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City of Salinas
Traffic and Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners:

Gemma Dailey, 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, December 11, 2025, 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Gemma Dailey
Commissioner Paula Matelli
Commissioner Greg Hamer
Commissioner Jose Guerra
Commissioner Eric Petersen

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Orlando Osornio
Commissioner Paul Hernandez

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

ID#25-589 Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2025

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of November 13, 2025 Commission Meeting

Upon Motion by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Dailey, a motion was made to approve Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2025

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioners Dailey, Matelli, Hamer, and Guerra

Noes: 0 - None

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Petersen

Absent: 2 - Commissioners Osornio and Hernandez

CONSIDERATION AGENDA

ID#25-584 **Parking Citation Fine – Penalty for California Daylight Law Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413)**

Recommendation: Motion to recommend City Council approve a Resolution amending the schedule of Parking Citation Fines to add a fine of \$45.00 for daylighting parking violations pursuant to the California Daylighting Law, Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413).

Gerardo Rodriguez presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Leo De La Rosa approached the Commission to suggest public outreach be done to better inform the public. The Police Advisory Commission should also do some public outreach.

Mr. De La Rosa also commented the fines are very low. Besides not having enough police and code enforcement officers, lower fines do not encourage people to follow the laws. He advised the City might want to consider raising the fines.

Michelle Overmeyer approached the Commission to ask an exemption be provided for MST buses.

A Zoom public comment was received from Eduardo Esparza. Mr. Esparza wanted to emphasize again the importance of informing the public through public flyers and brochures, similar to the public outreach done by Waste Management.

Commissioner Petersen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Guerra, to approve ID# 25-584, Parking Citation Fine – Penalty for California Daylight Law Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413), adding an exemption for MST buses.

An alternate Motion was made by Commissioner Hamer, seconded by Commissioner Matelli, to approve ID# 25-584, Parking Citation Fine – Penalty for California Daylight Law Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413), as written – with no special exemption for MST.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioners Dailey, Matelli, Hamer, and Petersen

Noes: 1 - Commissioner Guerra

Absent: 2 - Commissioners Osornio and Hernandez

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS

Commissioner Petersen reported Palo Alto has a free daily newspaper. There was a letter to the editor regarding protected bike lanes on El Camino Real that were not being kept clean.

Commissioner Dailey commented regarding recent pedestrian and vehicular accidents that have been happening within this last year, she feels this issue should be addressed.

Commissioner Guerra commented regarding the new mental health institution being built in Creekbridge, he would like to see the public provide their comments.

Commissioner Guerra reported their will be a sit down discussion with Commander Gonzalez of the Saliens PD on Tuesday, 12/16, at 10:30am, at the Creekridge Starbucks, to talk about the recent school shooting.

Commissioner Hamer commented regarding the recent pedestrian accident on Harden Parkway, he would like to see more public education regarding pedestrian and traffic safety.

Commissioner Hamer commented regarding speeding and traffic along the Lincoln and Central Avenue area, he would like the striping between Market and Central to be looked at. There is a loading and parking zone in the middle of the bike lane, there seems to be enough area to have both, for it to be spread out.

ADJOURNMENT / ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

All Commissioners present plan to attend the January 8th meeting.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Greg Hamer

ATTEST:

Crissy English, Administrative Secretary

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