drive the highway as to what speed is reasonable and safe.

Posted speed limits reflect that speed which most people deem to be safe as opposed to a minority of drivers who do not drive in a reasonable manner.

Speed zones are also established to advise drivers of road conditions or hazards that may not be readily apparent to a reasonable driver. For that reason, a field review of related road/traffic variables is conducted which considers the analytical data and accident history of a roadway segment to determine a safe and reasonable speed limit.

Speed evaluation data will be collected at 17 different survey segments on 7 different roadways in the City of Los Alamitos. The speed survey will be done during the month of September and October. These areas and the number of segments on each are described as follows:

1. Ball Road - West City Limit to Bloomfield Street
2. Bloomfield Street - North City Limits to Cerritos Avenue
3. Bloomfield Street - Cerritos Avenue to Katella Avenue
4. Bloomfield Street - Katella Avenue to Farquhar Avenue
5. Cerritos Avenue - West City Limits to Los Alamitos Boulevard
6. Cerritos Avenue - Los Alamitos Boulevard to Bloomfield Street
7. Cerritos Avenue - Bloomfield Street to East City Limits
8. Farquhar Avenue - Los Alamitos Boulevard to Lexington Drive
9. Katella Avenue - West City Limits to Los Alamitos Boulevard
10. Katella Avenue - Los Alamitos Boulevard to Bloomfield Street
11. Katella Avenue - Bloomfield Street to Lexington Drive
12. Katella Avenue - Lexington Drive to Siboney Street
13. Katella Avenue - Siboney Street to Walker Street
14. Lexington Drive - Katella Avenue to Farquhar Avenue
15. Los Alamitos Boulevard - North City Limits to Katella Avenue
16. Los Alamitos Boulevard - Katella Avenue to Farquhar Avenue
17. Los Alamitos Boulevard - Farquhar Avenue to Bradbury Road

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the project is \$8,500 and it is part of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) from fiscal year 2019-2020.

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2020

ITEM NUMBER: 6B

To: Chair Patz and Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager

Subject: Crosswalk Striping

SUMMARY

Staff has identified several areas within Los Alamitos to restripe or stripe crosswalks where students travel on their way to school or back home.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Yellow crosswalk striping in the vicinity of schools increase the driver's visibility and alert them they are within close approximation of a school. Staff has identified several intersections within the City to stripe or restripe to assist with the safety of the school children that are walking to and from school. The following are staff's recommended intersections for striping:

- Cerritos Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard (four crosswalk)
- Cerritos Avenue and Del Norte Way (one ladder crosswalk)
- Cerritos Avenue and Bloomfield Street (four ladder crosswalk)
- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Farquhar Avenue (two ladder crosswalk)
- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Orangewood (four ladder crosswalk)
- Katella Avenue and Walnut Street (two ladder crosswalk)
- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Florista Street (four crosswalk)

The total for thermoplastic striping comes to approximately \$24,000. Striping is annually budgeted for \$14,000 so staff has prioritize the following due to the high student traffic and/or the presence of a crossing guard.

- Cerritos Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard (four crosswalk)
- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Farquhar Avenue (two ladder crosswalk)

- Katella Avenue and Walnut Street (two ladder crosswalk)
- Cerritos Avenue and Bloomfield Street (four ladder crosswalk)

The four intersections will cost approximately \$12,500. The intersections that will not be striped will be done in fiscal year 2021-2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

