

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
MAY 22, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 Chair Dahl.

ROLL CALL

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission was present with Chair Dahl, Vice Chair Covarrubias, and Commissioners Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, and 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, Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman, Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso, and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Rick Maduro addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He expressed concerns about pedestrian safety and expressed support for e-bike regulations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Fire Department addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. They reported on the Fire Department’s activities and trends.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – MARCH 2025

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

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for March 2025.

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

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – APRIL 2025

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

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for April 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 – MAY 2025

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

Vice Chair Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for May 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF LA MIRADA BOULEVARD AND UNIVERSITY DRIVE/OAKWOOD LANE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Michael Wong emailed the City to express concerns with pedestrian safety at La Mirada Boulevard and University Drive/Oakwood Lane. Ms. Haraksin said he said that in the afternoon hours, the sun is in a particular position that makes it difficult to monitor traffic and pedestrians in the crosswalk. She said he proposed the installation of pavement lights or a signal to alert drivers of pedestrians and also suggested the installation of a protected left-turn signal for vehicles exiting University Drive and vehicles traveling west on Oakwood Lane and turning onto La Mirada Boulevard.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said the analysis of the CA MUTCD, the collected traffic data, and simulated operation of the intersection through Synchro and SimTraffic software along with a field review determined that the traffic conditions at the intersection did not justify the modification of signals at the intersection. The Traffic Engineer said it was recommended the request for the installation of a protected left turn sign for the east-west direction of University Drive/Oakwood Lane be denied.

Commissioner Peters moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to deny the request for the installation of a protected left turn signal for the east-west direction of University Drive/Oakwood Lane.

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. TRAFFIC STUDY OF FOSTER ROAD AT BRAZO ROAD/FAIRVILLA DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that a resident used the My La Mirada app to request the installation of a Stop sign on Foster Road at Brazo Road/Fairvillla Drive. She said the resident reported that motorists traveling on Foster Road do not yield when coming to Brazo Road/Fairvillla Drive.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location to determine if a Stop sign was warranted at Foster Road at Brazo Road/Fairvillla Drive. He said the CA MUTCD provides guidance

on Stop sign warrants. He also said traffic data was collected at the intersection of Foster Road and Brazo Road, a clear sight distance analysis was conducted, along with a field review. The Traffic Engineer said the resulting counts, analysis, and field review did not justify the installation of a Stop sign at the location and therefore it was not being recommended.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to deny the request for the installation of a Stop sign at Foster Road at Brazo Road/Fairvilla Drive.

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. DRAFT ORDINANCE REGULATING ELECTRIC MOBILITY DEVICES

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that earlier this year members of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission expressed interest in discussing the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) in the community. Ms. Haraksin said that at the March and April Public Safety and Traffic Commission meetings, the Commission reviewed and discussed a draft ordinance establishing regulations for electric bicycles. She presented a draft ordinance prepared by the City Attorney's office that also included the Commission's recommendation to prohibit children under the age of 18 from traveling faster than 15 miles per hour on an electric mobility device.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the draft ordinance and expressed support for City Council to consider the adoption of the proposed ordinance regulating electric mobility devices.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to recommend the City Council consider the adoption of the proposed ordinance regulating electric mobility devices.

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. 2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

Assistant City Manager Haraksin introduced Senior Administrative Analyst Jorge Orozco who presented the 2028 Strategic Plan report.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the 2028 Strategic Plan offering feedback and suggestions.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maldondo expressed his gratitude to the City of La Mirada for its swift removal of graffiti and he thanked Public Safety and Public Works staff for their service.

Commissioner Peters said she attended a recent CERT meeting and thanked the volunteers on behalf of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. 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 scheduled for mid-Summer 2025.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba expressed his gratitude to the Traffic Engineer for the solution-based reports and all the behind-the-scenes work. He also said that crime is down 82% in Reporting District 0473 and thanked deputies for their service.

Vice Chair Covarrubias expressed his gratitude to firefighters and deputies for their service. He thanked staff for their work on the ordinance regulating electric mobility devices. Vice Chair Covarrubias also said that Scout Troop 438 would be placing flags on the graves of military personnel at Olive Lawn Memorial Park for the annual Memorial Day event.

Chair Dahl expressed his gratitude for the Volunteer Appreciation Day at Splash!

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin invited the Public Safety and Traffic Commission to the City Council Reorganization meeting on June 10. She also said that the Commissioners would be invited to the meeting when the ordinance regulating electric mobility devices will be on the City Council agenda. Ms. Haraksin invited the Public Safety and Traffic Commission to the Memorial Day event at Olive Lawn Memorial Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Steven Dahl, Chair