

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – March 9, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA, Chair R. Hill presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:

Chair R. Hill,
Vice Chair Patz
D. Hill, Mejia, Murphy, and Salai

Present: Staff:

Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services Manager
Brent Malatesta, Police Sergeant
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Patz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Department Secretary Enciso confirmed no public comment was received by the 4:00 p.m. cut off.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022.

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 6/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022 with amendments.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Motion/Second: Patz/D. Hill

Carried 6/0: The Traffic Commission approved the recommendation to make the following findings by a majority vote of the Traffic Commission:

1. A state of emergency has been proclaimed by California's Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and continues to be in effect;
2. The Traffic Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and

3. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

B. Los Alamitos Street Improvement on Various Streets Project FY 2021-2022 (CIP No. 21/22-03)

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Murphy asked if there is a provision of price increase and Development Services Director Noda mentioned that there will not be any price changes.

Vice Chair Patz asked about the timeline of the project and if it was pushed back due to the additional schedule of B and C. Development Services Director Noda and City Engineer Kelley discussed the update to the timeline with the included schedule B and C.

Vice Chair Patz then asked if staff received pushback from the other contractors that bid on the project because of the added schedule B and C. Development Services Director Noda clarified that schedule B and C were included in the bid schedule. City Engineer Kelley added that the awarding of the project was based on schedule A.

Commissioner Mejia shared his interest in what bollards were going to be used. City Engineer Kelley showed Commissioner Mejia the specifications to the bollards that are going to be used in the project

Chair R. Hill asked Commissioner D. Hill if he wanted to talk about the pole in the Highland neighborhood (in reference to Traffic Commission Status Log item F1: safety concern of accessibility on the southeast and northeast corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Bradbury Road) and the possibility of piggybacking on this project. Development Services Director Noda clarified that the projects are two different scopes of work.

C. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner D. Hill referred to item F1 and Development Services Director Noda explained the project and what needs to be completed.

Commissioner Mejia shared that he appreciates Development Services Director Noda's approach to projects. He then commented on item F1.

Vice Chair Patz thanked the Public Works Division on the service request that was completed for the updated signs. He also shared his experience during the Good Morning, Los Alamitos event and thanked staff.

Commissioner Murphy discussed the new stop signs that were installed incorrectly. Development Services Director Noda confirmed that he is aware of this.

7. FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Kelley shared that the OC San project will be doing day work.

Commissioner Murphy asked about the work that was done last week and traffic being impacted around 3pm. Staff explained they allowed extended hours due to the nature of the work.

Development Services Director Noda discussed items that were introduced at the Good Morning, Los Alamitos event:

- Economic development parklet starting April 21st for four weeks on Thursdays to Saturdays
- Recreation's Weekend of Art, March 18 and 19
- State of the City event anticipated for the month of May

Sergeant Malatesta shared that a new officer, Daniel Kim, has joined the Police Department.

Development Services Director Noda shared that City Council will be honoring retired Chief Eric Nunez at the March 21 meeting.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Salai shared her concerns of the recent accidents (Los Al Blvd./Katella and on Cerritos Avenue near storage area) in the City.

Sergeant Malatesta shared background of the incidents that happened.

Development Services Director Noda shared the CIP project that includes street and pavement striping that will enhance the visibility of streets.

Commissioner Salai and Sergeant Malatesta quickly discussed the traffic issues within the City.

Vice Chair Patz discussed the following:

- Safety lights being dimmer than the LED street lights. Development Services Director Noda mentioned it would be done incrementally.
- On Cerritos Avenue and Humbolt Street, he and his wife were crossing Cerritos Avenue and a car ran a red light as they were crossing. He then mentioned he's seen pedestrian lights in the state of Washington that could be of use in the City.

- Suggestion for the onramp to the 605 freeway of adding street markings on the ground at freeway entrances showing 605N or 605S to help guide drivers into the correct lane.
- If the City is putting up cameras or not.
 - Sergeant Malatesta explained that they are license plate readers entering and exiting the City.
 - Vice Chair Patz and Sergeant Malatesta discussed how PD gets notified.
 - Discussion of privacy – license plates are public.

Chair R. Hill thinks the City's weekly email blast is tremendous.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 6/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until April 13, 2022.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Randall Hill, Chair

Attest:



Ron Noda, Secretary