

# CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

**Tuesday, November 10, 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**

**A. Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of September 30, 2020 and Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Chair Patz  
Vice Chair Mejia  
Commissioner Coxhill

Commissioner Hill  
Commissioner Murphy  
Commissioner Singer  
Commissioner West

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Progress of the SCAG Active Transportation Plan Grant**

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information and updates regarding the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Project awarded to the City by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

**B. Nomination and Appointment of a Member of the Traffic Commission for the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee**

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information regarding information and timeline of the Waste Hauler Agreement. The report also requests input into the nomination and appointment of one commissioner to serve on the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee

Recommendation:

Nominate and appoint a representative from the Traffic Commission to serve on the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**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

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Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary

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

**SPECIAL MEETING – September 30, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Traffic Commission met in Special Session at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 in a video conference, Chair Patz presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, all members of the Traffic Commission attended telephonically.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners: Chair Patz, Vice Chair Mejia, Coxhill, Hill, Murphy, West

**Absent:** Singer

**Present:** Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager  
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager  
Chris Kelley, City Engineer  
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant  
David Cain, Fiscal Sustainability Manager  
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer  
Michelle Muller, Management Analyst  
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Mejia.

**4. PRESENTATION**

**A. Measure Y**

City Manager Simmons and Fiscal Sustainability Manager Cain presented on Measure Y.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Department Secretary Enciso advised there were three public comments received through email for agenda item 7A.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2020**

Chair Patz mentioned he provided comments to Department Secretary Enciso.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 12, 2020 with amendments given to Department Secretary Enciso.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Singer	(Absent)
Commissioner West	Aye

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Old Town West – Traffic Calming Options – Lane Narrowing and Striping Modifications**

On August 5, 2019 the City received a petition signed by Old Town West residents on Chestnut Street and Walnut Avenue requesting installation of speed humps to reduce speeding and increase safety of pedestrians. The Traffic Commission discussed the item at their regular meeting on September 11, 2019 with the public present and then directed staff to evaluate other traffic calming measures than speed humps. City staff presented to the Traffic Commission at the March 11, 2020 meeting traffic calming measures that will reduce speed impact and increase safety of pedestrians. The traffic calming measures were motioned for approval by the Traffic Commission and requested staff to bring the complete project back to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Murphy recused himself.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Hill asked how City staff chose Florista Street instead of Chestnut. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab explained that Florista has a signal and they wanted to try to find all the cut through traffic and wanted to find where to get the best results.

Commissioner Coxhill asked about why [changes were made on] Sausalito Street, why a light and making the curb red on the north and south side. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab mentioned that there was a request in the past regarding the eastbound left turn but was not done because of certain conditions. Also, by taking the parking away at the intersection a left turn lane can be provided and will improve the operation at the signal. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda added that it would improve the flow of traffic.

Chair Patz shared that with the plans on Sausalito Street it would allow two full lanes, a left turn and a straight or right turn, instead of a single lane.

Commissioner Coxhill discussed a previous discussion in regard to the projects on Sausalito (Oak Walk and Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments) that the commission decided to wait [to see how the developments would affect the traffic in the area] before any changes were to be made. She also shared her concern how [the changes on Sausalito Street] would help the residents on Walnut Street and Chestnut Street as it seems like it would encourage more drive through traffic in the neighborhood. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab explained that drivers are finding cut through traffic and getting to Chestnut Street is not as easy as getting to Walnut Street due to the signal. Most of the traffic is on Walnut Street and Florista Street based on the counts (Traffic Data).

Commissioner Coxhill and Traffic Engineer Iranitalab discussed the traffic data that shows drivers are exiting Florista Street and where the cut through traffic is coming from.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda added that there has been discussion about the intersection at Wallingsford Road and Katella Avenue and ways to improve the traffic flow since that is one of the pathways of residents from Rossmoor go to either go to work or to drop off kids to school. This would be the same concept on Sausalito Street with the added left turn lane.

Commissioner Coxhill shared her confusion how the addition on Sausalito Street is part of traffic calming in the area. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab explained that it is the standard of the industry to reduce the width so that it visually narrow the lanes.

