

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, April 11, 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 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Tack
Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Elias Nunez
Commissioner Sophia Rome
Commissioner Jeff Davis

ABSENT: Commissioner John Viarengo (staff received notification of Commissioner Viarengo's absence on 4/3/19)

STAFF PRESENT: James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF):
Staff received a fax from Abigail Long regarding tonight's Consideration Item, Parking Restriction on Kern Street, copies have been provided to Commissioners.
3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:
NONE
4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-242 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approve minutes of March 14, 2019 Commission meeting.
2. ITEM ID# 19-214 – "NO PARKING" RED ZONES at the INTERSECTION of CARR AVENUE and FREMONT STREET

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council establish approximately 70 feet of "No Parking" red zones at the intersection of Carr Avenue and Fremont Street.

3. ITEM ID# 19-221 – “NO PARKING” RED ZONES at the INTERSECTION of AMARILLO WAY and RIDER AVENUE

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council establish approximately 95 feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Amarillo Way and Rider Avenue to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to ask about the red zones being placed on Rider Avenue at Amarillo. Mrs. Worden suggested the red zones extend around the corners on Amarillo. James Serrano provided information regarding enforcement and the placement of the red zones.

Mrs. Worden also commented they are waiting for the red zones to be placed at Pacific, Caribbean, and Tahiti.

Commissioner Davis asked what the maintenance plan is for the red zone installations, James Serrano advised our Public Works maintenance staff will be performing maintenance.

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS #19-242, 19-214, and 19-221), COMMISSIONER ROME SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-133 – PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON KERN STREET

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council consider establishing parking restrictions at the northern terminus of Kern Street.

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

Commissioner Nunez asked if the residents were happy with any of the proposed recommendations, James Serrano advised residents are mostly concerned with retaining as much parking as possible.

Commissioner Davis asked about the exit at southbound 101, work being done with CalTrans to figure out a traffic solution, and installing a traffic signal versus a roundabout. James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Rome asked about the new signal installed at Sanborn and Fairview that has not been activated. James Serrano provided information regarding work being done at Elvee Drive that affects the signal at Sanborn and Fairview. Commissioner Rome expressed

the same issue may occur with placing a traffic signal at this location, it appears other traffic issues need to be worked out first.

Commissioner Rome asked about the red zones being placed for sight distance where vehicles cannot turn right, James Serrano provided information regarding vehicles turning around.

Commissioner Rome commented regarding a request from Comfort Inn for a red zone to be placed in front of a fire hydrant. James Serrano advised the City has a policy of not placing red zones in front of fire hydrants due to financial and maintenance concerns.

Commissioner Rome made comments regarding sign placement.

Commissioner Davis asked about outsourcing red zone maintenance, James Serrano replied staff will be taking a look at this issue.

Alvis Moore approached the Commission to express residents believe proposal number three, as recommended by staff, is the best proposal. Each resident at the complex only has one parking space, so parking spaces are premium. Mr. Moore also discussed sign placement.

Commissioner Tack asked if City staff had any preference of which option they are proposing, James Serrano provided information.

Alicia Diaz, resident on Kern Street, approached the Commission to voice her support for the third parking plan. Traffic is a large problem for this section of Kern Street.

Gloria Moore approached the Commission to comment the onsite traffic plan for In and Out Burger needs to be improved. A better designation needs to be made for which driveway vehicles need to use when entering and exiting the facility. Mrs. Moore believes this is an example of very poor land use planning.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to provide a background of the developments that have occurred at this location.

Todd, resident on Kern Street, approached the Commission to ask about the signal placement, James Serrano provided information. Todd asked when the businesses were built here were they not required to provide for sufficient parking spaces. Todd also commented regarding the red zone being asked for at the fire hydrant by Mr. Patel. Todd commented the lines on Kern Street are faded and almost gone, repainting the lines would help improve the traffic flow.

Commissioner Tack thanked the public for attending tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Nunez commented alternative one added to alternative three with the red zone circle at the end seems to be the best option. Commissioner Nunez commented the

middle turning lane would help. James Serrano advised several additional parking spaces would be lost using alternative one.

Commissioner Tack advised he attended the community meeting with the Kern residents to listen to their traffic concerns. He believes alternative three is the best option, using alternative one would require losing too many parking spaces.

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #19-133, STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS, COMMISSIONER ROME SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Davis commented to Mr. Alvis Moore there is an app and a number that residents can call to report parking violations.

Commissioner Davis commented there was a past report brought to the Commission wherein raising certain speed zones was rejected; he asked if this item will be coming back to the Commission, James Serrano provided information.

- B. Commissioner Nunez asked about the extra speed cushions at the Public Works Yard, Andrew Easterling provided an update.

Commissioner Nunez reported the striping on the bridge on Davis over Market is pulling up.

- C. Commissioner Flescher reported there are several new red zones by the transit center, James Serrano advised these red zones are temporary.

Commissioner Flescher asked if Constitution is one of the streets proposed for resurfacing, James Serrano provided information.

- D. Commissioner Rome was excited to hear about the roundabouts update at the last Council meeting. She was driving westbound on Boronda headed from Creekbridge to the Northridge Mall and at the intersection of Boronda and Natividad the left turn is extended, the old striping is there and it's very hard to see the difference between the old and the new. This striping should be improved.

- E. Commissioner Tack commented he was happy to hear that Kern Street will be resurfaced in the next couple of years, this area is regularly frequented by tourists coming to Salinas.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: May 9, 2019

All Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Larry Tack, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary
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