



CITY of YORBA LINDA

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 27, 2024, 6:30p.m.

Council Chambers

4845 Casa Loma Avenue

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

Staff Present: Lai, Wang, Hu, Garcia Del Rio, Garcia-Barrera

Applicants: County of Orange
Ravi Shah, Mark Thomas Design Project Manager
Teejay Areopagita, County of Orange Project Manager
Chuck Karunathilake, Mark Thomas Designer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Yorba Linda Traffic Commission convened at 6:35p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda, California.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jamie Lai, Director of Public Works/City Engineer led the flag salute.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Traffic Commissioners Present:

Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong

4. **ADMISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW TRAFFIC COMMISIONERS**

Jamie Lai, Public Works Director, invited Anthony Johnson to stand and raise his right hand for the oath: The Oath was administered.

Jamie Lai, Public Works Director, invited Sean Phayakapong to stand and raise his right hand for the oath: The Oath was administered.

5. **SECOND ROLL CALL**

Traffic Commissioners Present:

Cugini, De Santos, Johnson, Phayakapong

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6a. Approval of the October 24, 2024, Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Phayakapong
Seconded by De Santos

That the Commission approve the October 24, 2024, Traffic Commission meeting minutes.

Carried Unanimously

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.a BASTUNCHURY ROAD TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE-OC LOOP
SEGMENT D PROJECT – TC- PW-25-001

Tony Wang, Traffic Engineering Manager, presented the staff report recommending that the Traffic Commission approve the temporary street closures on Bastanchury Road at Carbon Canyon Channel.

Traffic Engineering Manager, Tony Wang, introduced Ravi Shah, Mark Thomas Project Manager representing Orange County Public Works.

Project Manager Ravi Shah, delivered a presentation on the project, providing detailed information such as closures and maps.

Chairman Cugini opened the public comments portion of this item.

Resident Scott Griffith expressed opposition to the project's suggested detour route, raising concerns about the age and historical significance of the Golden

Avenue Bridge within the City of Placentia. He voiced concerns that the proposed detour route could result in increased traffic, which may place excessive strain on the structure due to its age and narrow width creating safety issues. Additionally, he expressed concerns about the impact on residents who will have to deal with additional traffic with limited access on Golden Avenue during the proposed closure.

Chairman Cugini closed the public comments portion of this item.

Chairman Cugini opened the comments to the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the correspondence sent regarding the project. He also requested information on the average traffic on Bastanchury Road and whether the nearby school had been informed. Mr. Wang indicated that the estimated average daily traffic volume is approximately 15,000 vehicles. He also noted that the school should be included as a recipient of the notification letters.

Commissioner Johnson suggested that traffic be redirected to Imperial Highway or Yorba Linda Boulevard to reduce congestion in residential areas.

Commissioner De Santos inquired about the traffic control configuration at both ends of the proposed closure, leading to further discussion with the Project Manager.

Chairman Cugini requested information on estimate on the time delays that residents may experience while using the detour route.

Commissioner Phayakapong asked for clarification of the total number of working days and requested clarification on the specific dates.

Chairman Cugini commented on the Golden Avenue Bridge project and the involvement of the City of Placentia. Golden Avenue was proposed as the primary detour route early on with the anticipation that the bridge would be replaced last year. However, due to funding delays, the City of Placentia has now rescheduled the bridge replacement project for late 2025 or early 2026. Chairman Cugini emphasized the need for clear communication regarding the project timeline and the detour duration. He stressed the importance of identifying alternative detour routes are essential and should be accompanied by advance warning signage. He also requested the detour routing maps for review, but they were provided as part of the Staff Report package.

Chairman Cugini then asked the County representative to elaborate on any community outreach conducted for the project. The County representative stated that no formal community meetings had yet been held beyond the early right-of-way phase. However, notifications were sent to adjacent neighborhood ahead of

this Traffic Commission meeting to inform them of the upcoming Bastanchury Road closure.

Chairman Cugini stressed the importance of proactive community outreach and ensuring proper public notice is given in advance.

Jamie Lai, Public Works Director, indicated that the Commission comments and recommendations will be reviewed and addressed as part of the project approval. Director Lai added that City staff has experience with similar projects such as the Bastanchury Road widening. She emphasized the importance of advance notice, focusing on arterial detours, avoiding residential areas, and providing clear advance signage. Director Lai highlighted the need to collaborate between the County and City staff to develop a strong public information campaign, with the County producing the content and the City distributing it. The Project Manager Ravi Shah confirmed that they are committed to working with City staff to finalize the detour routes and will coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure additional community notifications are issued.

Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Phayakapong

It is recommended that the County return with revisions reflecting the recommendations and suggestions put forth by the Commission and bring the item back at a future meeting.

Carried Unanimously

8.b MAIN STREET AND ARROYO WAY TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES- TC-PW-25-002

Tony Wang, Traffic Engineering Manager presented the staff report recommending that the Traffic Commission.

