

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Elias Nunez
Commissioner Sophia Rome
Commissioner Jeff Davis

ABSENT: Commissioner Larry Tack (staff received notification of Commissioner Tack's absence on 3/7/19)

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Sandoval, Assistant PW Director / City Engineer
James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer
Tara Hullinger, Planning Manager
Jill Miller, Senior Planner
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

Commission Vice Chairperson Hill introduced new Commissioners Sophia Rome and Jeff Davis, appointed to the Commission by Mayor Joe Gunter and Councilmember Steve McShane, respectively.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF): NONE
3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA: NONE
4. BUSINESS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. ITEM ID# 19-165 – Parking Restrictions Along Bridge and East Lake Streets

Receive informational report on Council's approval of the designation and installation of red zones along Bridge Street, and the designation and installation of 20-minute green zones along East Lake Street in support of the Salinas Police Department Homeless Outreach Team station in Chinatown.

COMMISSION ACTION: The Commission received an informational report from James Serrano, Transportation Manager.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-061 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approve minutes of January 10, 2019 Commission meeting.
2. ITEM ID# 19-130 – “NO PARKING” RED ZONES at the INTERSECTION of GRIFFIN STREET and NEIL STREET

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council establish approximately forty feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil Street to provide sufficient sight lines.

COMMISSIONER VIARENGO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS #19-061 and 19-130), COMMISSIONER NUNEZ SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-172 – DRAFT WEST AREA SPECIFIC PLAN:
TRANSPORTATION and CIRCULATION

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending City Council approval of the Draft West Area Specific Plan based on the Transportation Impact Analysis and recommended mitigation measures contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project.

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

Commissioner Rome asked general questions regarding fair share contributions and how they are determined, intersections that were not mitigated, and traffic impacts to schools in the development. Andrew Easterling provided information.

Brian Finegan approached the Commission to represent developers for the development. Mr. Finegan wanted to thank staff for working with the developers to get through the requirements of the approval process.

Commissioner Rome commented she feels it is important to install the roundabouts before the development begins construction; and traffic impact fees for the 17 intersections need to be considered for mitigation as a part of the development.

Commissioner Nunez asked about the procedures for installing speed cushions; Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Flescher commented new urbanism and cul-de-sacs are good designs for new developments.

Commissioner Viarengo commented regarding the benefits of roundabouts.

Commissioner Nunez commented regarding traffic cutting through neighborhoods to avoid major intersections; residents have often come before the Commission to complain about this issue. Commissioner Nunez asked if one-way streets are considered when designing new developments. Andrew Easterling provided information. James Serrano commented traffic calming is an element considered as a part of new developments.

Jill Miller, Senior Planner, approached the Commission to provide information regarding the process of reviewing the draft EIR.

Commissioner Hill commented about parking being provided for the new schools. Tara Hullinger, Planning Manager, approached the Commission to discuss measures taken to provide parking and other traffic elements for the new schools.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #19-172, COMMISSIONER ROME SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Davis commented he is in favor of installing roundabouts versus traffic circles.
- B. Commissioner Rome commented she is happy to be a part of the Traffic and Transportation Commission and wanted to thank Staff for all their work tonight.
- C. Commissioner Viarengo commented about the new schools being included in the Salinas Union School District.
- D. Commissioner Flescher asked if the traffic signal timer at Alisal and Church had been replaced to change the timing for pedestrians on Church Street. James Serrano provided information.

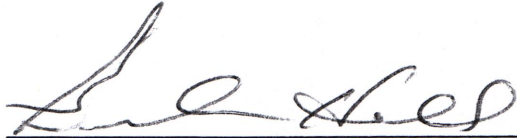
Commissioner Flescher asked if left turn arrows and sensors are being installed at Alisal and Church Streets, James Serrano provided info.

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

All Commissioners present plan to attend.

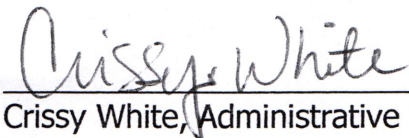
The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Commissioner Brandon Hill, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:



Crissy White, Administrative Secretary
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