

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

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, June 13, 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 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Tack  
Commissioner Brandon Hill  
Commissioner John Viarengo  
Commissioner Chris Flescher  
Commissioner Elias Nunez

ABSENT: Commissioner Sophia Rome (staff received notification of Commissioner Rome's absence on 6/7/19)  
Commissioner Jeff Davis (staff received notification of Commissioner Davis' absence on 6/13/19)

STAFF PRESENT: James Serrano, Transportation Manager  
Andrew Easterling, Traffic 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 advise the red curbs still have not been painted at the intersection corners of: 1) Tahiti and Pacific; and 2) Pacific and Caribbean. Mrs. Worden also reported vehicles are parking in the crosswalks at Pacific and Del Monte.

4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-342: APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Approve minutes of May 9, 2019 Commission meeting.

**COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #19-342, May 9th MINUTES, COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. ITEM ID# 19-325: "No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of West Alisal Street and Carmelita Drive

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council consider adopting a resolution approving the establishment of approximately 110 feet of "No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of West Alisal Street and Carmelita Drive to provide sufficient corner sight distance

James Serrano presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department. Andrew Easterling provided background information.

Eileen Munoz approached the Commission to ask about the No Parking Zone recommended for West Alisal Street and Carmelita. Mrs. Munoz is opposed to removal of parking at this location.

Commissioner Flescher asked about a future planned project for Alisal and if this project would change conditions at this intersection, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioners Nunez and Tack asked general questions regarding speed limits, Andrew Easterling provided information.

3. ITEM ID# 19-326: "No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of Donner Way at Donner Circle

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council establish approximately 75 feet of "No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of Donner way at Donner Circle

**COMMISSIONER NUNEZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS #19-325 AND 19-326, COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

#### B. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-312: REMOVAL OF UNCONTROLLED MARKED CROSSWALKS AT CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD AND MANCHESTER DRIVE

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council approve of removing the uncontrolled marked crosswalks located at the intersection of Constitution Boulevard and Manchester Drive

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

Commissioner Nunez asked about counts taken for pedestrians, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Flescher asked if the Commission had previously discussed installation of a traffic signal at this location, Andrew Easterling advised there are no plans for a signal.

Commissioner Tack asked about the cost of removing the crosswalk, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to state there has been no crosswalk at this location for quite a few years. She also reported traffic has backed up at this location during the noon hour for extended periods of time.

A resident approached the Commission (name inaudible). As a pedestrian she prefers to take the corner where the crosswalk is being removed because of vehicles turning at the traffic signal at this corner. She has spoken to other neighbors who are also not in favor of removing the crosswalk. Also, there are apartment complexes on both sides of the crosswalk.

Commissioner Nunez asked about the possibility of restriping the crosswalk, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Hill discussed pedestrians feeling a false sense of security when using a crosswalk and the need for pedestrians to be more alert.

**COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #19-312, COMMISSIONER NUNEZ SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Nunez asked about the re-striping recently done at Constitution / Natividad / Laurel – it seems like lanes have been shortened, Andrew Easterling provided information.
- B. Commissioner Hill asked about the possibility of installing Google Earth Maps on the overhead displays to be utilized during Commission meetings, James Serrano said he would research.
- C. Commissioner Viarengo reported on Work Street, near the Pilot Inn, striping needs to be refreshed.

D. Commissioner Flescher commented regarding the Traffic Safety presentation done by TAMC at the Steinbeck Center.

E. Commissioner Tack commented the slurry seal the City has completed looks very nice throughout the City.

Commissioner Tack thanked City staff and fellow Commissioners for his time served on the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: July 11, 2019

All Commissioners present plan to attend.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Commissioner Larry Tack, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Crissy White, Administrative Secretary  
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