

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, January 10, 2019, 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 Brandon Hill
Commissioner Elias Nunez
Commissioner Bill Laughton

ABSENT: None

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

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF): NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:
Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to thank them for left hand turn signals being installed at: Sanborn / Del Monte; Sanborn / Freedom; and Constitution / Independence.

Fely Garden approached the Commission to express the signal timing should be checked at Maryal / Laurel and at Bernal / North Main. On Maryal at Laurel, the light does not stay green for more than two vehicles to go on the Maryal side. On Bernal / North Main, the light does not stay green for more than two vehicles to go on the Bernal side.

4. BUSINESS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT / PRESENTATIONS:

1. ITEM ID# 18-703 – Alliance on Aging – Senior Transportation Service

Receive informational presentation on Senior Transportation Services from Alliance on Aging.

COMMISSION ACTION: The Commission received an informational presentation from Maribel Trejo, Senior Transportation Specialist.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-032 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approve minutes of November 8, 2018 Commission meeting.
2. ITEM ID# 18-702 – SIGHT LINE CLEARANCE at SAN VICENTE AVENUE
and TALBOT STREET

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council adopt a resolution approving approximately 35 feet of “No Parking” Red Curb marking to provide sufficient sight lines at the intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street.

3. ITEM ID# 18-710 – CHAPARRAL STREET / MARYAL DRIVE
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council adopt a resolution approving the implementation of the Chaparral Street / Maryal Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan.

Andrew Easterling provided a presentation, on file in the Public Works Department.

Robert Chapin approached the Commission to make comments, Mr. Chapin is in favor of the Chaparral Street / Maryal Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan.

Councilmember Gloria De La Rosa, representing District 4, approached the Commission to make comments regarding the importance of receiving public input and support for traffic calming issues throughout the City.

Victor Cervantes, resident of Chaparral Street, approached the Commission to express one of the issues he has is drivers speeding down the street and hitting his vehicle.

Joe Truscott approached the Commission to express he has seen traffic increase on Chaparral since he has lived there (1992). Mr. Truscott thanked and appreciates staff for their work in bringing this project forward.

Fely Garden approached the Commission to ask questions about the location of the speed bumps and the timeline for construction. Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Howell thanked staff for working with the public to guide them through the process and also thanked the community for working together to make a positive difference.

Commissioner Hill asked about the timeline for project construction; and thanked the community for working together to get traffic calming for their neighborhood.

Commissioner Flesher made comments to the public regarding supporting the Street Smarts program.

Commissioner Viarengo commented traffic calming has worked well for Rosarita Drive.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #18-710, COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

4. ITEM ID# 18-701 – EAST ALISAL CORRIDOR COMPLETE STREETS PLAN

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council adopt a resolution accepting the East Alisal Corridor Plan

COMMISSIONER VIARENGO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #19-032, #18-702, and #18-701), COMMISSIONER HILL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 18-705 – “NO PARKING” RED ZONES ALONG CARIBBEAN AVENUE and HAWAII PLACE

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council adopt a resolution approving the establishment of “No Parking” Red Zones along Caribbean Avenue and Hawaii Place to provide a passing zone.

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

Commissioners Hill and Tack had general questions, answered by Andrew Easterling.

Gladice, a resident who has lived in the area for about a year, approached the Commission to express her support and concern for the need for the red zones.

Mary Ann Worden, resident, approached the Commission to voice her concerns and provide support for installing red zones.

Councilmember Gloria De La Rosa approached the Commission to comment on her experience driving in this area frequently and the need for a red zone installation at this location.

Commissioner Viarengo commented he is in support of this item and commends the public for making good points.

Commissioner Nunez commented he has been out to the area and does see a need for the red zone installation.

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #18-705, COMMISSIONER NUNEZ SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

2. ITEM ID# 18-699 – DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT UPDATE

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive a project update on the Downtown Complete Streets Project.

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

Commissioner Howell reported that Dan Burden will be back in town on January 30th and this would be a good project for him to be familiar with.

Commissioner Flescher asked about the traffic signal installation at the intersection of Capital and Alisal. Commissioner Flescher commented the sidewalks in this area of Alisal are in need of repair.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to ask general questions regarding this project, staff provided information.

3. ITEM ID# 18-704 – SALINAS CROSSWALK POLICY UPDATE and TRANSPORTATION GRANT ACCEPTANCE

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council adopt a resolution adopting the Salinas Crosswalk Policy Update; accepting grants received for City transportation projects; and authorizing the Public Works Director to execute agreements related to the Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant.

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

COMMISSIONER VIARENGO, MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #18-704, COMMISSIONER NUNEZ SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Hill commented regarding potholes that were repaired but are coming back after just a short period of time. He was wondering if something could be done to check on the quality of the work.

Commissioner Hill asked if staff could bring a report back to the Commission regarding a budget update.

B. Commissioner Howell asked about the status of the downtown parking program, James Serrano provided information.

C. Commissioner Flescher commented it is nice to see demolition work going on at Lincoln and East Market Street.

Commissioner Flescher reported the walk light might need to be checked at Laurel and Constitution. The walk light seems to go on when there is no one there to cross.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: February 14, 2019

All Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Larry Tack, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary
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