Chair Patz explained the two phases that were presented to the commission. Then Acting Deputy City Manager Noda further explained that the issues Commissioner Coxhill presented are a part of phase 1 and it will be decided upon by the City Council.

Commissioner Hill asked if Walnut Street is between Katella Avenue and Cerritos Avenue and not Chestnut Street. Then asked about additional lanes in Rossmoor, which is with the County of Orange.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that the area in discussion is within Rossmoor which is in the jurisdiction of the County of Orange and that he can suggest these points with the Rossmoor General Manager.

Commissioner Hill and Traffic Engineer Iranitalab discussed a street in Rossmoor (Wallingsford).

Vice Chair Mejja asked if staff noticed any difference in the amount of complaints with school not being in session (in regard to traffic).

Chair Patz shared that [complaints] have dropped when the schools were closed, but in the several weeks to a month things have been picking up again to almost as bad as it was when residents first came to the commission.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda shared that on the City end, he has not heard of a complaint.

Sergeant Malatesta shared that he is not aware of any complaints either.

Commissioner Coxhill shared that the middle school has been on hybrid since September 22.

Sergeant Malatesta and Chair Patz discussed the traffic with the different rush hours that have incurred with the new school schedule in comparison to the two rush hours during the regular school schedule.

Vice Chair Mejia discussed the following:

- If the left turn on Sausalito Street being protected or a permissive left turn? Traffic Engineer Iranitalab shared that it is working as a split operation and will remain the same.
- Should the work be approved, will the striping be done in time with the new intersection (referring to the Briggeman Drive widening). Traffic Engineer Iranitalab and Acting Deputy City Manager Noda shared that it could be a three-month process before the painting would be done.
- Vice Chair Mejia then suggested that a change order with the traffic signal modification project to add restriping. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that the widening will not include any restriping changes.

Commissioner Coxhill asked if at a later time the residents request for speed humps, what the process will be, even when the phases have been implemented.

Chair Patz shared that City Council should develop a citywide speed humps/bumps policy since there is not one currently.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda confirmed Chair Patz statement. He then clarified why this project is done in phases.

Commissioner Coxhill stated that the amount of \$45,000 is an expensive exercise for phase 1. She also shared that she understands the striping, but struggled with the new streetlight at Sausalito Street as way of traffic calming. Then shared a perspective to which residents hearing the constant message that things are too expensive, then there needs to be better accounting of where and why the money is being spent. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that the money is not coming from general fund and is coming from Measure M, which is to assist in street improvements.



Commissioner Hill shared that there has not been a member in the community complaining about Florista Street, but have mentioned Chestnut Street and asked why not use Chestnut Street as a test. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that when looking at Florista Street, it's a wide street in comparison to Chestnut Street and the speeding on Florista Street is higher there than on Chestnut Street.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the idea of changing from Florista Street to Chestnut Street to test the traffic calming options.

Vice Chair Mejia asked what tools are to be used in the 10-12 months to determine the success or lack thereof [the traffic calming options]. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab shared that there will be a speed survey done before and after the installation.

Vice Chair Mejia made a motion to approve the request of phase 1 and 2.

Commissioner Hill asked the commissioners what their thoughts are to not approving.

Chair Patz shared that the Traffic Commission should approve.

Commissioner Hill shared that he does not understand why the streets that were picked.

Commissioner West shared that she understood what Commissioner Hill mentioned, but she is ok [with approving the recommendation].

Commissioner Coxhill shared that she feels like if she were one of the residents, the Traffic Commission has not heard the residents requests given that there isn't the opportunity to give the residents what they want, which is the speed humps. She struggled (to understand) the improvements on Sausalito Street.

Vice Chair Mejia expanded on his motion and shared that Florista Street does cross Chestnut Street so a part of the residents concern is addressed. Then with the work on Sausalito Street, the Traffic Commission has a responsibility to improve traffic flow.