The work performed will be taken out of the Public Works Department which is budgeted \$14,000 annually for city-wide striping.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
ELECTED OFFICIALS INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED						
A1	Install 4-way stop signs at 4-way stop intersections	Jul-15	J. Wilhelm			Completed
A2	Farquhar/Los Alamitos Alley Study		Emerson/Mejia			Completed
A3	No left turn sign by the post office on Reagan St	Jun-15	D. Patz			Completed
A4	Katella/Cherry crosswalk on eastside of Katella	Jun-15	J. Mejia			Pending - Put on 7-yr CIP
A5	High School Traffic Study		D. Hunt		TC - April 2015	Completed. Submitted request to the district and was denied. No further action at this time.
A7	Repaint arrows at bus pad on Katella @ Walnut	Apr-15	J. Mejia			Completed
A8	3-way stop sign @ Cherry St & Catalina St	Jan-13	J. Wilhelm		TC - May 2015 CC - June 2015	Completed
A9	Consider options for widening Civic Center Dr	Jan-14	J. Mejia			No longer applies
A10	Upgrade forklift crossing on Catalina	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Completed		Completed
A11	remove parking spaces on s/s Catalina opposite - near the Los Alamitos Medical Center	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Possibly Council		Completed
A12	PT/P study to downgrade fully protected operation for Rossmore Way/Los Alamitos TS and Bradbury/Los Alamitos TS S/B and N/B directions	Jun-16	D. Emerson	Staff		Completed
A13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Farquhar - safety light out 2. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Katella - safety light cycling 3. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Florista, safety light out 4. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Cerritos - Illuminated street name dark 5. Cerritos Ave @ Los Al High, ISNS is out 6. Cerritos Ave @ Humbolt, ISNS is out 7. Cerritos Ave @ Bloomfield, safety light out 	Feb-19	J. Mejia	Staff		Completed
A15	Los Alamitos Blvd @ Oranewood Safety Light Out	Mar-08	Hill	Staff		Completed
A16	Safety light out at the intersection of Humbolt Street and Cerritos Ave.	May-17	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed
A17	Bloomfield speed sign is not working	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
A18	Parking Revision 10732 Los Alamitos Boulevard in Front of McNally Back to 24 Min. Zone.	Feb. 7	Commission	Council		Completed
A19	Real Estate Sign limiting visibility at the intersection of Florista and Pine	Apr-17	Commission			Completed
A20	Florista Signal Timing	Jul-17	Commissioner Hill	Staff		completed.

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A21	Katella Avenue at Lexington Safety light is dark	Sept. 17	Commission	Staff		Completed
A22	Katella Avenue at Lexington Safety light is dark	Sept. 17	Commission	Staff		Completed
A23	Traffic signal indication at SW corner missing	Sept. 17	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed
A24	Move or upgrade mid-block crosswalk on Cherry s/o Florista	Mar-16	J. Mejia & D. Patz	Possibly Council		Completed
A25	five (5) traffic signs on the south side of Katella Avenue, between the 605 freeway and Wallingsford are starting to lean toward the street.	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A26	five (5) traffic signs on the south side of Katella Avenue, between the 605 freeway and Wallingsford are starting to lean toward the	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A27	parkway trees are blocking the effectiveness of the street lights, on the east side of Los Alamitos Bouelvard, between the car wash and Bradbury Road.	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A28	alley, south of Katella from Lexington heading west: overgrown vegetation at the rear of the private properties	Feb-19	E Singer	staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A29	repair of two speeds bumps in the alley between Lexington Drive and Noel Street, and between Katella Avenue and Green Avenue.	Mar-19	J. Mejia	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A30	request to adjust the new median lights on Los Alamitos Bouelvard, so that the lights are triggered to turn on and off by the sensor and not the timer.	Feb-19	D. Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A31	Scramble Timing at the intersection of Cerritos and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Apr-17		Staff		No further action required at this time. Will be evaluated after School Traffic Study Review
A32	Add red curb for sight distance on Katella for n/bound Bloomfield	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Possibly Council		No further action required at this time
A33	Vehicles in N/bound left turn lanes on Los Alamitos at Katella back up into thru lane	Jan-16	D. Emerson	Council		Reviewing - Would likely require capital improvements
A34	Replace speed bumps in alley - poor condition	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Completed
A35	Bring the traffic study for Shea Properties Arrowhead to Commission	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Waiting for study to be submitted
A36	Address sight distance for driveways on S/S Katella - Reagan to Cherry	Mar-16	J. Wilhelm	Possibly Council		Under observation. No further action required at this time

