



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, January 8, 2026, 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Gemma Dailey
Commissioner Paula Matelli
Commissioner Jose Guerra
Commissioner Eric Petersen
Commissioner Paul Hernandez

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Orlando Osornio
Commissioner Greg Hamer

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

ID#25-610 Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2025

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of December 11, 2025 Commission Meeting

Upon Motion by Commissioner Matelli, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, a motion was made to approve Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioners Dailey, Matelli, Guerra, Petersen, and Hernandez

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 2 - Commissioners Osornio and Hamer

PRESENTATION

ID#25-616 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Pedestrian and Bike Safety Grant Funds

Recommendation: No action is required, the Traffic and Transportation Commission will receive a presentation by the Salinas Police Department regarding their Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds for Pedestrian and Bike Safety

Assistant Engineer Gerardo Rodrigue introduced Sergeant Seth Morten of the Salinas Police Department, who provided a presentation for the Commission.

Vickie Rahman, Police Department Management Analyst, spoke regarding PD grants and programs.

Michelle Overmeyer of MST commented, via Zoom, that she will reach out to Vickie Rahman regarding the educational component for MST.

Tonya Erickson spoke regarding staffing conditions and overtime.

CONSIDERATION AGENDA

ID#25-615 All-Way STOP Request for North Madeira Avenue at Roosevelt Street

Recommendation: Recommend City Council approve a Resolution establishing an All-Way STOP installation at the intersection of North Madeira Avenue and Roosevelt Street

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

Maya Chavez, resident of District 4, approached the Commission. She reported there have been lots of crashes and a flipped truck at this intersection. There is lots of pedestrian traffic, including school children. She supports the installation of an All-Way STOP.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Dailey, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, a motion was made to approve ID#25-615, All-Way STOP Request for North Madeira Avenue and Roosevelt Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioners Dailey, Matelli, Guerra, Petersen, and Hernandez
Noes: 0 - None
Absent: 2 - Commissioners Osornio and Hamer

ID#25-614 All-Way STOP Request for California and East San Luis Streets

Recommendation: Recommend City Council approve a Resolution establishing an All-Way STOP installation at the intersection of California and East San Luis Streets

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

Upon Motion by Commissioner Matelli, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, a motion was made to approve ID#25-614, All-Way STOP Request for California and East San Luis Streets, with consideration for updating striping at the intersection.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioners Dailey, Guerra, Petersen, and Hernandez
Noes: 1 - Commissioner Matelli
Absent: 2 - Commissioners Osornio and Hamer

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS

Commissioner Matelli provided an update for the parking citation she received. She was successful in disputing the citation, her photos were helpful in showing the No Parking sign was blocked.

Commissioner Hernandez reported there is street lighting out all over the City – in Creekbridge on Lexington, down to Safeway; also on Market Street, Saint Edwards all the way to the hospital; and several other areas.

Commissioner Petersen reported lights are also out on First Street and Cherokee.

Commissioner Petersen asked about the status of traffic calming on the 1700 - 1800 block of Cherokee Drive. Gerardo Rodriguez provided information.

Commissioner Dailey wanted to thank staff for all the work being done for the Commission. Mayor Donohue had a luncheon before Christmas to chat with Commissioners and she was very proud to report on the of work being done on our Commission.

Commissioner Guerra had general comments regarding improvements and speeding in the Monte Bella Community; including lights out at various locations – on Sconberg, Tuscany Palermo, Williams Road, Ramona Avenue, and Laurel. Also, they have requested blinking crosswalks on Williams at Grandhaven and Ramona at Laurel.

ADJOURNMENT / ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

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

APPROVED:

Vice-Chairperson Jose Guerra

ATTEST:

Crissy English, Administrative Secretary

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