Chair Patz shared that he agrees with Commissioner Coxhill.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab and Chair Patz discussed a previous discussion about a speed hump policy with the City Council back in 2001.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda reiterated that should the Traffic Commission approve phase 1 and phase 2, and during the 10-12 month

evaluation period he can work on possibly getting a policy on speed humps implemented via City Council. He also shared that street striping is very effective and that this is why staff went with this route.

Commissioner Hill asked where the majority of the residents that signed the petition resides and does not understand why staff is not addressing the community's concern.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda confirmed that those who signed are from Walnut Street, Chestnut Street, and Oak Street. He also clarified to address the entire neighborhood instead of the specific streets.

Commissioner West shared that she can understand the concerns of Commissioner Hill. She then asked why Florista Street was chosen instead of what the streets the residents complained about.

Chair Patz confirms the motion is to approve the staff recommendation.

The motion made did not pass as there was no second.

Commissioner Coxhill made a motion to adopt phase 1 to include Walnut Street between Katella Avenue and Florista Street and Chestnut Street between Katella Avenue and Florista Street, phase 2 and strike out Sausalito Street.

Commissioner Hill asked to clarify Chestnut Street from Cerritos Avenue to Katella Avenue.

Commissioner Coxhill changed the motion to Walnut Street from Katella Avenue to Sausalito Street, Chestnut Street from Katella Avenue to Cerritos Avenue as phase 1. Phase 2 as is for all striping in Old Town West and to strike Sausalito Street.

Commissioner Hill second the motion.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda and Department Secretary Enciso asked for clarification to the motion made.

Commissioner Hill asked Commissioner Coxhill about her concerns with the A, B, C, options of Phase 1 and 2.

Commissioner Coxhill amended the motion to say Walnut Street from Katella Avenue to Sausalito Street and Chestnut Street from Katella Avenue to Cerritos Avenue and to keep Phase 2 as is with the inclusion of Sausalito improvements.

Motion/Second: Coxhill/Hill

Carried 5/0 (Singer absent, Murphy recused): The Traffic Commission motioned to approve the recommendation to City Council to adopt Phase 1 to include Walnut Street between Katella Avenue and Sausalito Street, and Chestnut Street between Katella Avenue and Cerritos Avenue. Then to adopt Phase 2 as is.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	(Recused)
Commissioner Singer	(Absent)
Commissioner West	Aye

City Engineer Kelley and Traffic Engineer Iranitalab quickly discussed if the changes to Phase 1 would still fit in the budget.

### **B. Traffic Commission Status Log**

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Commissioner Murphy rejoined the Traffic Commission meeting.

Commissioner Murphy mentioned that residents in the Old Town West neighborhood were not able to listen in to the meeting. Department Secretary Enciso clarified that there were not any requests to speak for Item 7A and was not sure if there may be a technical issue with Zoom and that the audio recording will be posted online. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that residents that would have listened into the meeting would not affect the recommendation the Traffic Commission were to make and that the item would be brought to the City Council.

Vice Chair Mejia noted the following:

- Item C3 – update on the project

## **8. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER**

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda updated the Traffic Commission of the following:

- City Council Special meeting to be held on October 12, 2020.
- Annual tree trimming has begun and will be done in Old Town West and East and Apartment Row neighborhoods.
- He and the Public Works Foreman have identified areas that need street striping.

City Engineer Kelley discussed the following:

- Los Alamitos Boulevard synchronization not happening and instead it is the Katella Avenue Synchronization project.
- A dedicated right lane on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue was recommended not to be done due to safety reasons.
- The Marriot hotel and what movement is governing is north and south.
- Clarified that Green Avenue is the correct street name, not Green Street.

## **9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Mejia requested to find out if there is a budget to replace the safety lights to LED.

Chair Patz shared that he personally and the City appreciates what the Traffic Commission does and for the Traffic Commission to not give up.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second: Murphy/West

Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until October 14, 2020.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:

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Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

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

REGULAR MEETING – October 14, 2020

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 in a video conference, Chair Patz presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, all members of the Traffic Commission attended telephonically.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present: Commissioners:** Chair Patz,  
Vice Chair Meija  
Coxhill, Hill, Murphy, Singer, West (7:49 p.m.)

