

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
Wednesday, September 23, 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



**KEVIN RICE**  
COMMISSIONER  
Third District

**HANG HARPER**  
COMMISSIONER  
Second District

**CLAUDIA PEREZ**  
COMMISSIONER  
Fourth District

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Ha, Harper, Rice, Bartlett and Perez

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Ha, First District, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. CONSENT ITEM(S) - Minutes**

The minutes of August 26, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Ha, seconded by Commissioner Harper, and approved by a unanimous vote.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

**ITEM #1 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA 20-01 – LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.**

Continued public hearing from August 26, 2020, Planning Commission meeting, staff is requesting to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 20-01 recommending that the Board of Supervisors: (1) make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; (2) adopt amendments to the County of Orange Land Use, Transportation and Growth Management Elements to incorporate new metrics for California Environmental Quality Act

transportation analysis to ensure compliance with recent state mandated changes; (3) delete the Transportation Implementation Manual from General Plan Transportation Element and adopt as a stand-alone document; and (4) adopt the Guidelines for Evaluating Vehicle Miles Traveled Under CEQA.

**Recommended Action (s):**

1. Receive public testimony as appropriate;
2. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 20-01 recommending that the Board of Supervisors (1) make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); (2) adopt amendments to the County of Orange Land Use, Transportation and Growth Management Elements to incorporate new metrics for California Environmental Quality Act transportation analysis to ensure compliance with recent state mandated changes; (3) delete the Transportation Implementation Manual from General Plan Transportation Element and adopt as a stand-alone document; (4) adopt the Guidelines for Evaluating Vehicle Miles Traveled Under CEQA prepared by LSA Associates, Inc. (August 2020); and (5) adopt the 2020 Updated Transportation Implementation Manual.

**Special Notes:**

Joanna Chang, Manager, Planner, provided a presentation and answered questions of the Planning Commission. Jay Bullock representing RMV stated that they support the VMT Guideline change.

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

The motion for item #1 was made by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Ha, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 20-01 recommending that the Board of Supervisors (1) make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); (2) adopt amendments to the County of Orange Land Use, Transportation and Growth Management Elements to incorporate new metrics for California Environmental Quality Act transportation analysis to ensure compliance with recent state mandated changes; (3) delete the Transportation Implementation Manual from General Plan Transportation Element and adopt as a stand-alone document; (4) adopt the Guidelines for Evaluating Vehicle Miles Traveled Under CEQA prepared by LSA Associates, Inc. (August 2020); and (5) adopt the 2020 Updated Transportation Implementation Manual.

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**

- Upcoming Items for Planning Commission
  - Controversial project coming possibly in November 2020, briefings will be scheduled
  - Practice Test Runs via WebEx for controversial projects coming in the Fall 2020 due to volume of anticipated participation from the public

**IV. COUNTY COUNSEL UPDATE**

- None

V. **PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- None

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.**