



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 CALDERONE, ERICKSON, EMANUEL, and SWADLING

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS RICE and LANG

NOTE: ROSA CORTEZ, City Engineer and Deputy Public Works Director, was present as the Public Works Director's Designee and OFFICER KEVIN BARKER was present as the Sheriff's Designee

ALSO PRESENT: JOE NORBY, City Traffic Engineer and Deputy Public Works Director; SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer; DAVID CROSS, Fire Plans Review Section Manager; JIM LEWIS, 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 May 25, 2023

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, Amy Emanuel, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, John Lang;

5. Discussion for possible action to install speed cushions on Bedford Road between Charleston Boulevard and Alta Drive – Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record and attached as backup, to explain that the Vision Zero Action Plan (VSAP) was

adopted by the City Council on February 1, 2023 to eliminate traffic fatalities. MR. ROBINSON reported that from 2015 to 2019 there were 254 fatal crashes and 895 severe crashes, which resulted in one fatal or severe crash every two days. He shared that the VSAP included more than 90 specific items across five strategy areas to eliminate all fatal or severe crashes. He referenced the high injury network report, which outlined the roadways with the highest number of crashes in Las Vegas from 2015 to 2019 to point out that approximately 77 percent of the most severe crashes occurred on 11 percent of the roadways. MR. ROBINSON mentioned that residents voiced their concern about drivers speeding near their homes, particularly during the morning and afternoon releases of nearby schools in the area. He listed vehicle volumes and average speeds from the presentation, noting that 16 crashes were reported from 2020 to 2023. Ballots were sent out to residents that would be directly impacted by speed cushions, and the City received several support letters. Additionally, he noted that the Fire Department (Las Vegas Fire Rescue) was in support of the speed cushions as long as they meet all traffic requirements; therefore, staff recommended the installation of speed cushions on Bedford Road between Charleston Boulevard and Alta Drive.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE confirmed with MR. ROBINSON that seven speed cushions would be equally spaced per Institute of Traffic Engineers requirements.

COMMISSIONER SWADLING expressed concern regarding emergency vehicles getting through the area efficiently. MR. ROBINSON explained that there is a designated split along the center of the speed cushions to not impede the travel of emergency vehicles. He stated that the cushions do not allow pedestrian vehicles to access the split.

CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONER EMANUEL noted they drive the road regularly. The Chair often notices speeding on this particular road and recommended approval of the item. COMMISSIONER EMANUEL believed the signs and street striping were not visible to most drivers, and she expressed support for the speed cushions.

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, Amy Emanuel, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, John Lang;

6. Discussion for possible action to install speed cushions on El Camino Avenue between Valley View Boulevard and Spanish Oaks Drive – Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record and attached as backup, to explain that the Transportation Engineering Division received concerns about speeding and cut through traffic along El Camino Avenue between Valley View Boulevard and Spanish Oaks Drive. He reported that data collected from November 2022 showed approximately 2,232 vehicles traveling 39 miles per hour (MPH) per day and six reported crashes between 2016 through 2020. Based upon this criteria, staff recommended a set of speed cushions along this corridor. MR. ROBINSON noted that Las Vegas Fire & Rescue expressed concern regarding the fire response route adjacent to the area; however, they recommend installing one set of speed cushions at the location where pedestrians are more likely to cross El Camino Avenue. He added that the City supported the installation as long as the speed cushions meet all traffic requirements.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE confirmed with MR. ROBINSON that the speed limit is 25 MPH, and there were six reported crashes from 2016 to 2020. The Commissioner referenced the map from the presentation to pinpoint the location of the speed cushion, and he wondered whether it would be enough to sufficiently slow down vehicles for pedestrians. MR. ROBINSON said there would also be signs and pavement markings to inform drivers of the upcoming speed cushions.

COMMISSIONER SWADLING questioned the effectiveness of the speed cushions, and MR. ROBINSON stated that speed cushions are a recommended and proven counter measure to speeding based on Federal Highway Administration recommendations. Additionally, he noted they see a 20 percent decrease in speeding where speed cushions are installed.

