



CITY of YORBA LINDA

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 22, 2026,

6:30p.m.

Council Chambers

4845 Casa Loma Avenue

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

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

Staff Absent: Patel

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Anthony Johnson led the flag salute.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Traffic Commissioners Present:

De Santos, Johnson, Cugini

4. **INTRODUCTION OF CITY MANAGER**

A brief introduction of the newly appointed City Manager Peter Grant followed.

Chairman De Santos acknowledged Chair Pro-Tem Phayakapong arrival at 6:47 p.m. and stated that no votes were taken on any items prior to his arrival.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5 a. Approval of December 11, 2025, Traffic Commission Special Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Cugini
Seconded by Phayakapong

That the Commission approve the December 11, 2025, Traffic Commission meeting minutes.

AYES (4): Phayakapong, Cugini, Johnson

ABSENT (1): Patel

ABSTAINING (1): De Santos

The motion carried with 3 yes votes, 1 member absent, 1 member abstaining

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.a GOLDEN AVENUE TEMPORARY CLOSURE – TC-PW-26-002

Tony Wang, Traffic Engineering Manager, presented the staff report recommending that the Traffic Commission approve the temporary closure of Golden Avenue for the Golden Avenue Bridge Project.

Mr. Wang introduced Gabriel Guerrero, Project Manager, City of Placentia and Consultant Mazen Mneimneh, Project Manager, Bruce Fock Job Inspector, Yat and CT&T for Project Manager.

Chairman De Santos opened comments to the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson asked how many vehicles travel on Golden Avenue daily. Mr. Guerrero stated that he does not have the exact traffic count at this time but can defer the question to Mr. Wang for a follow-up response. Commissioner Johnson expressed appreciation for the two proposed detour routes, noting that he had concerns related to McCormick due to nearby residential homes. He also stated his support for the project and appreciated that the City of Placentia is moving forward with it.

Commissioner Cugini asked whether detour signage will be installed along Imperial Highway during the project.

Mr. Guerrero stated that CMS signage is proposed on Imperial Highway, consistent with what was approved for Rose Drive, and that electronic messaging will be provided.

Commissioner Phayakapong asked about the 64-foot-wide bridge and why it would be reduced to 60 feet rather than remaining at 64 feet. Mr. Guerrero stated that the existing bridge is 27 feet wide and will be extended to 60 feet. Although other portions of the bridge may measure up to 64 feet, the 60-foot width is sufficient to accommodate the necessary components, including the sidewalk, bike lane, and median, and is adequate from a design perspective.

Chairman DeSantos requested clarification regarding the timeline. The city sent out a letter indicating construction closures from March to August, but in the presentation, February was mentioned with a seven-month duration, and another slide showed February 19 through October. He asked whether the closure time and duration have been finalized.

Mr. Guerrero responded that the initial assumption was that the contractor would not be ready until March 3. However, the vendor is now ready, so the timeline has been moved up. Mr. Guerrero added that the team has coordinated with the community outreach team to confirm the updated timeline, mailers have been created, and thorough information has been provided regarding when the closure will take place and the locations of the detours. The February 19 to October 9 timeline is what is being shared with the public to allow for flexibility.

Chairman DeSantos asked, with this timeline, what kind of incentives are being implemented to ensure the project is completed on time.

Mr. Meneimneh answered that there will be a \$4,200 per day liquidated damages charge after 120 days, and that no delays are expected. Chairman De Santos noted that 120 days is six months, and Mr. Meneimneh confirmed. Chairman De Santos then stated that the closure is planned for eight months and asked about assessing liquidated damages after six months whether the needed time is six months. Mr. Guerrero responded that the timeline provides flexibility, and the eight-month duration allows a buffer in case of any construction delays. Chairman DeSantos asked whether sidewalks will be available once the bridge is open during the road closure while the sidewalks are being constructed. Mr. Guerrero responded that yes, everything will be open, and the bridge is anticipated to be open by August.

Commissioner Cugini asked whether the fabricated girders will be on site or offsite.

Mr. Meneimneh answered they will be fabricated offsite.

Commissioner Johnson asked if residents will be notified about construction on Golden. Director Lai responded that the city would coordinate notifications through media and CMS signs reflecting the new dates.

Chairman De Santos opened the public comments portion of this item and inquired with the Recording Secretary regarding whether any electronic communications were received. It was confirmed that no electronic communications were received, seeing no public comments Chairman De Santos closed the public comment.

Moved by Cugini
Seconded by Johnson

It is recommended to approve the temporary closure of Golden Avenue for the Golden Avenue Bridge Project.

AYES (4): De Santos, Phayakapong, Cugini, Johnson

ABSENT (1): Patel

The motion carried with 4 yes votes and 1 member absent.

7.b CITYWIDE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY – PW-25-005

Tony Wang, Traffic Engineering Manager, presented the staff report recommending that the Traffic Commission review the attached draft Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey report. Staff will incorporate the Traffic Commission's input and finalize the report for the City Council's adoption on posted speed limits.

