
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 18, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Tim Hillis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Tim Hillis, Chair
 Ed Rowe, Vice Chair
 Pamela Dow, Commissioner
 Donald Froelich, Commissioner

Absent: Rick Frazier, Commissioner

Staff Present: Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer; Cindy Sands,
 Administrative Assistant

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Bonnie Adams, a resident of Lost Colt Drive, presented the Traffic Commission with a Petition for Improving the Safety of Nellie Gail Equestrian Street Crossings and thanked the Traffic Commission for the recent improvements made to the equestrian crosswalks with signage and pavement markings. Ms. Adams stated that in her opinion it is not the visibility of the horses but the excessive speeds in which drivers approach the equestrian street crossings and reported that the crossing at Nellie Gail Road just above Lost Colt Drive is her greatest concern. Ms. Adams requested that the Traffic Commission consider the installation of blinking crosswalk lights and speed bumps or Botts dots at Lost Colt Drive and Nellie Gail Road and other equestrian crosswalks in Nellie Gail. Chair Hillis requested that this item be reviewed and addressed at the Traffic Commission meeting of September 19, 2012.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PAMELA DOW, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ED ROWE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2012, TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Froelich, Vice Chair Rowe, and Chair Hillis

NOES:

ABSENT: Commissioner Frazier

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 SCHOOL AND SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE AROUND VALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Staff stated that City Council requested a review of the school and speed limit signage in the vicinity of Valencia Elementary School. As a result of this request, staff performed a field review to compare the current signage with guidelines listed in the 2012 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and determined that sign modifications are necessary to be in compliance with current State standards. Staff is recommending that School Advance Warning Assembly D(CA) and School Speed Limit Assembly C(CA) signage be installed in the vicinity of Valencia Elementary School in all directions as traffic approaches the school crosswalk.

Commissioner Froelich inquired as to if all schools in Laguna Hills were in compliance. Staff reported that a review would be performed at all schools and modifications will be recommended to meet current standards.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FROELICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOW, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE SIGNAGE MODIFICATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF VALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT B.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Froelich, Vice Chair Rowe,
Chair Hillis

NOES:

ABSENT: Vice Chair Frazier

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 ENFORCEMENT OF OVERSIZED VEHICLE AND OVERSIZED COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS

Staff stated that this informational item is in regards to the City's ability to enforce parking regulations as stated in the Laguna Hills Municipal Code (LHMC) Chapter 11-12. In the past, staff has questioned the ability to enforce these parking regulations because the State does not allow local governments to make distinctions between classes of vehicles when adopting parking regulations; however, the City Attorney has looked into recent court cases and found that the City may adopt regulations that apply to limited classes of vehicles such as "oversized" vehicles or "oversized commercial" vehicles provided adequate notice is given. To improve the clarity of the City's regulations, staff will propose changes to the City's Municipal Code and current signage will be modified to reflect current regulations.

5.2 RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Staff submitted the planned schedule for deployment of the radar trailer and stated the Commission is welcome to make suggestions for other locations.

5.3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Staff not available.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Froelich requested information on the completion of the La Paz/I-5 Project.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Hillis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to the meeting of September 19, 2012.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Tim Hillis
Chair