**Present: Staff:** Chris Kelley, City Engineer  
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager  
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant  
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer  
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Murphy.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Department Secretary Enciso confirmed that there were no public comments received by the 4:00 p.m. cut off.

**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.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Singer asked the following:

- How staff determines which company does the speed survey? Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that the National Data and Surveying Services (NDS) will gather the data as part of the contract with Willdan's services.
- How many years the City has been using Willdan for their service?. City Engineer Kelley and Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that it has been approximately 11 years.

Commissioner Murphy asked the following:

- When the survey is done, if they are going both directions (east bound and west bound)? Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that they are done in both directions.
- How the segments were chosen? Traffic Engineer Iranitalab explained that they were set in 2014 based on the changes of the [city] boundaries or between two major streets.

Commissioner Hill asked if the [segments] are the busiest avenues. Traffic Engineer Iranitalab clarified that residential areas are already set at 25 mph by law so there is no need to have a speed survey in those areas. Any other locations above or below the speed limit of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) is when a survey is completed.

### **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.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Hill asked and received confirmation from Acting Deputy City Manager Noda that the intersection at Bloomfield Street and Katella Avenue was completed.

Chair Patz asked when the striping at Cerritos Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard will be completed and suggested that the City holds off this portion due to the project at the Los Alamitos High School that may ruin the paint. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda shared that it may be scheduled in two or three weeks, but will inquire with the Public Works Division and striping company.

Commissioner Singer asked if City staff will complete the project. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that a third party is contracted out for the project because the City is not capable of doing it in-house.

Commissioner Murphy asked if any of the listed intersections are new crosswalks. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda listed the following:

- Cerritos Avenue and Del Norte Way isn't striped yellow.
- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Orangewood there isn't a crosswalk going across Los Alamitos Boulevard.
- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Florista Street is a standard white crosswalk.

Commissioner Hill asked about the intersection at Los Alamitos Boulevard and Rossmoor Way [to be striped]. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that the area exceeds the 300 feet limit from the school, no crossing guard, and not a lot of pedestrian traffic, which doesn't warrant for crosswalk striping.

Commissioner Coxhill asked when next year the other streets would be addressed. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified the next fiscal year starts in July and would try to get the work done before school starts.

Vice Chair Mejia discussed the following:

- When the crosswalk at Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue was redone and clarified that if the work was done within three years, it goes to show how the paint holds up and confirms that thermoplastic is more durable.
- Asked what striping will be used on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Sausalito Street. Acting Development Services Director stated that he will add this intersection to the list.

### **C. Traffic Commission Status Log**

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Vice Chair Mejia noted the following:

- Item C3 – update on the project
- Item C2 – quick discussion on item

Commissioner Murphy noted the following:

- Item C4 – update on street sweeping signage

## **7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER**

City Engineer Kelley discussed the following:

- Marriot Fairfield Inn and Suites contractor will be completing the Briggeman Drive street widening next week.
  - The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the traffic control plan for this project.

- Golden State Water Company (GSWC) will have waterline work at the Los Alamitos High School for two weeks of night work and then at the Elementary School for three Saturdays.
- Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments contractors will install a sewer lateral and manholes on Cerritos Avenue. Next will be the storm drain.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda updated the Traffic Commission of the following:

- The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) sewer project is slated to begin summer 2021 and there will tentatively be a presentation at the November City Council meeting.
- The Active Transportation Plan will be holding a community stakeholder meeting on October 21 at 5:30 p.m.
- Film and Food Fest Series at the Los Alamitos Youth Baseball (LAYB) lot.
- Drive thru Trunk or Treat event on Pine Street held on October 24.
- Halloween decorating contest on October 27, judging begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, October 28 at the Dohnut Hut from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- There will not be a Holiday Commissioner Dinner this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The November Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for November 11, asked if the commissioners would like to go dark or reschedule.

Vice Chair Mejia asked if there was an update on the Old Town West project that was presented to the City Council. Noda clarified that council has approved the project and it is slated to go out to bid in November and hopefully the project early 2021.

