



CITY of YORBA LINDA

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
4845 Casa Loma Avenue

Commissioners Present: Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong, Rothans

Staff Present: Garcia, Lai, Wang

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Yorba Linda Traffic Commission convened at 6:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda, California.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner De Santos led the flag salute.

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.a APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2024 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Rothans

That the Commission approve the January 25, 2024 Traffic Commission meeting minutes with an amendment to correct the roll call and show Commissioner De Santos absent; and item 6A With Hope Foundation 5K Run / Walk, that the motion for the Traffic Commission to provide input be revised to Commissioner Cugini.

AYES (4): Cugini, Johnson, Phayakapong, and Rothans

ABSTAINED (1): De Santos

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Cugini opened the comment portion of this item.

Seeing none, Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lai gave the Director's report and an update of the action items from the January 25, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Cugini opened the comment portion of this item.

Chairman Cugini asked regarding his inquiry about In-N-Out and the backup of the drive thru lane backing up to Lemon and Olinda. Did staff reach out to management. Director Lai indicated that staff reached out to the In-N-Out management, and they indicated that they would adjust as necessary to their queue to avoid overflow.

Commissioner Johnson indicated that he has noticed in the last two weeks a couple of times where the traffic overflows onto Lemon. Director Lai asked the Commission that any time they notice to please contact staff so they can follow up.

Chairman Cugini asked regarding his inquiry about the signals on Imperial and Casa Loma and Eureka late at night. They seem to be on a timer rather than on detection. Mr. Wang indicated that staff has already repaired the detection problems.

Chairman Cugini closed the comments on Director's report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.a MAIN STREET AND ARROYO WAY TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES

Tony Wang, Traffic Engineering Manager gave a staff report recommending that the Traffic Commission:

1. Approve the request to temporarily close Main Street from just north of the Yorba Linda Town Center entrance to Lemon Drive, and Arroyo Way from Main Street to School Street.

- Yorba Days, May 4, 2024 from 7 am to 3 pm
- Boots on Main, September 14, 2024, from 12 pm to 11 pm
- Holiday Program, December 7, 2024, from 12pm to 10 pm

2. Recommend the City Council to authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve future street closure requests for the same events from the same applicants, unless substantial changes have warranted that this request be brought back to the Traffic Commission for review again.

Chairman Cugini opened the comments portion of this item.

Commissioner De Santos thanked the applicants for always being receptive to any recommendations the Commission makes.

Chair Pro Tem Rothans asked for feedback regarding the closure of the drive-through at Clyde's. The applicant indicated that Clyde's was supportive and at the past event they received a lot of business.

Chairman Cugini asked that the applicants continue to ensure that signs are placed to not block emergency vehicle access.

Commissioner Johnson asked if applicants would be using the barricades on the Traffic Control Plan (TCP) or their own. Mr. Wang indicated that they would need to use the barricades on the TCP or submit a new TCP for approval.

Chairman Cugini indicated that the application for Yorba Days did not have the date. Mr. Wang stated that staff would ask the applicant to revise the application and add the date of the event.

Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Rothans

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission:

1. Approve the request to temporarily close Main Street from just north of the Yorba Linda Town Center entrance to Lemon Drive, and Arroyo Way from Main Street to School Street.
2. Recommend the City Council to authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve future street closure requests for the same events from the same applicants, unless substantial changes have warranted that this request be brought back to the Traffic Commission for review again.

Carried Unanimously

7.b LA CONCETTA DRIVE TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Tony Wang, Traffic Engineering Manager gave a staff report recommending the Traffic Commission approve Roadway Construction Service's request to conduct a temporary street closure to replace a power pole on La Concetta Drive between Pacifica Avenue and Bastanchury Road.

Chairman Cugini opened the comments portion of this item.

Commissioner De Santos asked that the resident notification be revised. The phone number listed for questions is incorrect. Mr. Wang indicated that staff would make the revision and that the applicant will notify the residents prior to the closure.

Commissioner De Santos asked that on the conditions of approval the notification to Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriff's Department is a bulleted item, so it doesn't get missed. Mr. Wang indicated that staff would revise.

Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

Moved by Rothans

Seconded by De Santos

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission approve Roadway Construction Service's request to conduct a temporary street closure to replace a power pole on La Concetta Drive between Pacifica Avenue and Bastanchury Road.

AYES (5): Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong, and Rothans

CARRIED (5 to 0)

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8.a JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024 TRAFFIC REPORTS (STATISTICS AND ACCIDENTS)

Chairman Cugini stated that Captain Wigginton was unable to attend the Traffic Commission meeting due to a prior commitment.

Chairman Cugini opened the comment portion of this item.

Seeing none, Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

Moved by Rothans

Seconded by Phayakapong

To receive and file Traffic Reports for January and February 2024.

AYES (5): Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong, and Rothans

CARRIED (5 to 0)

8.b 2023-2024 REPORTED TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

Chairman Cugini opened the comment portion of this item.

Chair Pro Tem Rothans thanked staff for obtaining the new data.

Chair Pro Tem Rothans asked that the report titled 2023-2024 Reported Traffic Collisions be renamed since he will be asking for a new row of data to be added to include non-reported traffic collisions. He asked that the report be called 2023-2024 Traffic Collisions.

