

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
APRIL 23, 2026**

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 and Commissioner Peters responding to roll call.

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman, Public Safety Supervisors Michael Alfonso and Mary Cipres, and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Vice Chairman Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2026 of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Peters, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Chairman Dahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department presented an update on the Department's activities and trends.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026

Assistant City Manager Haraksin and Public Safety Supervisor Alfonso provided information on the Traffic Report.

Commissioner Peters moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for January and February 2026.

AYES: Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Peters, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Chairman Dahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026

Assistant City Manager Haraksin and Public Safety Supervisor Alfonso provided information on the Crime Report.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for February and March 2026.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Peters, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Chairman Dahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – APRIL 2026

Assistant City Manager Haraksin provided information on the Traffic Study Status Report.

Commissioner Peters moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for April 2026.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Peters, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Chairman Dahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF SUMMERSHADE DRIVE AND LINDESMITH AVENUE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Neha Malhotra called the City to request the installation of a Stop sign on Lindesmith Avenue at Summershade Drive. Ms. Haraksin said that Ms. Malhotra expressed concerns with vehicles exceeding the speed limit and the safety of children at the location.

Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman presented the results of the completed study. He said the traffic study included a review of the sight distance, collision data, speed study and a field review. Based on the results of the traffic study, the CA MUTCD warrants were not met to justify the installation of a stop control at Summershade Drive and Lindesmith Avenue. He said the speed data showed that vehicles were driving within the expected speed range.

Commissioner Peters moved and Vice Chairman Covarrubias seconded to deny the request for the installation of a stop control at Summershade Drive and Lindesmith Avenue.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Peters, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Chairman Dahl**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: None**

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ROSECRANS AVENUE AND STANTON AVENUE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that at the Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting on February 26, Pablo Mejia expressed concerns regarding traffic safety and vehicles exceeding the speed limit at Rosecrans Avenue and Stanton Avenue. Ms. Haraksin said in response to his concerns, speed enforcement, Stop sign enforcement, and crosswalk enforcement was planned. Ms. Haraksin said that on March 3, the City received a request via the My La Mirada app for the installation of a traffic signal at Rosecrans Avenue and Stanton Avenue. She said due to the fact the City has received input from several residents about the same location, it would be appropriate to assign the Traffic Engineer to conduct a study of the location.

Commissioner Peters moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Dahl to study the location and report their findings at a future meeting.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES:** Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Peters, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Chairman Dahl
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

8. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ELMBROOK DRIVE AND BARNWALL STREET

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Vanessa Arteaga used the My La Mirada app to express her traffic safety concerns. Ms. Haraksin reported that Ms. Arteaga said that vehicles are exceeding the speed limit on Barnwall Street and requested the installation of a Stop sign for motorists traveling on Elmbrook Drive turning onto Barnwall Street. Ms. Haraksin said the resident also requested a Stop sign on Barnwall Street at Elmbrook Drive for vehicles traveling on Barnwall Street.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Chairman Dahl seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Maldonado to study the location and report their findings at a future meeting.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES:** Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Peters, Vice Chairman Covarrubias, Chairman Dahl
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

9. UPDATE ON THE LA MIRADA PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Public Safety Supervisor Mary Cipres reported on the Public Safety Volunteer Program report. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maldonado expressed his appreciation to the Public Safety Team. He congratulated Public Safety Supervisor Mary Cipres on her upcoming retirement. He also expressed his appreciation for the annual document shredding event.

Commissioner Peters reported on the events and meetings she attended. Ms. Peters said that she was told by residents that horses are spooked by E-bikes and requested patrols in Creek Park. She expressed her gratitude for the Public Safety Team and wished Ms. Cipres a happy retirement.

Vice Chairman Covarrubias expressed his appreciation to the Public Safety Team. He said the Mayor's Community Breakfast was excellent and expressed support for the installation of cameras at La Mirada Regional Park. He requested that the Traffic Engineer conduct a six-month review and re-evaluate traffic conditions on Estero Road adjacent to Hutchinson Middle School. He also congratulated Public Safety Supervisor Cipres on her retirement in June.

Chairman Dahl expressed his appreciation to the Public Safety Team. He also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Cipres and congratulated her on her forthcoming retirement.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin invited the Public Safety and Traffic Commission to the Volunteer Appreciation Day held on May 17 at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. She said the City will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a drone show in the La Mirada Civic Center Plaza on June 6. Ms. Haraksin said the Concerts Under the Stars series will start on June 11 at Neff Park. She also said the Spring Beautification awards ceremony will be held on June 22 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Steven Dahl, Chairman