

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 1:30 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 10 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, California

DAVID E. BARTLETT
CHAIRMAN
FIFTH District

TRUNG “JOE” HA
VICE CHAIRMAN
First District

HANG HARPER
COMMISSIONER
Second District



KEVIN RICE
COMMISSIONER
Third District

CLAUDIA PEREZ
COMMISSIONER
Fourth District

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Ha, Harper, Bartlett and Perez

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE OFFICER Richard Vuong
COUNTY COUNSEL Nicole Walsh
SECRETARY Sharon Gilliam

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Harper, Second District, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. CONSENT ITEM(S) - Minutes

The minutes of November 10, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Ha, seconded by Commissioner Harper, and approved by a unanimous vote. Commissioner Rice is abstaining.

II. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

ITEM #1 PUBLIC HEARING – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT T 20-02 – TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.

OC Development Services is requesting to revise the County of Orange Circulation Plan, contained in the General Plan’s Transportation Element, to conform the Circulation Plan to the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH), administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). The proposed revisions to the Circulation Plan, once adopted, will: (1) delete the “Conceptual Proposed” Cristianitos Road, south of Cow Camp Road; and (2)

add the alignment of Los Patrones extension from Cow Camp Road to Avenida La Pata and designate it a Primary Arterial Highway.

Recommended Action (s):

1. Receive public testimony as appropriate;
2. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-02 recommending that the Board of Supervisors make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt the proposed General Plan Amendment T20-02 – Transportation Element that will update the County of Orange Circulation Plan.

Special Notes:

Debbie Drasler, Contract Planner, provided a presentation and answered questions of the Planning Commission. Two members of the public spoke in opposition of the project. Commissioner Bartlett read into the record; a comment letter of support that was received from one member of the public. Chris Devlin, Engineer and Nardy Khan, Deputy Director, Infrastructure Programs, answered questions from the Planning Commission.

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

The motion for item #1 was made by Commissioner Bartlett and seconded by Commissioner Ha, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-02 recommending that the Board of Supervisors make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt the proposed General Plan Amendment T20-02 – Transportation Element that will update the County of Orange Circulation Plan.

APPROVE OTHER
 DENIED

Unanimous (1) Ha: Y (2) Hang: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Perez: Y (5) Bartlett: Y
 Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

ITEM #2 PUBLIC HEARING – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT T 20-03 – TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.

OC Development Services is requesting to revise the County of Orange Circulation Plan, contained in the General Plan’s Transportation Element, to conform the Circulation Plan to the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH), administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). The proposed revision to the County’s Circulation Plan, once adopted, will: (1) reclassify Chiquita Canyon Drive between Fauna Drive and Esencia Drive from its current Secondary Arterial Highway designation to a Divided Collector Arterial; (2) add Fauna Drive as a Commuter roadway (Collector Arterial) between Chiquita Canyon Drive and Esencia Drive; and (3) add Esencia Drive as a Commuter roadway (Collector Arterial) between Andaza Street and Fauna Drive.

Recommended Action (s):

1. Receive public testimony as appropriate;
2. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-03 recommending that the Board of Supervisors make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt the proposed General Plan Amendment T20-03 – Transportation Element that will update the County of Orange Circulation Plan.

Special Notes:

Debbie Drasler, Contract Planner, provided a presentation and answered questions of the Planning Commission.

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

- 1. The motion for item #2 was made by Commissioner Bartlett and seconded by Commissioner Rice, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-03 recommending that the Board of Supervisors make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt the proposed General Plan Amendment T20-03 – Transportation Element that will update the County of Orange Circulation Plan.

APPROVE OTHER

DENIED

Unanimous (1) Ha: Y (2) Hang: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Perez: Y (5) Bartlett: Y
 Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

III. EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

- Thanked the Commissioners
- Upcoming Items for Planning Commission
 - Acoustical Consultants
 - RHNA appeal being reviewed
 - Upcoming controversial projects in Coto and North Tustin

IV. COUNTY COUNSEL UPDATE

- None

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Thanks to staff

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- One speaker from the public thanked the Commissioners for their time and happy holidays

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.