



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, EMANUEL, SWADLING, and LANG

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS RICE, STAMPER, and the Sheriff's Designee

NOTE: ROSA CORTEZ, City Engineer and Deputy Public Works Director, was present as the Public Works Director'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; TIMOTHY GESWEIN, Deputy City Attorney; and YVETT LOZOYA, 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 Special Meeting of November 14, 2024

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

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

For-David Turner, Amy Emanuel, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, George Stamper, Sheriff Designee;

5. TABLED - Discussion for possible action to install speed cushions on O'Bannon Drive between Buffalo Drive and Rosanna Street - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was included in the backup, to discuss the proposed traffic calming measures on O'Bannon Drive between Buffalo Drive and Rainbow Boulevard. He stated that staff from the Transportation Engineering Division met

with residents in the Buffalo Coalition neighborhood in April 2021 to address traffic concerns within the area. Mailers were sent to 69 properties with access to O'Bannon Drive to receive feedback from directly affected households that would likely interact daily with the proposed traffic calming elements. The responses received showed 10 households supported the installation, three households opposed, and 56 households did not respond, which was considered neutral. The study identified excessive speeding and cut-through traffic as primary concerns; therefore, a comprehensive study was conducted to identify effective solutions. The study revealed that the posted speed limit on O'Bannon Drive is 25 miles per hour and the average speed is 33 miles per hour. Furthermore, 85 percent of the vehicles travel at 39 miles per hour, with the majority of people traveling 15 miles per hour over the posted speed limit and approximately 60 percent of the average daily traffic being cut-through traffic. The findings indicated that O'Bannon Drive qualified for traffic calming measures under Neighborhood Traffic Management Program criteria, and speed cushions were recommended to address excessive speeding. According to the Institute of Transportation Engineers, traffic calming devices could reduce excessive speeding by 20 to 25 percent and decrease cut-through traffic volume by up to 20 percent.

Based on community feedback and comments from the last Commission meeting, MR. ROBINSON proposed the installation of full-width speed humps at four locations near All American Park. The speed humps may result in a small reduction in emergency response speeds but would also serve as a traffic calming device for motorcycles. He proposed six speed cushions at other locations to still allow emergency vehicles to straddle the cushions and maintain response times. He stated the Fire & Rescue Department supported the installation, ensuring that the speed cushions and humps met required specifications. The proposed project would be completed as part of a future capital improvement project, and staff would continue working with the community and stakeholders. The Transportation Engineering Division recommended implementing traffic calming measures along neighborhood and local roads to enhance safety and quality of life for residents.

COMMISSIONER EMANUEL said she lived in the area and understood the issue, acknowledging high-speed traffic from Rainbow Boulevard to Durango Drive. She and CHAIR TURNER agreed with installing the speed cushions.

Motion made by Bonnie Swadling to Approve

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

For-David Turner, Amy Emanuel, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, George Stamper, Sheriff Designee;

6. **TABLED** - Discussion for possible action to install speed cushions on Via Olivero Avenue between Durango Drive and Buffalo Drive - Ward 2 (Seaman)

Minutes:

SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was included in the backup, to discuss proposed traffic calming measures on Via Olivero Avenue between Durango Drive and Buffalo Drive. He stated that staff from the Transportation Engineering Division met with residents in the Buffalo Coalition neighborhood in April 2021 to address traffic concerns within the area. Mailers were sent to 77 properties with access to Via Olivero Avenue to receive feedback from directly affected households that would likely interact daily with the proposed traffic calming elements. Responses received included five households that supported the installation, two households opposed, and 70 households did not respond, which was considered neutral. The study identified excessive speeding and cut-through traffic as primary concerns. In addition, the study revealed that the posted speed limit on Via Olivero Avenue is 25 miles per hour and the average speed is 38 miles per hour. The 85th percentile speed is 46 miles per hour, which is 21 miles per hour over the posted speed limit, and approximately 70 percent of the average daily traffic is cut-through traffic. Therefore, installing speed cushions with two or more raised vertical deflection areas was recommended to allow emergency vehicles to travel without delays. Although Via Olivero Avenue did not meet all criteria for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, staff believed the installation of speed cushions would reduce speed and cut-through traffic. Similar traffic calming measures had been implemented on adjacent parallel roads, which is expected to re-route traffic and increase volumes on Via Olivero Avenue.

MR. ROBINSON said staff recognized widespread speeding with most vehicles doubling the posted 25 miles per hour speed limit and he believed the issue would likely worsen due to adjacent traffic calming measures. The Fire & Rescue Department supported the installation, ensuring that speed cushions met all required specifications. The Transportation Engineering Division recommended implementing traffic calming measures

along neighborhood and local roads to enhance safety and quality of life for residents, and the evaluation revealed a significant speeding and cut-through problem in the area.

COMMISSIONER SWADLING thanked the Transportation Engineering Division for providing clear and direct information.

COMMISSIONER LANG clarified with MR. ROBINSON that ADT was average daily traffic.

COMMISSIONER EMANUEL questioned if the speed humps aligned with previously approved humps and if the installation would occur at the same time. MR. ROBINSON confirmed the start time would be the same as the capital improvement project over two years and would depend on when the contractor mobilizes for certain areas to not impact all roads at the same time.

Motion made by John Lang to Approve

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

For-David Turner, Amy Emanuel, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, George Stamper, Sheriff Designee;

7. Discussion for possible action to install speed cushions on Alaska Avenue between Kayak Drive and Sunbeam Drive - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

SEAN ROBINSON, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was included in the backup, to discuss traffic calming measures on Alaska Avenue between Kayak Drive and Sunbeam Drive. In 2024, a citizen raised speeding concerns, and the Transportation Engineering Division conducted a comprehensive study reviewing traffic volumes, speeds, and crashes along the segment. Mailers were sent to 27 properties with access to Alaska Avenue, since the households would likely interact daily with the proposed traffic calming elements. Responses received included five households that supported the installation, none opposed, and the remaining 22 did not respond, which was considered neutral. MR. ROBINSON noted while public input was important, homes do not directly front the street, which made it challenging to correlate public input with cut-through traffic. However, observed speeds were significantly high and likely contributed to the support of traffic calming measures and requests from the community. The study revealed that the posted speed limit on Alaska Avenue is 25 miles per hour and the average speed is 40 miles per hour with an 85 percentile speed of 48 miles per hour, which is nearly 23 miles per hour over the speed limit. Speed cushions were recommended to address speeding and were similar to traditional speed humps but have gaps available for emergency vehicles to travel with reduced delay. The Fire & Rescue Department supported the installation, ensuring that speed cushions met all required specifications. The Transportation Engineering Division recommended installing the speed cushions pending future funding, which aligned with the Neighborhood Transportation Management Program, and believed the traffic calming measures would improve safety and quality of life for residents.

CHAIR TURNER understood there were no houses fronting the roadway, noting there were several crosswalks that go to the Bonanza Trail. He expressed concern regarding the high speeds and recommended approval.

Motion made by Ronald Calderone to Approve

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

For-David Turner, Amy Emanuel, Ronald Calderone, Bonnie Swadling, John Lang, Rosa Cortez; Excused-Marlon Rice, George Stamper, Sheriff Designee;

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:



Yvett Lozoya, Deputy City Clerk

FOR  Sean Robinson, Assistant City Traffic Engineer  Joseph Norby, 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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