



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 ERICKSON, CALDERONE (seated as Vice Chair after Item 5), SWADLING, and LANG

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS RICE and EMANUEL

NOTE: ROSA CORTEZ, City Engineer, was present as the Public Works Director's Designee (excused until 1:01 p.m.) and SERGEANT HOMAN LAM was present as the Sheriff's Designee

ALSO PRESENT: CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer; JOEY PASKEY, City Traffic Engineer; STEVEN TAULBEE, Fire Prevention Inspection Supervisor; TIMOTHY GESWEIN, Deputy City Attorney; and BRIAN CARROLL, 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 25, 2022

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

5. Discussion for possible action regarding the election of Traffic and Parking Commission Chair and Vice Chair – All Wards

Minutes:

CHAIR TURNER opened nominations to the Commission. COMMISSIONER CALDERONE nominated CHAIR TURNER to serve as Chair, to which he said he would be happy to serve. CHAIR TURNER asked COMMISSIONER CALDERONE to serve as Vice Chair, to which he agreed.

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve the nomination of David Turner as Chair

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

Motion made by David Turner to Approve the nomination of Ronald Calderone as Vice Chair

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

6. Discussion for possible action to change the speed limit on Main Street between St. Louis Avenue and Charleston Boulevard from 30 MPH to 25 MPH – Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to explain that the Vision Zero Action Plan was adopted by the City Council on February 1, 2023 to eliminate traffic fatalities. She listed five strategies from the presentation: reforming the City's approach to transportation safety by changing policies and design standards for the public right-of-way and identifying a permanent funding source for safety improvements; creating safe streets for vulnerable road users, which are people walking, bicycling, or using transit or other mobility devices; reducing speed limits to implement safe speeds; participating in CCSD (Clark County School District) walk-to-school programs, buying bags for City staff members to place phones in while driving, and creating educational campaigns to promote a culture of safety; and enhancing communication, transparency, and accountability to the public. MS. KARANIKOLAS displayed a map from the presentation showing Las Vegas roadways where 77 percent of serious injury and fatal traffic crashes occur, which she defined as the high injury network.

MS. KARANIKOLAS explained that this item was to consider reducing the speed limit on Main Street between St. Louis Avenue and Charleston Boulevard. She advised that the south end of Main Street between St. Louis Avenue and Oakey Boulevard has two-way traffic with a center turn lane and wide sidewalks, and she noted that the picture from the presentation showed a well-developed RTC (Regional Transportation Commission) bus pad. She said a capital improvement project was completed in 2018 that spurred significant redevelopment. She stated that the Las Vegas showgirls sign was a nearby tourist attraction, and the Strat's atomic golf entertainment center was in development. MS. KARANIKOLAS reported that there are two northbound travel lanes on Main Street between Oakey Boulevard and Charleston Boulevard, and the .65-mile corridor had 36 crashes from 2021 to 2023. She advised that the corridor was on the Vision Zero Action Plan high injury network, and the number of crashes was six times higher than the national average for similar roadways. She explained that data was collected on Main Street from St. Louis Avenue to Oakey Boulevard, Oakey Boulevard to Colorado Avenue, and Colorado Avenue to Charleston Boulevard. Further, she listed the 85th percentile speeds and average speeds from the presentation, noting that the posted speed limit was 30 MPH (miles per hour). MS. KARANIKOLAS stated that the Community Development Department had received redevelopment entitlements for Colorado Avenue to Charleston Boulevard. She said things were intentionally done to lower speeds and the data showed people were traveling at the preferred speed limit. In conclusion, she asked the Commission to consider reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE said the traffic study was very intense. He noted that 85 percent of traffic already traveled below the posted 30 MPH speed limit, to which MS. KARANIKOLAS replied that was correct.

