

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, February 13, 2020, 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 Jeff Davis  
Commissioner Kendra Howell  
Commissioner Andres Canseco

ABSENT: Commissioner Guadalupe Guzman-Rubio (Commissioner Guzman-Rubio notified staff of his absence on 2/12/20)  
Commissioner Elias Nunez (staff received no notification of Commissioner Nunez's absence)

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:

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to express he is excited to see Salinas at the beginning of the Vision Zero Program and is looking forward to seeing safety improved.

Lisa Wegley with the Blue Zones Project in Salinas approached the Commission to provide an update on Blue Zones activities. Walking moais have been created throughout the City, within the different Council Districts, giving people a better opportunity to connect with their neighbors. They have received help from Sergeant Kendall Gray, Neighborhood Watch programs, and Anna Ambriz with Neighborhood Services. Mrs. Wegley invited Commissioners to attend a walking moai when they are available.

David Mack approached the Commission to express his concerns about large trucks parking overnight on Padre Avenue, between San Joaquin and Nissen. He has reported the problem through Salinas Connect; in the last two weeks he has witnessed people almost getting hit due to not being able to see when pulling out because of the large trucks.

4. BUSINESS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. ITEM ID# 20-032: **Downtown Vibrancy Plan: Main Street Streetscape Project Update**

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive project update on the Main Street Streetscape Project

The Commission received a presentation from Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer.

Commissioners had general questions, answered by Andrew Easterling.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to comment regarding money being spent on sidewalk repairs and the development of new apartments.

David Mack approached the Commission to thank staff for getting information out to the public regarding this project.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 20-061: **Approval of Minutes**

COMMISSION ACTION: Approve minutes of 1/9/20 Commission meeting

**COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS #20-061 (1/9/20 Minutes); #20-031 (N. DAVIS / WESTRIDGE DRIVEWAYS); and #20-054 (E. ROSSI STREET / BRIDGE STREET / TOM O WONG WAY); COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. ITEM ID# 20-030: **Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk Removal at Blanco Road and Padre Drive**

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council approve of removing an uncontrolled marked crosswalk at the intersection of Blanco Road and Padre Drive, in accordance with the City Crosswalk Policy

Commissioner Davis pulled Item ID# 20-030, Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk Removal at Blanco Road and Padre Drive, for separate discussion.

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

Commissioner Howell asked about the possibility of placing speed monitors in the area, Andrew Easterling provided information. Commissioner Howell asked about the re-striping of the other crosswalks, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Davis asked about traffic calming on Blanco Road, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Canseco commented pedestrians generally feel crosswalks are a safe place to cross.

Commissioner Flescher commented sidewalks on this street seem to be narrow, are there any plans to widen sidewalks? Andrew Easterling provided information.

David Mack approached the Commission to express he is in favor of removing the crosswalk due to safety concerns.

**COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEM ID# 20-030, COMMISSIONER FLESCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, COMMISSIONER DAVIS VOTED NO, COMMISSIONERS HILL AND CANSECO VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

3. ITEM ID# 20-031: **Removal of Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalks at North Davis Road and Westridge Driveways**

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council approve removal of uncontrolled marked crosswalks at the North David Road and Westridge Driveways

4. ITEM ID# 20-054: **Removal of Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalks at East Rossi Street and Bridge Street; and East Rossi Street and Tom O Wong Way**

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council approve of removing the uncontrolled marked crosswalks at the intersections of East Rossi Street and Bridge Street; and East Rossi Street and Tom O Wong Way

5. ITEM ID# 20-043: **"No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of Archer Street and Nacional Street**

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council establish a total of 110 feet "No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of Archer Street and Nacional Street

Lisa Rose of Nacional Street requested Item ID# 20-043, "No Parking" red zones at the intersection of Archer Street and Nacional Street, be pulled for separate discussion.

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

Lisa Rose approached the Commission to say there is very limited parking on the street, most of the time she has no place to place her garbage cans.

Commissioner Howell commented she can see both sides of the issue – a need for parking versus safety for drivers.

Commissioner Davis asked about future traffic calming for Nacional and if the number of vehicles will be decreased, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Commissioner Canseco commented he is concerned with the overall lack of parking spaces in the area.

**COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEM ID# 20-043, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

C. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 20-035: **Multi-way Stop at the intersection of Pajaro Street, San Ramon Circle, and San Pedro Street**

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council establish a multi-way stop at the intersection of Pajaro Street, San Ramon Circle, and San Pedro Street

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

Commissioner Canseco asked if a roundabout had been considered, Andrew Easterling provided information.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to express traveling this stretch of Pajaro Street is a pretty safe drive.

Commissioner Davis commented he is favor of the multi-way stop at this location.

**COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM ID# 20-035, COMMISSIONER CANSECO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. ITEM ID# 20-045: **20-Minute Green Zone Designations at 24 West Curtis Street**

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council approve the installation of 20-Minute Green Zone designations for the business at 24 West Curtis Street

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

Antonio Campos, business owner on West Curtis Street, approached the Commission to express his concerns for the lack of parking for businesses in the area. The businesses are losing customers due to no parking, it is a problem every day.

A business owner approached the Commission to comment timed street parking would not work for his customers, but perhaps it might work on the other side. His customers need more time to park.

Commissioners and staff discussed options for the parking restrictions between the affected business owners.

**COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM ID# 20-045, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.**

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Howell wanted to thank James Serrano for speaking to the media regarding street pavement improvements and striping.

Commissioner Howell commented she was happy to see City Council approve the Vision Zero Program earlier this week.

- B. Commissioner Davis wanted to thank staff for preparing very informational reports to provide complete information to the public and Commissioners.

- C. Commissioner Canseco reported he recently attended a traffic calming meeting and wanted to thank staff for doing a great job in bringing information forward to the public. There is still a lot of work out there to do.

- D. Commissioner Flescher reported at Market and Sherwood, as you're going north, the traffic signal is bent towards the east (should be facing south).

- E. Commissioner Hill asked about the parking and building being vacated by the Police Department, James Serrano provided information.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: March 12, 2020

All Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Commissioner Brandon Hill, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Crissy White, Administrative Secretary

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