

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Tack called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Tack
Commissioner Kendra Howell
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Yolanda Hayes
Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner Elias Nunez

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Sandoval, Assistant PW Director / City Engineer
James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer
Jose Saucedo, Assistant Engineer
Robert Hampson, Police Sergeant
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF):

Staff has received recent communications from Annemarie and Frank Tresch regarding traffic calming on Romie Lane and California Street; and an email from Exclusive Auto Body regarding Consent Item #18-549. Both communications have been provided to Commissioners.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:

4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 18-613 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 13, 2018
Approval of Commission minutes was continued until the next meeting.
2. ITEM ID# 18-549 – THREE 20-MINUTE GREEN ZONE DESIGNATIONS at
516 EAST ALISAL STREET

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council adopt a resolution to approve the installation of three 20-minute green zone designations for the business located at 516 East Alisal Street

Alex Rios of Exclusive Auto Body approached the Commission. Mr. Rios wanted to note that he objects to all three zones being converted to 20-Minute Zones. He is okay with two zones being installed, but not all three.

Commissioner Howell asked about the timing of enforcement of the green zones. Commissioner Nunez commented this area has had a long-standing problem with the parking issue.

3. ITEM ID# 18-557 – WEST CURTIS STREET TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE: SIGHTLINE CLEARANCE at W. CURTIS STREET at NORTH THIRD STREET and at NORTH SECOND STREET

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending to City Council the removal of approximately 150 feet of parking at the intersection of West Curtis Street at North Third Street and at North Second Street

Angelina Partido approached the Commission, she is a resident on North Third Street. Mrs. Partido asked if speed bumps were being considered for north First Street, in the Boeing Avenue area. Mrs. Partido also had questions regarding the red zones being installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivera of West Curtis Street approached the Commission. They are concerned with the extent of the recommended red zoning around the curve.

4. ITEM ID# 18-582 – FOUR GREEN ZONE DESIGNATIONS at 514 WORK STREET

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council adopt a resolution to approve four green zone designations at 514 Work Street

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, COMMISSIONER HAYES DID NOT APPROVE, COMMISSIONERS TACK, VIARENGO, FLESCHER, AND NUNEZ WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 18-603 – UPDATE ON THE REMOVAL OF UNCONTROLLED MARKED CROSSWALKS at EAST ROMIE LANE and ALAMEDA AVENUE; and the MIDBLOCK on WILLIAMS ROAD

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending to City Council removal of uncontrolled marked crosswalk at the intersection of East Romie Lane and Alameda Avenue

Andrew Easterling presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to report at the intersection of Romie Lane and Alameda there is a large tree that blocks sight of the crosswalk.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #1 (Removal of Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk at East Romie Lane and Alameda Avenue), COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

2. ITEM ID# 18-609 – 2018 ENGINEERING and TRAFFIC SURVEY for SPEED LIMITS

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council establish proposed speed limits in accordance with the California Vehicle Code

Andrew Easterling presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Hayes asked about the frequency of when the studies were done, Andrew Easterling provided info.

Commissioner Hayes had general comments regarding the City's input into the speed zones and asked for a followup presentation to the Commission regarding arterial streets.

Commissioners Hill and Nunez had general comments regarding how speeds are determined.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to comment regarding the speed limit survey. She is opposed to raising the speed limits, especially in the school areas.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to comment regarding the speed limit laws and the need to hire more police traffic enforcement.

Commissioners Howell and Tack commented regarding additional police enforcement and approving actions that enable them to perform enforcement.

Commissioner Tack clarified that he agrees with providing the Police Department with the tools they need to provided enforcement, but he does not approve of raising speed limits.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #2 (2018 Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits), COMMISSIONER HILL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. ITEM ID# 18-583 – DOWNTOWN VIBRANCY PLAN: MAIN STREET STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive a project update on the Main Street Streetscape Project and provide comments.

Andrew Easterling presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

2. ITEM ID# 18-612 – DRAFT EAST ALISAL CORRIDOR CONCEPTS

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive a project update on the Main Street Streetscape Project and provide comments.

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

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to provide comments regarding this project. Mr. Petersen is concerned with the two-way bicycle.

Mr. Petersen expressed his concerns with not being allowed to speak as long as other members of the public.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission and commented she hoped the current benches and planters along Alisal Street would be kept in place. Mrs. Worden commented she would like to see all the lights wired correctly.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Hayes commented regarding a lot of traffic congestion throughout town.
- B. Commissioner Howell is glad to see that gas tax funding is going to be kept to fund more transportation projects. As projects move forward it is important to include collaboration and open communication with different advocacy groups and the community so that no one feels left out.

- C. Commissioner Viarengo commented it is nice to see demolition started on Lincoln and East Market Street.
- D. Commissioner Nunez commented he is glad to be back at Commission meetings.
- E. Commissioner Tack wanted to thank staff for trimming a tree he reported at the corner of Nichols and Alvin.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: December 13, 2018

All Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Larry Tack, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary
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