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

7. Discussion for possible action to change the speed limit on Craig Road between Buffalo Drive and Tenaya Way from 40 MPH to 35 MPH – Ward 4 (Allen-Palenske)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to show a map of Craig Road in the northwest portion of the city of Las Vegas, and she noted that this item was to consider reducing the speed limit between Buffalo Drive and Tenaya Way. She explained that eastbound travel on Craig Road before Buffalo Drive was within Clark County's jurisdiction and had a 45 MPH (miles per hour) posted speed limit. She said the speed is reduced to 40 MPH from Buffalo Drive to Rainbow Boulevard, and she reported that field investigations found a 35 MPH sign missing at Tenaya Way. MS. KARANIKOLAS advised that westbound travel at Rainbow Boulevard was limited to 45 MPH and speed is reduced to 35 MPH over the I-95. She noted that commercial properties west of the I-95 include restaurants, retail, and fast food establishments, and there is a bank and a pet cemetery west of Tenaya Way. Further, she said there were no homes or residential driveways that front Craig Road. She stated that the average daily traffic for eastbound Craig Road was 9,000 vehicles per day, and a six-lane roadway has the capacity of around 50,000 vehicles per day. MS. KARANIKOLAS listed the 85th percentile and average speeds from the presentation, noting that three travel lanes with low average daily travel contributed to people traveling above the posted speed limit. She explained that westbound Craig Road has two travel lanes and the outside lane was 25 feet wide. She confirmed the average daily traffic was under 10,000 vehicles per day, and the 85th percentile speed was closer to the posted speed limit. She advised that the corridor was on the Vision Zero Action Plan high injury network and the number of crashes was 1.27 times higher than the national average for similar roadways. She reported that the Operations and Maintenance Division would mill and overlay Craig Road west of Buffalo Drive up to the ramp terminal, and a travel lane would be repurposed into a buffered bike lane to provide a safe environment for bicyclists. Further, MS. KARANIKOLAS clarified that Buffalo Drive, Pioneer Way, and Tenaya Way had bike lanes, and she believed Craig Road would act as a connection point. She said reducing the speed limit from 40 MPH to 35 MPH was in support of the Vision Zero Action Plan. Lastly, she stated that bicyclists and pedestrians struck at 50 MPH have a near zero chance of survival, while being struck at 35 MPH provides a 50 percent chance.

CHAIR TURNER asked if something could be posted to show an upcoming speed limit reduction. MS. KARANIKOLAS clarified that a reduced speed ahead warning sign could be posted near Buffalo Drive, and she said that was a good idea.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE questioned if the recommendation to add a speed limit sign to Craig Road east of Tenaya Way for eastbound traffic would be included in the motion. MS. KARANIKOLAS advised that a service request would be issued for the maintenance team to install the 35 MPH sign and it would not wait for future improvements. The Commissioner confirmed with MS. KARANIKOLAS that it would happen sooner rather than later.

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

8. Discussion for possible action to establish no parking from dusk to dawn on the north side of Racel Street between Cimarron Road and Ninth Island Court – Ward 6 (Brune)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, reported that this item was to establish no parking from dusk to dawn on Racel Street from Cimarron Road to Ninth Island Court, and she said that would help Parking Enforcement by not allowing overnight parking. She explained that the area was predominantly

residential and the street's wide shoulder invited overnight parking. She utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to show aerial images of an unpaved parking area that is used to access trails, noting the area was adjacent to Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs. MS. KARANIKOLAS stated that parallel parking would be established to help the Parks and Recreation Division maximize parking capacity and provide a designated space for unloading horse trailers. She noted that angled parking would be provided and no parking would be allowed in an area near utility vaults.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE questioned if vehicles parked overnight on the shoulder. MS. KARANIKOLAS clarified that the Parks and Recreation Division had expressed concerns, and she did not have a record of the number of instances. She stated that there was limited lighting in the area and Parking Enforcement officers may hesitate to approach vehicles at night. Further, she opined that they may involve the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The Commissioner asked if there were accident statistics involving driving off Racel Street onto the shoulder, and MS. KARANIKOLAS responded that they had no known crash history.

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON wondered how people with mobile homes would be handled. MS. KARANIKOLAS confirmed that angled parking would be designated for larger vehicles looking to utilize the trails.

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, Amy Emanuel;

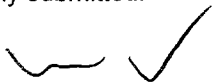
9. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No subject may be acted upon by the Commission unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward 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.

10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Deputy City Clerk



Christina Karanikolas, Assistant City Traffic Engineer

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