



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2019
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Transportation Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 7, 2019.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 4	Commissioner:	Rose Casey
	Commissioner:	Ken Montgomery
	Vice Chair:	Steve Greenberg
	Chair:	Carrie O'Malley
ABSENT: 1	Commissioner:	Christine Knowland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair O'Malley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Sayre, resident, voiced concern regarding the current parking situation in Irvine and requested parking assessments include measures to address parking needs.

Ilya Tseglin, resident, spoke regarding concern for safety in the community, considering recent attacks in neighboring cities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Vice Chair Greenberg, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Knowland absent) to approve the Consent Calendar.

Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on April 16, 2019.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

2. CHAIR O'MALLEY'S REQUEST TO EVALUATE SELECT LOCATIONS FOR LEFT-TURN POCKET ELONGATION

Carlo Cambare, Assistant Engineer, and Eduardo Lopez, Associate Engineer, presented the item and answered questions.

Discussion included: 1) grant funding opportunities; 2) number of vehicles turning left at Warner Avenue and Culver Drive; 3) access to Walnut Village and Heritage Plaza at the Culver Drive and Walnut Avenue intersection; and 4) availability of funds in the System Development Charge (SDC) accounts to address the requested improvements.

ACTION: Moved by Chair O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Knowland absent) to:

Direct staff to seek funding in the amount of \$450,000, and create a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2019-21 for City Council approval of preliminary engineering, environmental clearance, final design, and construction phases, to implement left-turn pocket elongation intersection improvements at six locations, as identified in the staff report.

3. LIMITED SCOPE TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR BANC HOTEL IN PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)

Farideh Estiri Lyons, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the item and was available to answer questions. Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer; Sun Sun Murillo, Project Development Administrator; and John Devries, HJ Capital Group, were also available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Susan Sayre, resident, spoke in favor of the project and against parking area plans; specifically regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) stalls. She expressed safety concerns with the use of valet parking.

Tim Strader Jr., Starpointe Ventures, representative of HJ Capital Group, spoke in support of the project and its benefits to the City, and offered to be available for questions. He also discussed vehicle access to the site and project funding.

Ken Wilhelm, LSA, provided details regarding the gap analysis, establishing the viability of a left-turn off Jamboree into the project site.

Discussion included: 1) amount of time available to make a left-turn off Jamboree Road; 2) signal timing benefits of video detection versus loop detectors; 3) opportunity to develop a flashing yellow arrow at the Jamboree Road driveway location; 4) cost to further develop a left-turn pocket in-lieu of video detection; 5) operational timing of a U-turn versus left-turn movements; and 6) bicycle and pedestrian safety features.

Motion was split into three parts, as follows:

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Casey, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Knowland absent) to:

Determine the Limited Scope Traffic Study for the Banc Hotel is consistent with the City's adopted performance criteria, thresholds of significance, and General Plan standards.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Casey, motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Knowland absent) to:

Recommend Planning Commission approve the developer-recommended left-turn in, and staff-recommended right-turn in/out, for the Jamboree Drive project driveway.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, motion carried 3-1-1 (Vice Chair Greenberg against; Commissioner Knowland absent) to:

Approve the City-recommended operational improvement at Teller Avenue and Michelson Drive, to include implementation of video detection for two approaches of the intersection, requiring the applicant to fund the improvement.

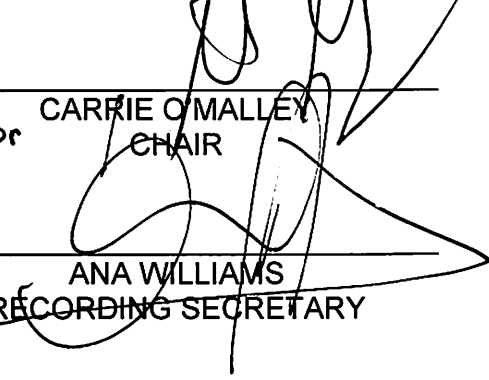
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Requests for: 1) DUI prevention efforts; and 2) results from the flashing yellow arrow at five specified intersections, and options for program expansion.


ADJOURNMENT

Chair O'Malley adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. to a regular Transportation Commission meeting on May 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., City of Irvine, City Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA.

Commissioner
Steve
Greenberg for



CARRIE O'MALLEY
CHAIR



MARK LINSENMAYER
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

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RECORDING SECRETARY

6/4/2019
DATE APPROVED