
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 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 Len Herman, Commissioner Mark Jones.

Absent: Vice Chair Greg Staar

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2018, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/CHAIR WOODRUFF, S/COMMISSIONER HERMAN.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 3-0, (VICE CHAIR STAAR ABSENT).

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON WILKES PLACE AND GRISSOM ROAD

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by a resident regarding speeding, cut-through traffic and collisions on Wilkes Place south of Alicia Parkway and Grissom Road east of Wilkes Place. Based upon the resident's concern, Staff initiated a review of vehicular speeds, traffic collision history and an origin and destination study on Wilkes Place south of Alicia Parkway and Grissom Road east of Wilkes Place. The results of the traffic study determined the 85th percentile speeds on Wilkes Place was 30 mph south of Alicia Parkway and on Grissom Road was 28.4 mph east of Wilkes Place. The 85th percentile speeds were within the normal range, therefore no action was recommended in response to the data. The traffic count data

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revealed the 24hr volumes to be low for a typical residential street that is a through street to other neighborhoods, therefore no action was recommended in response to the data.

A six-year year traffic collision history review indicated there were four collisions in the subject areas, but none were considered speed related.

Ms. Shah also indicated that the resident expressed concerns regarding the marking of crosswalks and the potential need for crossing guards for students walking to Lomarena Elementary School from Grissom Road. Based upon the residents concern and the recommendation in the traffic evaluation study to update the school crossing signage on Wilkes Place, Staff initiated a field review of all (citywide) school zones and school crossing signage and markings to meet current standards at Lomarena Elementary School, San Joaquin Elementary School, Valencia Elementary School, Laguna Hills High School and New Vista School (private). The results of the study will be presented at a future Traffic Commission meeting.

Mr. Nathan Gibbs, a resident on Grissom Road, spoke regarding his concerns.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT.
BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/COMMISSIONER JONES.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 3-0, (VICE CHAIR STAAR ABSENT).**

4.2 REPEAT SPEED SURVEY ON BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by a resident of Moulton Ranch in April 2018, regarding concerns of vehicular speeding and traffic collisions on Bridlewood Drive between Vista Viejo Road and Laurel Crest Drive, and on Devonshire Road, between Falling Leaf Drive and Nottingham Court. Due to resident's concerns, Staff initiated a review of the travel speeds, traffic volume and traffic collision history on Bridlewood Drive and Devonshire Road. The report presented at the July 18, 2018, meeting of the Traffic Commission concluded the 85th percentile speed of Bridlewood Drive was higher than expected and considered to be unacceptable for a residential character street. Additional traffic speed enforcement and use of the radar trailer were utilized to address this issue. The Traffic Commission requested staff repeat the speed survey of Bridlewood Drive in six months' time.

In accordance with the Traffic Commission's request, the traffic study was repeated and the results of the January 9, 2019, study determined the 85th percentile speed on Bridlewood Drive reduced from 37.1 mph, as recorded in the first speed survey in May of 2018, to 36.1 mph in December 2018. The 85th percentile speed measurement of Bridlewood Drive was still higher than expected and considered to be unacceptable

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for a residential character street. The study also determined the percent of vehicles on Bridlewood Drive exceeding 34 mph had only slightly declined from 24.6% to 24.2% which was also a higher percentage than expected, typically approximately 15%.

Ms. Shah indicated the results of this speed survey indicated vehicular speed remains an issue on Bridlewood drive. Staff field reviewed the pavement legends and posted signage and recommended additional pavement legends and markings on southbound Bridlewood Drive between Vista Viejo Road and Laurel Crest Drive. Ms. Shah indicated Staff will continue to work with the Sheriff's Department on enforcement activity in this area and will also post the radar trailer in this area to increase driver education as to the appropriate speed on Bridlewood Drive. Should the speeding issue remain, the next incremental action will be evaluated.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION REQUESTED STAFF IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL PAVEMENT LEGENDS AND MARKINGS ON SOUTHBOUND BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE BETWEEN VISTA VIEJO ROAD AND LAUREL CREST DRIVE AND REPEAT THE SPEED SURVEY OF BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE IN SIX MONTHS' TIME. BY M/COMMISSIONER JONES, S/COMMISSIONER HERMAN. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 3-0, (VICE CHAIR STAAR ABSENT).

4.3 REPEAT SPEED SURVEY ON NELLIE GAIL ROAD BETWEEN OSO PARKWAY AND HIDDEN TRAIL ROAD

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by a resident in February 2018, regarding concerns of vehicular speeding and cut through traffic on Nellie Gail Road between Oso Parkway and Moulton Parkway. Staff initiated a traffic study and the results were presented at the May 16, 2018, meeting of the Traffic Commission. The study concluded the 85th percentile speed on Nellie Gail Road south of Oso Parkway (generally between Oso Parkway and Hidden Trail Road) was higher than expected and considered unacceptable for a residential character street. Additional traffic speed enforcement and use of the radar trailer were utilized to address this issue. The Traffic Commission requested Staff repeat the speed survey of Nellie Gail Road between Oso Parkway and Hidden Trail Road in six months' time.

In accordance with the Traffic Commission's request, the Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., (HCI) completed the attached January 9, 2019, speed survey of Nellie Gail Road from Oso Parkway to Hidden Trail Road. This speed survey determined the 85th percentile speed on Nellie Gail Road had reduced from 39 mph, as recorded in May 2018, to 34.8 mph in December 2018. The study also determined the percent of vehicles on Nellie Gail Road exceeding 35 mph had declined from 36% to 12.2 % which was within the expected percentage (15%).

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Ms. Shah indicated Staff will continue to work with the Sheriff's Department on enforcement activity in this area and will also post the radar trailer in this area to increase driver education as to the appropriate speed on Nellie Gail Road.

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BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/COMMISSIONER JONES.

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5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Lt. Stiverson indicated the Sheriff's Department will continue to monitor the areas mentioned in the agenda items, and will research the feasibility of additional crossing guards.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mark Jones indicated it was his last meeting and said it was an honor to work with the Traffic Commission and Staff.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Woodruff declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Approved By:

Chair Larry Woodruff