## **8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hill shared the following:

- Apologized about last meeting if he was rude to anybody.
- Have flyers for the Active Transportation Plan meeting.
- Asked why the City is currently the only city in red in regards to COVID.
  - Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that the care facility on Katella Avenue had an increase in COVID cases.

Commissioner Murphy asked about the following:

- If the alleyways are in the purview of the Traffic Commission and would like to put it on the agenda about the trash in the alleys.
- If there is an ordinance about loud cars or motorcycles.
  - Sergeant Malatesta confirmed that there is a California Vehicle Code (CVC).
- Serve Los Al event at St. Isidore and interest to do this even again.



Acting Deputy City Manager Noda asked for clarification from Commissioner Murphy's first question about alleyways and updated him about what the City is doing to mediate the trash in the alley.

Vice Chair Mejia shared that it is good to inform people about the proper disposal of bulky items and who to contact when they see areas that are an eyesore. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda confirms that residents can call the City.

Commissioner Singer shared his comment about the most recent City Council meeting about the Old Town West neighborhood item.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second: Mejia/Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until November 11, 2020.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:

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Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary



# **City of Los Alamitos**

## **TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020**

**ITEM NUMBER: 6A**

**To: Chair Patz and Members of the Traffic Commission**

**Presented By: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager**

**Subject: Progress of the SCAG Active Transportation Plan Grant**

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### **SUMMARY**

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information and updates regarding the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Project awarded to the City by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City's SCAG-funded Consultants for the Sustainability Planning Grants Program, KTUA and Latino Health Access (LHA), have been in the process of gathering public input for the past six plus months with the goal of creating an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) tailored to the City of Los Alamitos. Through the ATP, the City desires to establish a bike and pedestrian-friendly environment throughout the City. The ATP will support and inform ActiveOC, Orange County's Bike and Pedestrian Plan being developed by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). It will also address specific issues related to bicycle elements, pedestrian elements, Safe Routes to School (SRTS), and regional connections. Improving conditions for walking and bicycling within the City of Los Alamitos would provide residents with greater access to jobs, goods, and services without the use of an automobile. Increasing the percentage of trips made by bicycling and walking will reduce overall VMT (Vehicle Miles Travelled) and GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions.

As part of the work they have been doing, KTUA and LHA have conducted two rounds of walk audits of the city and a third will take place soon. The Consultants will soon begin traffic counts that will take place 2-hours in the a.m. and 2-hours in the p.m. for ten days. The City's Traffic Engineer is helping to select eight intersections for weekday counts and two intersections for weekend counts. These will help to inform a project

feasibility table and prioritization analysis for ATP projects that should happen around the City of Los Alamitos.

As the Commission may recall, one member of the Traffic Commission was invited to participate in a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the ATP. The Commissioner, on behalf of the Traffic Commission has had the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience related to active transportation through two CAC meetings and two Community Workshops. These virtual meetings have been a part of the fact and comment gathering work by the Consultants during the ATP's, ultimately, 10-month process. Each meeting covers a different topic and the feedback collected will help shape the final ATP. The next Community Workshop (#3) is scheduled for December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

The community has the opportunity to respond to three different surveys conducted by the consultants. These surveys can be completed by phone or online survey as well as the possibility of adding information to a map survey. Commissioners and the community can view and provide feedback through a link on the City's website at <http://cityoflosalamitos.org>. So far, the surveys have received feedback from 62 respondents. The survey period ends on November 13 and Staff respectfully asks that Traffic Commissioners help get the word out about this survey.

The Active Transportation Plan will help the City strategically invest in programs and projects to make walking and bicycling safer and more convenient for residents. In addition, the Plan will analyze ways to make it safer for Los Alamitos students to walk and bike to school. The ATP plan is slated to be complete by February of 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City's consultants, KTUA and LHA, are conducting the ATP plan and they are paid via a grant received from SCAG with a City's matching fund of \$15,000.