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A37	Extend the "merge left" sign on Los Alamitos Boulevard (NB) to be moved closer to Katella Avenue	Apr-19	Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A38	Painted "merging" street marks on Los Alamitos Boulevard north of Katella Avenue, south of Florista Avenue.	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Mejia	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A39	"No Parking" sign replacement at the west end of San Joaquin Avenue	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A40	San Bonito Avenue street sign on Bloomfield Street going north to south is blocked by a block wall	Oct-19	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A41	Katella Deli removal of damaged wall	Feb-19	Traffic Commissioner Mejia	Staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A42	Overgrown tree on private property covering a signal at the intersection of Bradbury Road and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Rodman	Staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
COMMUNITY INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED						
B1	Extend signal time for cars crossing Katella @ Walnut/Wallingsford	Apr-June-15	Lindsey			Completed
B2	Conduct Four-Way Stop Study at the intersection of Walnut and Catalina	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
B3	Traffic Signal @ Wallingsford and Katella	May-17	Resident	Staff		Completed
B4	requesting the installation of a u-turn sign and/or paint a red curb in the Woodcrest neighborhood - school traffic imposes safety concerns (Los Alamitos High School)	Oct-17	Residents: Carol Wall & Betty Binder	public		completed.
B5	Installation of a right-turn only sign at the exit driveway off Farquhar, on the east side of Jack in the Box leaving Bank of America parking lot going onto Farquhar.	Nov-17	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		completed and removed.
B6	Traffic signal at Katella and Los Alamitos	Jul-17	P. Dykhouse	Staff		Completed
B7	Red curb request on north side of Sausalito Street east of the driveway into Sausalito Walk	Sep-18	Resident: Richard Murp	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B8	Installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Green Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue	Jan-19	Resident:	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B9	Dedicated right turn lane on Cerritos Avenue in front of Los Alamitos High School	Oct-19	Traffic Commissioner Hill	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B10	Permit parking sign removal in New Dutch Haven neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed

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B11	Permit parking sign removal in Carrier Row neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED & PENDING IMPLEMENTATION						
C1	Street name signs at Los Alamitos Bl/Florista-paint/vinyl peeling off	Jan-16	J. Seaman	Staff		Currently in progress as a CIP project
C2	Analysis of other intersections near all schools within City limits which might warrant the installation of a crosswalk	Jan-19	Traffic Commission	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
C3	Request for the installation of equipment for the visually impaired on Florista Street and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Fall 2018	Resident	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
C4	Street sweeping signage around the LAMC (initiated by excess trash and debris on the street)	Jan-19	Resident	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
RECOMMENDATION DENIED						
D1	installation of northbound speed limit sign on Bloomfield	Nov-19	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
D2	change the alley (between Farquhar Ave & Howard Ave) to be one-way only	Nov-19	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
D3	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar at Cherry	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Staff	CC - March 2017	Denied
D4	Remove school signs for Laurel HS, which is closed	Nov-15	D. Patz	Staff		Denied per schools request
D5	Modify pedestrian signal/sign for NB right turns - East leg Bloomfield & Katella	Jan-14	J. Wilhelm	Staff		Denied
D6	Request to add permit parking on Maple Street in the Apartment Row neighborhood	Jan-20	Resident: Mark Giruad	Staff	Staff	Denied
D7	Red curb request on south of Sausalito Street west of Los Alamitos Boulevard (next to Shenandoah's)	Sep-18	Resident: Richard Murphy	Staff		Denied
D8	15 minute parking sign at 4012 Katella Ave, Suite 101	Mar-20	Business Owner: Hai Nguyen	Staff		Denied - Staff spoke to Business owner
ITEMS PENDING - TRAFFIC COMMISSION						
E1	Red Curb Request on 4021 Howard Avenue	May-17	Matthew Dastis	Staff		Item pending written request from Mr. Dastis. No written request yet.
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL						

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F1	Installation of speed humps at Old Town West	Sep-19	Resident	Staff		Pending