
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Vice Chair Mackey 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 Vice Chair Mackey.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Vice Chair Chris Mackey, Commissioner Chris Bieber, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Anna Lisa Lukes, and Commissioner Larry Woodruff.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2019, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER BIEBER, S/COMMISSIONER LUKES.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 NELLIE GAIL RANCH EQUESTRIAN CROSSING REVIEW

Associate Engineer Amber Shah, indicated staff met with the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) to evaluate equestrian crossings in the Nellie Gail Ranch community. The Committee requested an evaluation of the driveway crossing at the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Equestrian Center on Nellie Gail Road southerly of Oso Parkway and traffic controls at nearby intersections. Based upon the Committee's inquiries and requests, and in accordance with the Residential Streets Management Policy, staff initiated a review of the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center driveway/equestrian crossing and three intersections

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along Nellie Gail Road at Empty Saddle Drive, Hidden Trail Road and Rocking Horse Lane. The Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., (HCI) were retained and completed a traffic control and operational review of the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center driveway/equestrian crossing and analyses of the three intersections.

The traffic control and operational review of the driveway/equestrian crossing at the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center on Nellie Gail Road, determined the existing traffic control installations at the equestrian crossing are satisfactory and supported by a zero-collision recorded history. Access improvements to the existing equestrian tunnel under Nellie Gail Road southerly of Oso Parkway are recommended as an incentive for equestrians to use this alternate trail crossing location.

Each of the three intersection multi-way stop sign analyses along Nellie Gail Road at Empty Saddle Drive, Hidden Trail Road and Rocking Horse Lane, determined 3-way stop sign installations are not warranted at any of the intersections based upon the minimum guidelines established by the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for traffic volumes, traffic collision history and site conditions. However, it is recommended the Traffic Commission recommend installation of yield line marking at the intersection of Rocking Horse Lane and Nellie Gail Road to improve recognition of the equestrian trail crossing at this location as recommended by staff and described in this report.

Pamela Fraser, of the Nellie Gail Trail and Safety Committee, spoke in favor of additional traffic control at three trail crossings.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO A FUTURE MEETING FOR ADDITIONAL DATA COLLECTION. BY, M/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF, S/COMMISSIONER BIEBER. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant McFatridge indicated the Sheriff's Department created a new email address traffic@lagunahillsca.gov for the traffic enforcement team. Sergeant McFatridge said the City currently has three deputies trained in traffic and speed enforcement, and will have an additional four deputies trained by May of 2021. Sergeant McFatridge requested residents provide information through the new email address to help the Sheriff's Department allocate traffic enforcement resources effectively.

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5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

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

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Woodruff indicated his term expired with the January meeting. Commissioner Woodruff said he served his first term in 1997, and returned in 2015. He praised Director Rosenfield, Associate Engineer Shah, and Administrative Assistant Comella for their reports and presentation materials. He said it was a pleasure to learn about the City's issues, and serve with his fellow Commissioners.

Vice Chair Mackey indicated her term expired with the January meeting. Vice Chair Mackey served on the Traffic Commission for two years, and the Parks and Recreation Commission for 6 years. Vice Chair Mackey thanked City Staff and fellow Commissioners, and said they were a pleasure to work with.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Vice Chair Mackey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Prepared By:

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Approved By:

Chair