# City of Los Alamitos

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

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**MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020**

**ITEM NUMBER: 6B**

**To: Chair Patz & Members of the Traffic Commission**

**Presented By: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager**

**Subject: Nomination and Appointment of a Member of the Traffic Commission for the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee**

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### **SUMMARY**

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information and timeline of the Waste Hauler Agreement. The report also requests input into the nomination and appointment of one commissioner to serve on the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Nominate and appoint a representative from the Traffic Commission to serve on the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee.

### **Background**

The City of Los Alamitos is requesting proposals from qualified solid waste and recycling companies to provide residential and commercial sector solid waste, recycling, and organic waste services for a period of at least seven (7) years, with a City option to extend services to ten (10) years. The City is also requesting that responding firms provide required capacities for its organic waste for the term of the agreement. Selection of the waste hauler will also ensure the City's compliance with AB 939, AB 341, AB 1826, and subsequent State legislation as may be in place at the time the Request for Proposal (RFP) responses have been received.

Through this procurement process, the City declares its intention to maintain reasonable rates and the highest level of service for the collection, transfer, processing, landfill diversion and disposal of residential and commercial sector waste generated within the City limits. City staff would like to create a Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee comprising of a member of the Traffic Commission, Planning Commission, and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission, a member of City Council, and businesses in the City to provide feedback throughout the process. Members of the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee will be able to provide input at three meetings tentatively scheduled:

- Thursday, December 17, 2020
- Thursday, January 14, 2021
- Thursday, February 18, 2021

**RFP Schedule (Tentative)**

Activity	Milestone
Electronic delivery of RFP Package	March 15, 2021
Mandatory Pre-Proposer Conference	April 2, 2021
Deadline for submittal of proposals	June 15, 2021
Complete proposal evaluation	July 7, 2021
Interview selected proposers	Week of July 12, 2021
Select proposer	July 15, 2021
Finalize agreement	August 1, 2021
Recommendation to City Council	August 16, 2021
Preparation to transition to possible new Waste Hauler	August 17 to December 2021
Roll out commercial program	January 1, 2022
Roll out residential program	January 1, 2022

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact for the nomination and appointment to the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee.

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED</b>						
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 Rossmoor 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"> <li>1. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Farquhar - safety light out</li> <li>2. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Katella - safety light cycling</li> <li>3. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Florista, safety light out</li> <li>4. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Cerritos - Illuminated street name dark</li> <li>5. Cerritos Ave @ Los Al High, ISNS is out</li> <li>6. Cerritos Ave @ Humbolt, ISNS is out</li> <li>7. Cerritos Ave @ Bloomfield, safety light out</li> </ol>	Feb-19	J. Mejia	Staff		Completed
A15	Los Alamitos Blvd @ Orangewood 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	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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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
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 S/W 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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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
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
<b>COMMUNITY INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED</b>						
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 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)	May-17	Resident	Staff		Completed
B4	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.	Oct-17	Residents: Carol Wall & Betty Binder	public		Completed.
B5	Traffic signal at Katella and Los Alamitos	Nov-17	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		completed and removed.
B6	Red curb request on north side of Sausalito Street east of the driveway into Sausalito Walk	Jul-17	P. Dykhouse	Staff		Completed
B7	Installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Green Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue	Sep-18	Resident: Richard Murp	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B8	Dedicated right turn lane on Cerritos Avenue in front of Los Alamitos High School	Jan-19	Resident: Traffic Commissioner Hill	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B9	Permit parking sign removal in New Dutch Haven neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B10		Oct-19		Staff	Public Works	Completed

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
B11	Permit parking sign removal in Carrier Row neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed
<b>RECOMMENDATION APPROVED &amp; PENDING IMPLEMENTATION</b>						
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
C5	Installation of speed humps at Old Town West	Sep-19	Resident	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
<b>RECOMMENDATION DENIED</b>						
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
<b>ITEMS PENDING - TRAFFIC COMMISSION</b>						

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
E1	Red Curb Request on 4021 Howard Avenue	May-17	Matthew Dastis	Staff		Item pending written request from Mr. Dastis. No written request yet.
<b>ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL</b>						

