

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Sophia Rome
Commissioner Jeff Davis
Commissioner Guadalupe Guzman-Rubio
Commissioner Elias Nunez

ABSENT: Commissioner John Viarengo (staff received notification of Commissioner Viarengo's absence on 8/8/19)

STAFF PRESENT: 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: NONE
4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-437: Approval of Minutes
Approve minutes of July 11, 2019 Commission meeting
2. ITEM ID# 19-421: Nacional Street Traffic Calming Plan

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council adopt a Resolution approving implementation of the Nacional Street Traffic Calming Plan supported by residents

Commissioner Davis pulled Item #19-421 for separate discussion.
Andrew Easterling presented his report, on file in the Public Works office.

Commissioner Davis wanted to thank staff for all the work done on the Nacional Traffic Calming Project; he wanted to give the public a chance to comment on the project.

Two residents of Nacional approached the Commission to thank staff and everyone involved for traffic calming measures taken on Nacional Street, the project has really improved conditions on their street.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #19-421, COMMISSIONER GUZMAN-RUBIO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

3. ITEM ID# 19-422: "No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of Cherokee Drive and Madrid Street

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council adopt a Resolution approving installation of a total of 35 feet "NO Parking" Red Zones to provide sufficient sight lines

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #19-437 AND #19-422, COMMISSIONER ROME SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. ITEM ID# 19-425: Proposed Signalization at North Main Street and Cherokee Drive Update

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive project update on proposed signalization at North Main Street and Cherokee Drive (no action necessary)

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

Commissioner Davis asked about striping and crosswalks, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Hill asked if maintenance of the signal would be the responsibility of the developer or the City, Andrew replied the signal would be owned and maintained by the City of Salinas.

Commissioner Nunez asked about street re-striping, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Flescher asked about crosswalk design, Andrew Easterling provided information. Commissioner Flescher asked why only three crosswalks are being installed instead of four, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to voice his concerns regarding the signal installation making traffic and parking issues worse in this neighborhood. There are other issues with pedestrian safety that are not being improved.

2. ITEM ID# 19-430: Alvin Drive and Linwood Drive Safe Routes to School Project Update

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive project update on the Alvin Drive and Linwood Drive Safe Routes to School Project (no action necessary)

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

Commissioner Davis asked general questions regarding the project, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Hill asked about Maryal Drive between Laurel and Bernal, James Serrano provided information.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to ask about the crosswalk at Alvin and First Street, James Serrano advised that crosswalk is not under the scope of the Alvin Drive / Linwood Drive Safe Routes to School Project and there have been no recommendations made by staff.

Commissioner Nunez asked about other projects, James Serrano provided information.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Flescher commented the intersection at the corner of Natividad and Laurel seems to have shifted, the lanes don't seem to line up. Also, going west on Laurel one of the street signs on Natividad is partially blocked by a tree.
- B. Commissioner Davis wanted to thank staff again for all the work done on Traffic and Transportation projects.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: September 12, 2019

All Commissioners present plan to attend.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Brandon Hill, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary
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