



# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**December 5, 2017**  
**City Council Chamber**  
**One Civic Center Plaza**  
**Irvine, CA 92606**

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Transportation Commission was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on December 5, 2017 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Montgomery presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	4	Commissioner:	Rose Casey
		Commissioner:	Carrie O'Malley
		Vice Chair:	Steve Greenberg (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
		Chair:	Ken Montgomery
Absent:	1	Commissioner:	Sandy Moody

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Montgomery introduced Alisha Patterson, Assistant City Attorney, Rutan & Tucker.

### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

### ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Chair Montgomery, and unanimously carried by those members present (Commissioners Greenberg and Moody absent), to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1 through 2.**

**1. MINUTES**

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on November 7, 2017.

**As amended** to clearly indicate that the Study Session for Jamboree Road Intersection Improvements at Main Street and at Barranca Parkway (Item 2) was divided into two separate sessions, and that Barranca/Jamboree was taken first.

**2. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

**CITY COUNCIL/BOARD ACTION:**

Recommended that the City Council adopt - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, WHICH CERTIFIES THAT THE CITY OF IRVINE HAS THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE PROJECTS IN THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 THROUGH 2023-24 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROJECTS IN THE PROGRAM

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**3. TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR THE 17832 AND 17840 GILLETTE AVENUE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT LOCATED IN PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)**

Sun-Sun Murillo, Supervising Transportation Analyst, presented the item and answered questions. Ann Wu, Senior Planner, was also available for questions.

Brice Bunker and Mina Brown, Pacific Planning Group, on behalf of GHC Properties, presented Gillette Trails with an overview of different ways they will be able to provide transportation alternatives.

Public Comment:

Julie Hamill, with Hamill Law spoke (representing an undisclosed client) regarding the close proximity to industrial and distribution centers and expressed traffic impact concerns.

Deborah Rosenthal, with FitzGerald Yap Kreditor LLP (representing GHC Properties) stated that all traffic impact concerns and possible traffic conflicts were analyzed as part of the traffic study.

Karen Jaffe, with Irvine for Responsible Growth (IRG), spoke regarding the project's potential impact on traffic in the IBC and concerns that it would strain local infrastructure. She stated impact studies were outdated and spoke on the need for further traffic analyses and studies.

Alisha Patterson, Rutan & Tucker, addressed legal concerns that were brought up during public comment and stated that it was appropriate for the Commission to hear the item that is currently before them and to not deliberate on other items.

Commission discussion included: 1) request for clarification on details of parcels to include the square footage, buildout, density, number of dwelling units, and residential unit permit cap; 2) concerns regarding an increase in traffic; 3) clarification regarding options for access to points of entry, including bicycle access, and emergency and service vehicle access; 4) concerns about emergency vehicle access and statement that the Orange County Fire Authority has reviewed the plans and did not indicate any concerns with the project; 5) clarification that the Transportation Commission is to review traffic-related impacts of this project independently of other items on the agenda. 6) speculation that Amazon's business will increase dramatically in next few years; 7) reminder that residents sign disclosures stating that they reside in a business district with potential noise, and that residential areas are turned to face away from main business roadways.

Ken Wilhelm with LSA, stated that a 24-hour traffic count was conducted and included vehicle-type classifications.

Deborah Rosenthal, FitzGerald Yap Kreditor LLP, stated that the traffic count analysis included the time of day, number of trips, and the type of vehicles that traveled. Most traffic was identified as passenger vehicles. Noise from Amazon-related deliveries was not identified during the study.

**ACTION: Moved by Vice-Chair Greenberg, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley, motion failed 2-2-1 (Commissioners Greenberg and O'Malley voted yes; Commissioners Montgomery and Casey voted no; Commissioner Moody absent) to:**

Recommend the Planning Commission not approve the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) as part of the Conditional Use Permit process for a 326-unit residential apartment project located at 17832 and 17840 Gillette Avenue.

**ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Chair Montgomery, motion failed 2-2-1 (Commissioners Montgomery and Casey voted yes; Commissioners Greenberg and O'Malley voted no; Commissioner Moody absent) to:**

Recommend the Planning Commission approve the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) as part of the Conditional Use Permit process for a 326-unit residential apartment project located at 17832 and 17840 Gillette Avenue.

Item will be presented to Planning Commission with notice on the two split votes.

**4. TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR THE 15° SOUTH RESIDENTIAL PROJECT LOCATED IN PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)**

Farideh Lyons, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the item and answered questions. Sun-Sun Murillo, Supervising Transportation Analyst, the applicant, and consultants were available for questions.

Public Comment:

Tim Strader Jr. with Starpointe Ventures, Consultant to J&R Group, stated he is in favor of this project and agreed with all the findings of the traffic study. He also added his belief that none of the issues from item 3 apply to this project, because this is a different area.

John McClendon, an attorney with Liebold McClendon & Mann, provided a letter to the Commission with objections to the project. He also spoke against the project, stating his concerns with traffic issues, parking distance from residences, and parking access.

Commission Discussion:

Bill Rodrigues, Senior Planner, addressed issues on remote parking and the zoning code.

Commission discussion included: 1) addressing that letter from Liebold McClendon & Mann, dated December 5, 2017, and the concern that staff has not been able to review the letter prior to answering questions; 2) impact on residential unit cap, if approved, and concern that there are not enough units to accommodate both projects (issue to be resolved by the Planning Commission and City Council; not within the scope of this Commission), 3) two access points for entry/exit, and 4) concern with the design of bicycle storage facility and clarification that this is not a final

plan; statement identifying plans for two varsity-style bike racks on the exterior, plus additional high and low racks.

**ACTION: Moved by Commissioner O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Casey, motion carried 4-0-1(Commissioners Casey, Greenberg, Montgomery and O'Malley voted yes; Commissioner Moody absent) to:**

Recommend Planning Commission approval of the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) as part of the approval for a 150-unit residential project located at the northeast corner of Main Street and Cartwright Road.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Sellin, OC Bicycle Coalition, spoke in favor of considering bicycling alternatives for the Gillette Avenue Traffic Impact Analysis (Item 3), but has areas of concern and wants to ensure the City meets standards and best practices for the design of this project.

**REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ITEMS**

At the last Council meeting, the Transportation Commission recommendation from the November 7, 2017 meeting on the Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans on Citywide Traffic Signal Synchronization was approved as recommended by the Commission, including the cover letter to encourage timing performance and schedule.

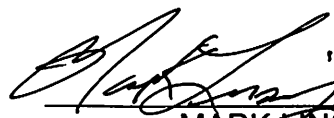
**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**


There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, Chair Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to a regular Transportation Commission meeting on January 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., City of Irvine, City Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA.

  
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CHAIR

  
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MARK LINSENMAYER  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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DEBORAH KELLY  
RECORDING SECRETARY

January 16, 2018  
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DATE APPROVED