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City of Salinas
Traffic and Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners:

**Kendra Howell, Mayor’s Appointee
(vacant), District 1 – Andres Canseco, District 2
Greg Hamer, District 3 – Ulises Gonzalez Reyes, District 4
Eric Quigley, District 5 – Blanca Pauda, District 6**

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

Thursday, August 8, 2024, 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Commissioner Kendra Howell
Commissioner Andres Canseco
Commissioner Greg Hamer
Commissioner Ulises Gonzalez Reyes
Commissioner Eric Quigley
Commissioner Blanca Pauda

Absent: 0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

ID#24-460 Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2024

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of July 11, 2024 Commission Meeting

Upon Motion by Commissioner Hamer, seconded by Commissioner Howell, a motion was made to approve Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2024

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Commissioner Howell, Commissioner Canseco, Commissioner Hamer, Commissioner Gonzalez Reyes, Commissioner Quigley, and Commissioner Pauda

CONSIDERATION AGENDA

ID#24-458 **Draft 2024 Salinas Active Transportation Plan**

Recommendation: Recommend City Council approve the 2024 Salinas Active Transportation Plan

Frederik Venter of Kimley-Horn presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioners had general questions, answered by Mr. Venter.

David Smith approached the Commission to comment regarding the Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Smith commented there are many other transportation facilities throughout the City besides those for pedestrians and bicyclists, i.e. roundabouts. He is concerned with the cleaning of certain areas; does not agree with the installation of the yellow traffic “bumps”; and believes the cost of the study is a bit high.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Hamer, a motion was made to recommend approval of ID# 24-458, 2024 Salinas Active Transportation Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Howell, Commissioner Canseco, Commissioner Hamer, and Commissioner Pauda

Noes: 2 - Commissioners Gonzalez Reyes and Quigley

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS

Commissioner Hamer commented he is a daily walker and bike rider within the City. He appreciates the City being a Vision Zero City. With the recent accident involving a two year old and four year old, he would like to see the City step up more traffic safety, especially projects connecting the north and south parts of the City.

Commissioner Canseco commented he is very concerned with the recent accident on Alisal. He would like to see more measures taken to slow down traffic.

Commissioner Quigley reported a 12-year old was killed in San Jose due to unsafe traffic facilities. He does not believe most residents will use bicycle lanes.

Commissioner Pauda commented she is also a biker and a walker. She would like to see improvements made on Alvin Drive to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Commissioner Howell announced the City of Salinas has been officially certified as a Blue Zone Community. City staff has worked hard over the past 4+ years to become Blue Zone designated. A celebration Event will take place on Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 11am – 2pm, at Central Park.

Commissioner Gonzalez Reyes thanked fellow Commissioners for nominating him to be the Commission Chairperson. He appreciates fellow Commissioners showing confidence in him.

ADJOURNMENT / ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

All Commissioners present plan to attend the September 12th meeting.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Ulises Gonzalez Reyes

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary

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