

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chairperson Rudolph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Furey, Herring, Sargent, Siani, Tsao, and Chairperson Rudolph.

Absent: Commissioner Walter.

Also Present: Engineering Manager Semaan

**MOTION:** Chairperson Rudolph moved to grant Commissioner Walter an excused absence for the October 1, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5a. MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2012**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sargent moved for the approval of the August 6, 2012 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Tsao seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (Commissioner Walter absent, Commissioner Siani abstaining).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Chairperson Rudolph explained the policies and procedures of the Traffic Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

Bob Habel, West 181st Street, expressed concern about placement of stop signs at Cota Avenue between Carson Street and Torrance Boulevard. He stated that it is currently a two-way stop sign and that it is dangerous to continue forward or to turn after

stopping due to poor visibility. He requested that staff consider installing a four-way stop to include Sonoma Street to the west and Engracia Avenue to the east.

Commissioner Sargent pointed out that Mr. Habel made the same request at the August 6 Commission meeting.

Engineering Manager Semaan stated that staff would investigate the concern and bring back findings at a future Commission meeting.

## **7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

### **7a. QUARTERLY TRAFFIC COMMISSION SUMMARY OF REQUESTS**

Engineering Manager Semaan presented the Traffic Commission Summary of Requests encompassing the period of September 2011 to December 2012. He noted that there is only one pending item—Consider North/South split phasing of the Lowes/Costco signal on Skypark Drive. He stated that Operations staff is exploring options with Econolite and that he expects to have an update at the November 5 Commission meeting.

At Chairperson Rudolph's suggestion, for the benefit of new Commissioners, he provided background on the Work Plan priority item and explained how requests are placed on the Summary.

Chairperson Rudolph requested that staff add his August 6 request for information about the Torrance radio station and Pacific Railroad tracks.

In response to his inquiry, Engineering Manager Semaan advised that he would coordinate with the City Manager's Office to schedule a joint meeting of the Commission and City Council in December 2012 to discuss the status of the Work Plan items.

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

**8a.** Commissioner Herring expressed interest in the City Traffic Engineers Association Traffic Commissioners Workshop.

Engineering Manager Semaan stated that the next Workshop would be in fall 2013 and offered to review any elements of the manual with him.

**8b.** Commissioner Furey stated that the No Left Turn sign leaving the alley from South High School onto Calle Mayor is largely ignored and recommended enhanced enforcement.

Engineering Manager Semaan stated that the alley is owned by Torrance Unified School District, that it is enforceable, and that he would relay the concern to Engineering staff.

**8c.** In response to Commissioner Siani's inquiry, Engineering Manager Semaan stated that staff has received no complaints or concerns regarding the berm on Sepulveda Boulevard and Gramercy Avenue.

**8d.** Engineering Manager Semaan informed Commissioners that the bulk of the improvements for Hawthorne Boulevard and Skypark Drive have been accomplished but that Caltrans has asked the contractor to modify the wheelchair ramps.

**8e.** Referring to Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, Engineering Manager Semaan stated that they received funding from Metro and that a design contract was awarded by City Council a few weeks ago.

**8f.** Engineering Manager Semaan stated that staff has selected a consulting team for installation of protective permissive left turn signals and are in the process of negotiating the scope of work. He assured Commissioners that the team understands the importance of the public education outreach element.

**8g.** Chairperson Rudolph inquired how 182<sup>nd</sup> Street east of Hawthorne Boulevard could be beautified and Engineering Manager Semaan offered to relay his suggestion to Development Review staff.

**8h.** At Chairperson Rudolph's request, Engineering Manager Semaan provided an update on the Transit Center. He stated that City Council saw the last concept but that it was only at 30% design. He noted that the design team is working on completing the design, cost valuations, and design elements and that staff is meeting weekly with consultants to discuss façade materials and canopy designs. He added that bicycle facilities have been designed as a component but that bike lockers are not being proposed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Sargent moved to adjourn the meeting to November 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Siani seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Rudolph so ordered.

Approved as Amended November 05, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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