

## **MEETING MINUTES SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Howell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Kendra Howell  
Commissioner John Viarengo  
Commissioner Chris Flescher  
Commissioner Mary Ann Worden  
Commissioner Stephen Kennedy

ABSENT: Commissioner Jose Castillo (staff received no notification of Commissioner Castillo's absence)

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Russell, P.E., City Engineer  
James Serrano, Transportation Manager  
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF): NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:  
Eric Petersen approached the Commission to report that at the TAMC Pedestrian Bicycle meeting held last night they are bringing back the bicycle loaner program, he would like to see the City of Salinas bring back a similar program.

Mr. Petersen spoke about parking in downtown Palo Alto. Downtown Palo Alto is thriving and doing very well with their parking program. Mr. Petersen brought copies of an overview of the Palo Alto parking program for Commissioners to review.

4. BUSINESS

### A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2016

**COMMISSIONER WORDEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA (8/18/16 MINUTES), COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

## B. CONSIDERATION REPORTS:

### 1. NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLANS

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend to City Council the approval for implementation of traffic calming plans supported by residents.

James Serrano provided his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Kennedy asked questions regarding the voting requirements (percentages required), James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Worden advised homeowners need to be notified as well as renters. James Serrano advised residents who live in the areas were notified.

Commissioner Kennedy asked about the 25mph speed limit in residential areas, would it help to install more signage? James Serrano advised the policy is to install speed limit signs at the entrance to neighborhoods.

Commissioner Worden commented there are no speed limit signs at the entrance to her neighborhood and others in her area.

Commissioner Kennedy suggested speed limit signs should be an item included in the Vision Zero policy.

Commissioner Howell asked about the timeframe for implementation (in relation to the Rosarita Drive Traffic Calming Plan), James Serrano advised the process was started in December 2015.

Commissioner Worden asked if there were any plans for traffic calming in front of Alvarez High School, James Serrano advised traffic is so congested in this area there is no need to slow it down. Commissioner Worden advised something is needed for the kids crossing in front of the school, James Serrano advised a traffic signal has been requested at this location, but studies show installation at this time would make the situation worse.

Commissioner Viarengo commented cut-through traffic is a big problem in the Rosarita area. Commissioner Viarengo attended one of the community meetings held at the Church and he was impressed by how informational the meeting was.

Resident Frank Bellafiore approached the Commission to comment that homeowners might have more of a commitment than renters, he asked if there had been any consideration to let homeowners vote instead of renters? James Serrano advised the policy is designed to allow resident to vote because they are who is effected by the speeding.

A resident from the Rosarita area approached the Commission to voice his support of the Traffic Calming Program for Rosarita and he would sincerely appreciate any measures that can be taken in his area as soon as possible.

Yolanda Hayes, resident of the Little River neighborhood, approached the Commission. She asked about the speed cushion being removed from Stony Brook, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Kennedy asked about the speed cushion being removed from Stony Brook, James Serrano provided information.

Frank Bellafiore approached the Commission again to comment about the speed cushion being removed from Stony Brook, he asked if this speed bump could be put on hold for future consideration.

Commissioner Howell wanted to commend the residents present for their efforts in bringing the Traffic Calming Programs forward to fruition.

**COMMISSIONER KENNEDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #1 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plans); COMMISSIONER FLESHER SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

C. INFORMATION ITEMS / ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: NONE

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

A. Commissioner Flesher reminded everyone that Ciclovía Salinas will happen on Sunday, 10/9/16, from 10am – 2pm on East Alisal Street.

B. Commissioner Kennedy commented regarding the “Vision Zero” program, he will forward a power point presentation prepared by the City of Fremont.

Commissioner Kennedy reported there is a Stop sign at Harden Parkway, in the medical facility area, that has been knocked down.

C. Commissioner Viarengo reported there is excessive speeding on E. Bernal, between Natividad and N. Main; and also on Maryal.

D. Commissioner Worden reported there is a Stop sign on Rider and Antigua that was knocked down last weekend and is completely broken, near Frank Paul School.

Commissioner Worden commented it is important for Commissioners to be involved and attend some of the residential Traffic Calming meetings to get a first-hand view of the reaction of residents.

Commissioner Worden wanted to say Thank You to her fellow Commissioners for their support throughout the years.

- E. Commissioner Howell commented it was nice to hear residents acknowledging staff for all the hard work done in bringing the Traffic Calming Programs forward; she would be interested in hearing follow up from the residents on how the programs work out.

Commissioner Howell stated she was glad to see recent enforcement for crosswalks on N. Main Street, enforcement is an important part of traffic safety.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: October 13, 2016

Commissioner Viarengo will not be present at the 10/13/16 Commission Meeting; all other Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

APPROVED:

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Commissioner Howell, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Crissy White, Administrative Secretary

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