

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
AUGUST 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dahl called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Dahl.

ROLL CALL

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission was present with Chairman Dahl, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Ojeisekhoba and Commissioner Peters responding to roll call.

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez, and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 24, 2025

Commissioner Peters moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2025 of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl**

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Battalion Chief Tom Tobin addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He reported on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JUNE 2025

Assistant City Manager Haraksin and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for June 2025.

AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – JULY 2025

Assistant City Manager Haraksin and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Crime Report.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for July 2025.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – AUGUST 2025

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported on the Traffic Study Status Report.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for August 2025.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF BENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The City's Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman reported that the Public Safety and Traffic Commission requested traffic studies be completed for schools in La Mirada. He said a site analysis was conducted at Benton Middle School. He reported that morning and afternoon traffic was relatively smooth and while there were observed delays, the overall flow of vehicles was appropriate. Mr. Zimmerman said that no traffic modifications were recommended.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the report.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: None**

7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Zimmerman reported that a site analysis was conducted at El Camino High School. He said that there was no vehicle delay inside the parking lot since the parking lot accommodates two pull-through lanes for drop-off and pick-up as well as parking. Based on his traffic study, he recommended Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District install "Entrance Only" and "Exit Only" signage to further enforce the direction of travel for the parking lot.

Vice Chair Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to recommend the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District install "Entrance Only" and "Exit Only" signage to further enforce the direction of travel for the parking lots.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: None**

8. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Zimmerman said a site analysis was conducted at Heights Christian Junior High School. He reported that the traffic flow of the roads surrounding Heights Christian Junior High School operated well. Mr. Zimmerman said that based on the traffic study he recommended the red curb near the exit on Bluefield Avenue be extended an additional five feet to increase the sight distance for motorists exiting the parking lot.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to recommend the Public Safety and Traffic Commission approve the installation of five additional feet of red curb near the exit on Bluefield Avenue to increase the sight distance for motorists exiting the parking lot.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: None**

9. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF HUTCHINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Zimmerman said a site analysis was conducted at Hutchinson Middle School. He said traffic impacts were experienced on Estero Road, Alicante Road, and Bora Drive during drop-off and pick-up times. He said there was a large volume of vehicles and students observed during both peak periods because of the queueing at Estero Road and vehicular traffic on Alicante Road. Traffic Engineer Zimmerman recommended the Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District install a “Right Turn Only 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.” sign at the front parking loop exit.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to recommend the Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District install a “Right Turn Only 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.” sign at the exit of the front parking loop and schedule school staff to direct traffic during drop-off and pick-up times.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: None**

10. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mr. Zimmerman said a site analysis was conducted at St. Paul of the Cross School. He said the traffic flow of the roads surrounding St. Paul of the Cross School operated relatively smoothly. Mr. Zimmerman said St. Paul of the Cross School had an efficient student drop-off and pick-up system in place. He suggested the school administration install a double sided "Entrance Only" signage or "One Way" signage at the entrance of the parking lot to alleviate confusion. He also recommended a safety analysis be completed for the intersection of Parise Drive and Foster Road for students crossing the street and vehicles traveling along Foster Road.

Vice Chair Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to approve the recommendation for the City to encourage the school administration to consider the installation of a double sided "Entrance Only" signage or "One Way" signage at the entrance of the parking lot; approve the completion of a safety analysis at the intersection of Parise Drive and Foster Road; and assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Peters to study the location and report the findings at a future meeting.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

11. UPDATE ON FIREWORKS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin presented an update on fireworks. She provided information on fireworks regulations and enforcement activities.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the fireworks update. Members of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission expressed their appreciation to staff for providing the information.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maldonado stated he attended National Night Out and expressed his gratitude for the event. He also expressed his appreciation to the Public Safety Team for its dedication and service.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba expressed his appreciation of the Public Safety Team. He also provided an update on activities at Biola University.

Commissioner Peters thanked the Public Safety Team for its service to the community. She also asked for an update on when the next Civilian Academy will be hosted by Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez responded and said that the academy is tentatively scheduled for October 2025.

Vice Chair Covarrubias thanked staff for their coordination of National Night Out. He also asked if drones are being considered for use in La Mirada and asked for an update on installing cameras at La Mirada Regional Park.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Rodriguez responded and said that the City of Cerritos currently has a drone pilot program and there are no plans for drone usage in La Mirada at this time.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded and said that no camera update was currently available.

Chair Dahl expressed his gratitude for the Public Safety Team and to the City of La Mirada for its swift removal of debris in the roadway. He also mentioned that the next Love La Mirada events will be on September 13 and October 25.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that the Public Safety Team welcomed students with Back to School events. She said Safe Pace is the theme for the annual Poster Contest. She also said that National Coffee with a Cop Day is on October 1 at Hygge Coffee. Ms. Haraksin said that the Commissioners would be invited to the fountain dedication in October.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Steven Dahl, Chairman