

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2007 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ulrich.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Clouch, Galvin, Rische, Santome, Tsao, Ulrich, and Chairperson Lewis.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Transportation Manager Semaan.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Tsao moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Santome seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 7, 2007**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Santome moved for the approval of the May 7, 2007 Traffic Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

**7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

**7A. UPCOMING CIRCULATION ENHANCEMENTS IN VICINITY OF SAM LEVY SCHOOL AS PART OF HULL MIDDLE SCHOOL RELOCATION**

Transportation Manager Semaan reported that on May 15, 2007 City Council considered the Community Development Director's recommendations included in the material of record to improve and enhance traffic circulation at the vicinity of Levy School. He advised that City Council approved Category I Short Term improvements: 1) Create a drop off area within the parking lot off Madison Street, 2) Intersection modifications on Madison Street at 230<sup>th</sup> Street/229<sup>th</sup> Place, 3) Create a drop off area within the parking lot off 229<sup>th</sup> Place, and 4) Turn restriction on 229<sup>th</sup> Place during designated hours. Referring to Category II Mid-Range improvements, he stated that City Council approved 5) Intersection modification on 230<sup>th</sup> Street at Hawthorne Boulevard.

He noted that City Council recommended to not move forward on options 6) and 7); instead, they directed staff to explore modifications at the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard. He stated that Category III Long Term improvements were discussed but not given much consideration.

He reported that items under Category I should be completed by the time that school begins in September 2007 but that Category II improvements are more complicated because they involve Cal Trans and may take longer.

Responding to Commissioner Rische's inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan stated that intersection modifications on 230<sup>th</sup> Street at Hawthorne Boulevard involves reconfiguration of the striping and will increase lane output from 230<sup>th</sup> Street. He explained that the \$25,000 cost would include design plans, sandblasting existing striping, resealing, and restriping.

In response to Chairperson Lewis' inquiry, he stated that the other Category II options were not approved due to cost and need, noting that City Council was looking at the whole circulation pattern.

Responding to Commissioner Galvin's inquiries, Transportation Manager Semaan stated that a school district representative would be responsible for putting up barricades for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. He explained that, once installed, residents living between the two barricades would be able to exit from their properties but would not be able to enter from Nadine Circle or 229<sup>th</sup> Place, noting that they would be able to park on Nadine Circle and walk to their residences or enter from 226<sup>th</sup>.

Transportation Manager Semaan explained that the estimated annual cost of \$27,000 for enforcement identifies charges associated with the improvements in the Levy School area.

In response to Commissioner Galvin's inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan advised that the relocation would be for a minimum of three years and is dependent on passage of a bond measure.

Commissioner Clouch initiated a brief discussion regarding the Hull Middle School site. Transportation Manager Semaan stated that the single pick up busing location would take place from 231<sup>st</sup> Street and that the playground would be restriped and used for parking for adult school users.

Responding to Commissioner Santome's inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan stated that the school district would make test runs to determine which bus route to utilize.

Commissioner Ulrich expressed appreciation to staff for providing the information.

## **8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**8a.** Transportation Manager Semaan distributed copies of the Oversized Vehicle/Trailer Registration applications, the registration sticker, and fee sheet for registration stickers and daily permits. He stated that reminders would be sent out to residents who have registered their vehicles and that information would be put on the City's website.

Responding to Commissioner Galvin's inquiries, he stated that parking restrictions have been posted at over 100 locations at City entrances and that at present there are no provisions for visitors with oversized vehicles who are not sponsored by a resident.

**8b.** Commissioner Tsao relayed a resident's request for staff to explore the possibility of installing a stop sign at 216<sup>th</sup> Street and Abalone Street.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:31 p.m., Chairperson Lewis, with a second by Commissioner Santome, adjourned the meeting to August 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room.

Approved as Submitted August 6, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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