



City of Salinas
Traffic and Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners:

Kendra Howell, Mayor's Appointee
Paula Matelli, District 1 – Orlando Osornio, District 2
Greg Hamer, District 3 – Jose Guerra, District 4
Eric Petersen, District 5 – Paul Hernandez, District 6

Rene Mendez, City Manager
David Jacobs, Public Works Director
Public Works Office: (831) 758-7241

Thursday, July 10, 2025, 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Commissioner Kendra Howell
Commissioner Paula Matelli
Commissioner Greg Hamer
Commissioner Jose Guerra
Commissioner Eric Petersen
Commissioner Paul Hernandez

Absent: 0

Chairperson Kendra Howell introduced Commissioner Paula Matelli, appointed by Councilmember Jose Barajas.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

ID#25-230 Approval of Minutes: June 12, 2025

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of June 12, 2025 Commission Meeting

Upon Motion by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Hamer, a motion was made to approve Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2025

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Commissioners Howell, Matelli, Osornio, Hamer, Guerra, Petersen, and Hernandez

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 0 - None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ID#25-284 Criteria for Prioritization of Traffic Calming Projects Study Session

Recommendation: No action required. The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to provide feedback on proposed criteria.

Assistant Engineer Gerardo Rodriguez made a presentation, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioners had general questions and comments; Commissioners provided feedback to staff. (No motion required)

Resident Yolanda Hayes approached the Commission to ask general questions regarding the Traffic Calming process, answered by Commissioners and staff.

CONSIDERATION AGENDA

ID#25-273 2025 Engineering and Traffic Surveys for Speed Limits

Recommendation: Provide feedback on the 2025 Engineering and Traffic Surveys and recommend City Council adopt a Resolution approving the establishment of speed limits, as recommended by the 2025 Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits Technical Report.

Junior Engineer Jonathan Hernandez made a presentation, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioners had general questions and comments; Commissioners provided feedback to staff.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Hamer, seconded by Commissioner Guerra, a motion was made to recommend City Council adopt a Resolution approving the establishment of speed limits, as recommended by the 2025 Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits Technical Report.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Commissioners Howell, Matelli, Osornio, Hamer, Guerra, Petersen, and Hernandez

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 0 - None

ID#25-275 Arcadia Way Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan

Recommendation: Recommend City Council adopt a Resolution approving the Arcadia Way Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for implementation.

Assistant Engineer Gerardo Rodriguez made a presentation, on file in the Public Works Department.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Osornio, seconded by Commissioner Guerra, a motion was made to recommend City Council adopt a Resolution approving the Arcadia Way Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for implementation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Commissioners Howell, Matelli, Osornio, Hamer, Guerra, Petersen, and Hernandez

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 0 - None

ID#25-283 Annual Election of Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Recommendation: Receive nominations for Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve one-year terms.

Commissioner Osornio nominated Commissioner Howell to serve as Commission Chairperson, but Commissioner Howell advised she is stepping down from the Commission, effective after tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Howell nominated Commissioner Hamer to serve as Commission Chairperson, Commissioner Petersen seconded the nomination, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Commissioner Osornio nominated Commissioner Guerra to serve as Commission Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner Petersen seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS

Commissioner Howell let the Commission know that she is stepping down as a Commissioner, effective after tonight's meeting. She has been honored to serve on the Commission and has learned a lot over the years.

Commissioner Osornio thanked Commissioner Howell for her years of service.

Commissioner Hernandez also thanked Commissioner Howell for her great service.

Commissioner Hamer echoed what other Commissioners expressed in thanking Commissioner Howell for her service. Commissioner Hamer provided his email and phone number for any assistance needed.

Commissioner Matelli thanked everyone for her first meeting.

Commissioner Petersen made comments regarding his service on the Police Advisory Committee. Commissioner Petersen suggested Commissioners explore doing ride alongs with the Police Department.

Commissioner Petersen suggested the idea of asking retired police officers to attend Commission meetings, if available.

Commissioner Guerra commented he is appreciative of the great work the Commission is doing and the service being done by fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Guerra invited Commissioners and the public to attend the Crusaders Car Show on July 26th in Soledad.

Commissioner Howell suggested a Police Department representative be invited to provide an update on their Traffic Safety Grant to the Commission.

Commissioner Howell recommended fellow Commissioners take advantage of attending all the various public meetings available.

Gerardo Rodriguez commented he is very thankful to Commissioner Howell for her great service on the Commission. He also welcomed Commissioner Matelli to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT / ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING: August 14, 2025

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

Commissioner Petersen will be here for the August Commission meeting, but will not be in attendance at the September meeting; all other Commissioners present plan to attend the August 14th meeting.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Greg Hamer

ATTEST:

Crissy English, Administrative Secretary

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