Chair Pro Tem Rothans asked Commissioner Johnson for clarification on the report he requested for DUI-Traffic Enforcement. Did Commissioner Johnson want to see DUI enforcement from Deputy Castro only. Commissioner Johnson clarified that he wanted to see all of DUI enforcement including enforcement from Deputy Castro.

Commissioner Johnson asked for the difference between hazardous citations and nonhazardous. Chair Pro Tem Rothans explained that hazardous citations would be like driving too fast, something that creates a hazard. Nonhazardous would be like a parking citation or an equipment violation.

Chair Pro Tem Rothans further explained that they would look further at hazardous citations when it comes to enforcement to reduce traffic collisions.

Chairman Cugini asked for further clarification on hazardous citations and nonhazardous citations. Hazardous citations do not include DUIs. Chair Pro Tem Rothans confirmed.

Commissioner Johnson asked for Deputy Castro's duties. Director Lai will ask and get back to the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson stated that the enforcement of DUI is higher than on previous years.

Chair Pro Tem Rothans stated that the number of DUI arrests went up on 2023-2024, which indicates the enforcement has gone up.

Chairman Cugini asked the Commission if they would like to see the reported and non-reported collisions be more of an appendix to the new reports.

Director Lai asked the Commission for clarification on how the Commission would like to see the format of the reports going forward.

Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Phayakapong

To receive and file Reported Traffic Collision report.

AYES (5): Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong, and Rothans

CARRIED (5 to 0)

8.c 2023-2024 DUI-TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Phayakapong

To receive and file DUI-Traffic Enforcement report.

AYES (5): Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong, and Rothans

CARRIED (5 to 0)

8.d 2021-2024 YORBA LINDA DUI ARRESTS

Moved by Johnson
Seconded by Phayakapong

To receive and file 2021-2024 Yorba Linda DUI Arrests report.

AYES (5): Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong, and Rothans

CARRIED (5 to 0)

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Phayakapong thanked Mr. Wang for reviewing and approving the encroachment permit submitted for *Lobster Fest* on May 18, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson thanked staff for always helping with inquiries that he receives from the public.

Commissioner Johnson indicated that the Islamic center reached out to him and asked that once the construction on Bastanchury is completed and the traffic signal is installed, if the timing on the signal can be extended on Fridays during their prayer services same as it is on Imperial and Eureka. Mr. Wang indicated that staff would accommodate that request.

Commissioner Johnson asked staff if the red curb painted across the Islamic center was painted red by a resident or by the City. Can staff investigate if it was done by a resident can it be removed. The current homeowner does not mind people parking there. Director Lai indicated that staff could look at it. Mr. Wang added that the current homeowner can contact him and make a request.

Commissioner Johnson stated that the ATP committee is doing well, and they are hoping to give an update to the Commission soon.

Commissioner Johnson reminded everyone of the *I Love Yorba Linda* event coming up on April 27, 2024.

Chairman Cugini asked clarification from staff on residents not being allowed to paint their curbs red. Mr. Wang confirmed.

Chairman Cugini asked staff for an update on the Bastanchury project. Director Lai indicated that they are hoping for the project to be completed by July or August time frame. There were some delays due to the weather.

Commissioner Johnson asked that staff give an update on CIP projects. Director Lai indicated that staff would update the Commission on CIPs.

Commissioner Johnson asked about Savi Ranch and Buena Vista and Lakeview and when all those projects will begin. Director Lai indicated that staff would update the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson asked for an update on the Traffic Synchronization project on Orangethorpe. Mr. Wang indicated that the project is nearly complete. There are some delays due to adding a new cabinet controller at the intersection of Esperanza and New River and staff is waiting on the design from Edison. Staff is working with SCE on obtaining it.

Commissioner Johnson would like to know what the process is to have the synchronization of the signals during most of the day rather than only at peak hours. Mr. Wang explained that the City currently offers AM, mid-day, and PM peak hours. The timing plans were developed based upon demand.

Chairman Cugini asked for staff to confirm that there will be an April Commission meeting. Director Lai confirmed.

Chairman Cugini asked regarding work being done at Yorba Linda Blvd and Via del Agua past Yorba Ranch Road. Director Lai indicated that it is the Cielo project, the traffic signal being placed as part of the Cielo development.

Chairman Cugini asked if that would be part of the synchronization along Yorba Linda Blvd. Director Lai confirmed.

Chairman Cugini asked that the signals be added to the list of synchronization in case the Commissioners are asked.

Commissioner Johnson asked regarding the senior housing project on Lakeview Avenue. Will a traffic signal be prioritized there. Director Lai confirmed that it is part of the conditions of approval.

Commissioner Johnson asked for an update on installing a traffic signal at Imperial and Kellogg. Has staff received an update from the City of Anaheim. Director Lai indicated that staff is working with the City of Anaheim.

Director Lai clarified that there may not be an update on the ATP at the next meeting but it will be at a future meeting, before the report gets finalized.

Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Traffic Commission Meeting is April 25, 2024.

Moved by Phayakapong

Seconded by Johnson

That the Commission adjourn the meeting.

AYES (5): Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong, and Rothans

CARRIED (5 to 0)

Recording Secretary