1. Approve temporary street closures on Main Street (from just north of the Yorba Linda Town Center entrance to Lemon Drive) and Arroyo Way (from Main Street to Valencia Avenue) for special events in 2025.

2. Recommend that the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve future street closure requests within these limits, unless substantial changes necessitate reconsideration by the Traffic Commission. This authorization applies to all special events with the same street closure limits on Main Street and Arroyo Way.

Chairman Cugini opened the Public Comments portion of this item.

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

Chairman Cugini opened comments to the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson posed questions to staff, expressed support for the project and recommended the inclusion of a heavy-duty vehicle as an additional public safety measure.

Commissioner Phayakapong commended previous applicants who have made the necessary corrections to remain in compliance.

A discussion ensued between the Commission and Staff.

Commissioner De Santos supported the proposed street closures.

Chairman Cugini expressed support for the proposed street closures and recommended ensuring that access to the firehouse remains unobstructed during the event.

Moved by De Santos

Seconded by Phayakapong

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission approve the temporary street closures on Main Street.

Carried Unanimously

8.c PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 AND 2026/27- TC-PW-25-003

Jamie Lai, Public Works Director, gave a presentation regarding the proposed Capital Improvement Program Projects for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and 2026/27.

Chairman Cugini opened the public comments portion of this item.

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

Chairman Cugini opened comments to the Commission.

A discussion ensued between the Commission and Staff.

The Commission expressed its appreciation to the staff for their contributions and looks forward to reviewing upcoming projects.

Chairman Cugini closed the comment portion of this item.

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Phayakapong

To receive and file to receive and file the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan.

9. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jamie Lai, Public Works Director, shared the following updates:

- Red curbs adjacent to Las Palomas Park have been painted to address previous concerns, and the Parks and Recreation Department have also implemented additional improvements and schedule adjustments regarding Pickleball court use.
- Currently collaborating to showcase online updates for CIP projects and enable residents to stay informed about the status of these projects.
- An installation is scheduled to place a sign indication of the route for larger truck traffic in the area surrounding the Trader Joe's shopping center.

10. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

10.a TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORTS OCTOBER 2024- FEBRUARY 2025

Jamie Lai, Public Works Director, stated that the Traffic Incident reports have been streamlined and introduced Administrative Deputy Ryan Reneau, who assisted in compiling them.

Deputy Reneau stated that the changes made to the reports were based on the most current information available. He noted that the initial details in the reports may not always be accurate, as they are subject to investigation following the incident. As a precaution, it is important to ensure that the most accurate and verified information is provided to the Commission and the public.

Commissioner Johnson inquired with Deputy Reneau about potential measures that could be implemented at the intersection of La Palma and Gypsum, in relation to recent traffic concerns. He also asked whether the "Every 15 Minutes" program would be reinstated. Deputy Reneau responded that he would follow up with the Commission at a later time.

A discussion ensued between the Commission and Deputy Reneau.

Deputy Reneau also announced that they are at the final stage of training for a new Deputy and should be fully staff by next week.

Chairman Cugini asked whether the addition of a second motorcycle officer would provide coverage seven days a week. Deputy Reneau confirmed that the addition would result in seven-day coverage.

Moved by Phayakapong

Seconded by Johnson

To receive and file Traffic Incident Reports from October 2024- March 2025.

Carried Unanimously

11. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

11.a SELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2025

Chairman Cugini opened a discussion regarding nominations for the Chair of the Traffic Commission for the Year 2025.

A discussion took place regarding the nomination of Commissioner De Santos for the 2025 Chair position of the Traffic Commission and Commissioner De Santos accepted the nomination.

Moved by Cugini

Seconded by Phayakapong

A motion was made by Chairman Cugini, second by Commissioner Phayakapong to nominate Commissioner as Chair for the year 2025.

Carried Unanimously

11.b SELECTION OF PRO TEM CHAIR FOR THE 2025

Chairman Cugini opened a discussion regarding nominations for the Chair Pro-Tem of the Traffic Commission for the Year 2025.

A discussion took place regarding the nomination of Commissioner Phayakapong for the 2025 Chair Pro-Tem position of the Traffic Commission and Commissioner Phayakapong accepted the nomination.

Moved by Cugini

Seconded by Johnson

A motion was made by Chairman Cugini, second by Commissioner Johnson to nominate Commissioner Phayakapong as Chair Pro-Tem for the year 2025.

Carried Unanimously

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Phayakapong announced that the "Love Yorba Linda" event is scheduled for April 26 and expressed hope that all will be able to attend.

Commissioner Johnson announced several upcoming community events, including Yorba Days on May 3 and Lobsterfest on May 17, and noted his involvement in planning portions of these events. He also extended his gratitude to Commissioner Rothans who recently

resigned due to health-related reasons, acknowledging his contributions and thanking him for his service.

Chairman Cugini expressed his appreciation to the Commission for the opportunity to serve as Chair during his tenure.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Traffic Commission Meeting is April 24, 2025.

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Phayakapong

That the Commission adjourns the meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Recording Secretary