Mr. Wang introduced Ruben Perales from AGA Engineers who gave a presentation of the Engineering and Traffic Survey.

Chairman De Santos opened comments to the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Mr. Perales and noted that a lot of the accidents occur at signalized intersections. Commissioner Johnson was surprised by the numbers and thought they were lower than expected, Commissioner Johnson asked about recommendations in the survey regarding establishing speed limits and saw that some limits were not part of the final recommendations. Mr. Perales explained that some amendments were made after 2019 and that the survey report was intended solely for review of the existing speed limits.. Some speed limits were already established, and the purpose of the review was to verify whether any increase or decrease was applicable rather than establish new limits.

Commissioner Cugini asked about Dominguez Ranch and whether any of the criteria for reducing speed limits applied to the mid-block section on Yorba Ranch Road, stating there is a similar mid-block location there. Mr. Perales responded

that at Yorba Ranch, the speed limit would need to be increased, so they recommended keeping it at the same speed. The review provided a justification to increase but not to reduce.

Chairman DeSantos asked about the timeline for implementation and signage.

Mr. Wang answered that once the item is approved by the City Council, it will be implemented immediately. Mr. Wang consulted with Sergeant Lee, who indicated that once approved it goes through the courts and will serve as the city's official speed survey.

Chairman De Santos opened the public comments portion of this item, seeing none he closed the public comment.

Moved by Johnson
Seconded by Cugini

It is recommended to approve the attached draft Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey report and forward to City Council.

AYES (4): De Santos, Phayakapong, Cugini, Johnson

ABSENT (1): Patel

The motion carried with 4 yes votes and 1 member absent.

7.c BASTANCHURY ROAD TEMPORARY CLOSURE FROM CORNELL LANE TO PRINCETON PLACE -TC- PW 26-001

Tony Wang, Traffic Engineering Manager, presented the staff report recommending that the Traffic Commission approve temporary closure of Bastanchury Road, from Cornell Lane to Princeton Place and that the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve street closures for future *Every 15 Minutes* events on Bastanchury Road between Cornell Lane and Princeton Place.

Mr. Wang introduced Sergeant Lee from OCSD who will be available to answer questions.

Chairman De Santos opened comments to the Commission.

Commissioner Cugini asked if the event will remain the same. Sergeant Lee answered yes, it will, the event was conducted biannually and was missed last year, so it will now restart biannually for juniors and seniors. He further explained that this event is quite impactful and explained that DUI-related death rate was once every 15 minutes in the 1990s, and it has now improved to every 42 minutes.

Commissioner Johnson asked whether the Traffic Commission will be invited to observe as done in the past. Sergeant Lee stated yes, they are all welcomed. Commissioner Johnson commended the Sheriff's Department for bringing this event back.

Chairman De Santos opened the public comments portion of this item, seeing none he closed the public comment

Moved by Johnson
Seconded by Phayakapong

It is recommended to approve the temporary closure of Bastanchury Road, from Cornell Lane to Princeton Place, from approximately 9 AM to noon on April 23, 2026, for the California Highway Patrol *Every 15 Minutes* event and recommend that the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve street closures for future *Every 15 Minutes* events on Bastanchury Road between Cornell Lane and Princeton Place, unless substantial changes necessitate reconsideration by the Traffic Commission.

AYES (4): De Santos, Phayakapong, Cugini, Johnson

ABSENT (1): Patel

The motion carried with 4 yes votes and 1 member absent.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lai shared no new report.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9.a TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORTS NOVEMBER 2025 - DECEMBER 2025

Moved by Johnson
Seconded by Cugini

To receive and file Traffic Incident Reports from November 2025- December 2025.

AYES (4): De Santos, Phayakapong, Cugini, Johnson

ABSENT (1): Patel

The motion carried with 4 yes votes and 1 member absent.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson stated that while DUI arrests remain the same, the incident reports showed a downward trend, and she thanked the City and the Sheriff's Department for doing a great job.

Chairman DeSantos asked Sergeant Lee if the DUI enforcement car is still in use. Sergeant Lee stated that it is and will be on patrol later tonight. He also explained that they are in a transitional period because the deputy previously handling enforcement was promoted to Sergeant, and a new deputy is replacing him.

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

Commissioner Johnson reminded everyone that the Lobster Fest, organized by the Sunrise Rotary Club, will be held on Saturday, May 16. He noted that it is also the event's 40th anniversary of the Rotary Club and mentioned that Sergeant Lee and Commissioner Phayakapong, both are club members and will be in attendance.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Traffic Commission Meeting is February 26, 2026.

Moved by Phayakapong
Seconded by Johnson

That the Commission adjourns the meeting.

AYES (4): De Santos, Phayakapong, Cugini, Johnson

ABSENT (1): Patel

The motion carried with 4 yes votes and 1 member absent

Sara Garcia-Barrera

Recording Secretary