CHAIR TURNER said he drives this road frequently and had noticed an increase of cut-through traffic; therefore, he recommended approval.

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, Amy Emanuel, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, John Lang;

7. Discussion for possible action to restrict parking on Racel Street between Cimarron Road and Ninth Island Court – Ward 6 (Brune)

Minutes:

SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record and attached as backup, to explain that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs department asked Transportation Engineering Division to better define the parking requirements for Racel Street between Cimarron Road and Ninth Island Court. He said there is a gravel shoulder along the park frontage where citizens park their vehicles; however, citizens are parking both perpendicular and parallel to the roadway due to the inadequate designated parking signage. MR. ROBINSON conveyed that staff recommended restricting crossing within 20 feet of the midblock pedestrian parking and 15 feet of utility appurtenances at the midpoint of the corridor. This would involve removing approximately 365 feet of parking at three different locations, which would leave 36 parking spaces available.

COMMISSIONER CALDERONE said he observed people parking in all directions, and he questioned the enforcement of parking in the area. MR. ROBINSON clarified that Parking Services visits the area, but enforcement was difficult without proper signage. The Commissioner opined that the problem lies in adequate enforcement. MR. ROBINSON concurred and added that ensuring visibility of existing signs might be necessary.

Upon COMMISSIONER ERICKSON'S inquiry as to how often the park is used publicly, JOE NORBY, City Traffic Engineer and Deputy Public Works Director, stated that the park is used daily for different recreational uses. He added there was no consistent signage throughout the lot, and the placement of signs left ambiguity as to where and how people can park. MR. NORBY noted that staff recommended parallel-only parking due to the depth of the parking area and to limit people from backing out directly into the public street. COMMISSIONER CALDERONE pointed out that the area near Ninth Island Court is blocked off from parking and people still do so. MR. NORBY agreed but conceded that the area was not signed. Referencing the map in the presentation, the Commissioner confirmed with MR. NORBY where parking areas were, and he clarified that no traffic data was collected, since the request was made by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs department.

COMMISSIONER SWADLING questioned the height of the signs, and MR. NORBY explained the minimum sign height was seven feet from the bottom of the sign to the ground plus four feet of the sign itself, which is taller than most vehicles.

COMMISSIONER EMANUEL wondered if the parking area would be striped to differentiate the parking area and the roadway. MR. NORBY said they did not intend to stripe it due to the gravel.

Motion made by Bonnie Swadling to Approve

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

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

8. Discussion for possible action to change the speed limit on Wyoming Avenue between Industrial Avenue and Main Street from 35 MPH to 25 MPH – Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was

submitted for the record and attached as backup, to explain there have been many capital improvement projects around the Arts District over the last five years. The improvements included better lighting, wider sidewalks, and bike lanes to support safer mobility for all road users. MR. ROBINSON stated that the Transportation Engineering Division conducted a speed limit evaluation utilizing a tool from the Federal Highway Administration called U.S. Limits. Data collected from January 2022 showed the average daily traffic was 5,200 vehicles per day, and the speed data collected showed that the 85th percentile speed was 30 miles per hour (MPH) with 26 crashes over the last three years. He stated that the results of this evaluation supported the reduction of the speed limit from 35 to 25 MPH. The reduction in speed would make the posted speed limit consistent with the adjacent roadways. MR. ROBINSON added that the area is within the Vision Zero Action Plan high injury network; therefore, staff recommended permanently reducing the speed limit.

COMMISSIONER SWADLING said she often uses Wyoming Avenue to get to the Downtown area, and she agreed there is a lot of foot traffic. She believed the speed reduction would coincide nicely with the Commission's decision to reduce the speed on Main Street at their last meeting.

Motion made by Sheriff Designee to Approve

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

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

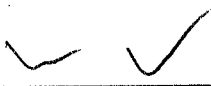
9. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No subject may be acted upon by the Commission unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward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

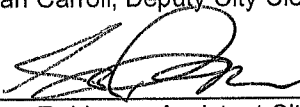
10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Deputy City Clerk



Sean Robinson, Assistant City Traffic Engineer

Minutes Prepared by:
Vanessa Chavez-Holman, Deputy City Clerk

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