



Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR TURNER called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONERS TOUSSAINT, ERIKSON and CALDERONE

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS KAHR, EMANUEL and RICE

NOTE: STEVE FORD, City Engineer, was present as the Public Works Director's Designee and LIEUTENANT DARYL RHOADS was present as the Sheriff's Designee

ALSO PRESENT: CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, JOEY PASKEY, Transportation Manager, STEVEN TAULBEE, Assistant Fire Protection Engineer, JOHN RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, and CHEYENNE LARANCE, Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov.

3. Public Comment: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2021

Motion made by Greg Toussaint to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Ronald Calderone, Sheriff Designee, Steve Ford;
Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

5. Discussion for possible action to install speed cushions on Diamond Head Drive between Lamb Boulevard and Marion Drive – Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained the Traffic Engineering Division conducted three study areas at this location to ensure traffic patterns had returned to normal since the

pandemic. Study area #1 has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH, and traffic is currently traveling at 37 MPH. Study area #2 has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH, and traffic is currently traveling at 35 MPH. Study area #3 has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH, and traffic is traveling at 44 MPH. Staff recommended to install speed cushions in six areas within this corridor.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE asked where the speed cushions would be installed, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said they will be positioned every 350 to 400 feet on Diamond Head Drive between Marion Drive and Lamb Boulevard. She also clarified for the Commissioner that the neighbors were sent surveys for the speed humps, and staff received 33 approvals and one disapproval.

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Ronald Calderone, Sheriff Designee, Steve Ford;
Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

6. TABLED – Discussion for possible action to change the speed limit on Lake Mead Boulevard between the Clark County 215 Beltway and Anasazi Drive/Sun City Boulevard from 35 MPH to 45 MPH – Wards 2 and 4 (Seaman and Anthony)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained the speed study conducted in January concluded that drivers on Lake Mead Boulevard between the Clark County 215 Beltway and Anasazi Drive/Sun City Boulevard were driving an average of 45 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. Staff also utilizes a tool kit that evaluates crash data, driveways, traffic signals, speed and volume, and that resource recommended a speed limit of 45 MPH. Further, staff reached out to the Sun City Summerlin Homeowners Association (HOA) to gather input from the residents, and 367 responses were received within 24 hours. She said 66 percent were in favor and 34 percent were opposed. Responses also included comments regarding site visibility, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said the City will work with the HOA to remove some vegetation and modify the yellow clearance time if the speed limit is increased.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE inquired about the speed limit east of Sun City Boulevard, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said it is 45 MPH. The Commissioner then asked about the cost associated with changing the speed limit, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said the HOA will handle the landscaping changes and there is no cost associated with changing the yellow clearance times.

CHAIR TURNER said he drives the area frequently, and felt 45 MPH was appropriate.

COMMISSIONER TOUSSAINT was in favor of one speed limit for the entire roadway.

Motion made by David Turner to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Ronald Calderone, Sheriff Designee, Steve Ford;
Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

7. Discussion for possible action to install speed cushions on Lorenzi Street between Alta Drive and Charleston Boulevard – Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, reported that a complaint was received about speeding on Lorenzi Street between Alta Drive and Charleston Boulevard. Lorenzi Street has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH, and the speed study showed the 85th percentile at 42 MPH and 43 MPH. Ballots were sent to 233 residents that utilize Lorenzi Street, and staff received 29 ballots in favor and eight in opposition. Ward 1 also performed their own outreach, and that resulted in nine more residents in favor. Staff recommended the installation of five speed cushions that would be placed 350 to 400 feet apart.

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON asked if the speed cushions would be marked, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said the cushions have white reflective markings. Staff also installs the appropriate signage, which advises that a speed hump is ahead along with an advisory speed limit.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE understood it was difficult to get residents to respond to things, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said the City experiments with different survey methods but the mail-in ballots serve as an official record. The Commissioner then asked how this originated, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said it originated from the Ward 1 office, and the speed data was collected on July 13, 2021.

CHAIR TURNER said this section of Lorenzi Street can be dangerous at times, and he felt the recommendation was appropriate.

MS. KARANIKOLAS added that because this is a primary response route for the Fire Department, speed cushions are being installed rather than speed humps so it will not impact their response time.

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Ronald Calderone, Sheriff Designee, Steve Ford; Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

8. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No subject may be acted upon by the Commission unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:
None.

9. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Christina Karanikolas, Assistant City Traffic Engineer

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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