

# **DRAFT MINUTES**

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## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LANCASTER ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN COMMISSION**

**March 7, 2019**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Bartlett called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Bartlett.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Vice Chair Bartlett, Commissioners Chant, DeSpain, and McDonald.

Absent: Chairman Carter and Commissioner Tufts.

Also present were Community Development Manager (Larissa De La Cruz), Principal Planner (Jocelyn Swain), Senior Construction Manager (Mike Livingston), and Recording Secretary (Danielle Winter). There were 5 people in the audience.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Bartlett made a motion and Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2019. The motion carried with the following vote (4-0-0-2):

AYES: Bartlett, Chant, DeSpain, and McDonald.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Carter and Tufts.

**NEW BUSINESS****2. MEASURE R INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

Mike Livingston, Senior Construction Manager, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Chant had a suggestion that since both Avenue M and Avenue G are avenues to aviation based destinations (Plant 42 and Fox Air Field), the ramp treatments should reflect that.

Vice Chair Bartlett asked if the Avenue J-8 off-ramp would be eliminated. Mike Livingston responded that the south-bound on-ramp will be eliminated since Caltrans does not allow two off-ramps within a mile of each other. Through roundabouts and signals, traffic will be slowed down so traffic will not back up on the freeway. Vice Chair Bartlett asked where the new south-bound on-ramp will be installed. Mike Livingston explained where it will be constructed. The materials from the off-ramp will be taken and used to build the new ramp. We will eventually be able to detour traffic away from Valley Central during the work from 25<sup>th</sup> Street W to 15<sup>th</sup> Street W will be done to minimally impact the business. The freeway on-ramps and off ramps will be closed completely on Avenue J for the duration of construction. Consecutive ramps cannot be closed.

Commissioner DeSpain asked if Mike could explain if the park was going to be replaced by the on-ramp. Mike responded that the park will be built by the City should it be decided that way.

Commissioner DeSpain asked whether the future public art opportunities will be included in the funding for the improvements. Mike responded that the art is included in funding for public art but not in the transportation funding. The wayfinding signage and the concrete stamping are included in Measure R funding. Commissioner DeSpain asked if Joshua trees will be included in the landscape since they are unique to the area. Mike stated that the Joshua trees are very hard to transplant. However, Joshua trees will potentially be transplanted. Commissioner DeSpain asked why Avenue H and Avenue I were not included in the funding. The two on/off ramps were not considered because they had previously been funded and improved. In the future, they will adhere to the same design guidelines that the rest of the corridor follows. The landscape plan is currently under review with Caltrans. Commissioner DeSpain asked if the City is planning on making any improvements on the embankments on Avenue M and Avenue L. However, it is considered to be in the Caltrans right-of-way so the City of Lancaster is not responsible for making changes.

Commissioner McDonald asked about the \$90.9 million budget and how much we will receive. Mike clarified that we are currently approved for \$65 million, and the \$30.9 million is being added by Metro. It will be approved at the next Metro meeting.

Vice Chair Bartlett asked if this Measure R project will be coming back to the Commission with more specifics. Mike stated that he will be able to move the project forward for their review at a later time. He can now take the Commission's comments to Caltrans.

Public Speaker #1: David Paul thanked Mr. Livingston for his decorum regarding aggressive landscaping. He was part of the crew that helped clean the Avenue K on-ramp. He appreciates that the on-ramps are going to be designed in such a way that keeps people from camping there and keeps the ramps clean. He thanked the Commission and Mike Livingston for their participation in the project.

Public Speaker #2: Nicole Parsons addressed the Commission regarding the design of the on-ramps, the parks, and landscaping.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

None.

**COMMISSION AGENDA**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m., to the Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., in the Lancaster City Hall Council Chambers.

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APRIL BARTLETT, Vice Chair  
Lancaster Architectural and Design Commission

ATTEST:

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Danielle Winter, Recording Secretary  
City of Lancaster