
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Chair Woodruff at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Woodruff.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Chair Larry Woodruff, Commissioner Chris Bieber, Commissioner Len Herman, Commissioner Anna Lisa Lukes, Commissioner Chris Mackey.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Woodruff to open nominations to elect a new Chair. Chair Woodruff nominated Commissioner Herman. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Mackey.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Woodruff to open nominations to elect a new Vice Chair. Commissioner Herman nominated Commissioner Mackey. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Bieber.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2019, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/CHAIR WOODRUFF.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 REPEAT SPEED SURVEY ON SANTA VITTORIA DRIVE BETWEEN RIDGE ROUTE DRIVE AND LAKE FOREST DRIVE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah indicated in June 2018, Staff was contacted regarding concerns of vehicular speeding and collisions on Santa Vittoria Drive, between Ridge Route Drive and Lake Forest Drive. Staff subsequently initiated a traffic study of Santa Vittoria Drive between Ridge Route Drive and Lake Forest Drive. The report presented at the September 19, 2018, Traffic Commission meeting concluded the speed measurement of Santa Vittoria Drive was higher than expected and considered to be unacceptable. Additional traffic speed enforcement and use of the radar trailer were used to address this issue. The Traffic Commission requested Staff to repeat the speed survey of Santa Vittoria Drive in six months' time.

A follow-up speed survey was conducted on February 27, 2019. Although the 85th percentile speed was lower than the previous measurements, it was still higher than desired for the posted speed limit. Therefore, Staff recommended installation of one "Watch Downhill Speed" sign, two additional 30 mph signs and painting "30" mph pavement legends adjacent to the posted 30 mph signs along the northbound and southbound Santa Vittoria Drive. Ms. Shah indicated Staff would continue to work with the Sheriff's Department on enforcement activity in the area, and use the radar trailer to increase driver awareness of the appropriate speed on Santa Vittoria Drive. Staff recommended a follow-up survey in six months' time.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT.
BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/COMMISSIONER MACKEY.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

4.2 REVIEW OF SIGHT DISTANCE AT THE CORNER OF BUENA VISTA DRIVE AND LOS GATOS DRIVE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by a resident regarding sight distance constraints due to vehicles parking on the knuckle corner of Buena Vista Drive and Los Gatos Drive. Staff performed two field visits, and as a result, determined the sight distance is adequate. Staff recommended shifting the

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double yellow striping through the knuckle corner to increase the distance between the northerly curblin and the centerline striping, resulting in a more comfortable transition for vehicles traveling around the corner. The striping change is planned for late 2019.

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BY M/COMMISSIONER LUKES, S/COMMISSIONER BIEBER.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

4.3 INTERSTATE 5 AT EL TORO INTERCHANGE PAED/PR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated on or about April 1, 2019, Caltrans will issue for public review a document called the "Planning and Environmental Document/Project Report" (PAED/PR) for the proposed future modifications of the I-5 at El Toro Road Interchange to address traffic congestion. Caltrans will identify the traffic benefits of each alternative plan and potential environmental impacts. Caltrans has not identified construction funding for this project, which will likely be more than 10 years in the future. The Traffic Commission members were encouraged to review the document upon its release, and notified there will be a presentation to the City Council on April 9, 2019. Commissioners were encouraged to provide comments to Staff for potential inclusion in the City's comment letter to Caltrans.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT.
BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/COMMISSIONER BIEBER.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant McFatrige welcomed the new Commissioners and indicated the Sheriff's Department looked forward to working collaboratively with the City to address any traffic concerns and said his Staff considers safety and enforcement a priority.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner Comments.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Woodruff declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Prepared By:

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Approved By:

Chair Len Herman