

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Habel, Obejas, Sargent,
Siani, Thomas, and Chairperson Bajaj.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Engineer Bilezerian and
Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Thomas moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5a. MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved for the approval of the June 6, 2016 Traffic Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Siani seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

6a. Chairperson Bajaj explained the policies and procedures of the Traffic Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

6b. Stephen Vaccarezza, Macafee Road, discussed an increase in traffic accidents at the intersection of Calle Mayor and Carlow Road. He described accidents on March 21 and July 27, noting that there have been three other collisions since 2010. He expressed concern about pedestrian and bystander safety as well as high speeds on eastbound or westbound Calle Mayor between Anza Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

Commissioners received clarification that the intersection of Calle Mayor and Carlow Road is signalized but that there is no left turn signal onto northbound Carlow Road.

City Engineer Bilezerian offered to research the accident history and conduct a site investigation.

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

7a. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF REVISED DRAFT APPLICATION FOR ON-STREET DISABLE PARKING SPACE PERMIT

City Engineer Bilezerian provided background on the Commission's Work Plan #1, continued from the June 6 Commission meeting. He reviewed the revised application for an On-Street Disabled Park Space that reflect suggestions from Commissioners and the City Attorney's Office. He noted that designation would be valid for one year, with extensions for consecutive one-year periods for those who meet eligibility requirements. He stated that the 72-hour long-term storage of vehicles and street sweeping regulations would govern over a blue curb designation.

Commissioner Thomas received clarification by staff that the 72-hour restriction applies to any blue curb in the City, that there is no application fee but there may be an appeal fee, and that installation of a blue curb and signage would cost no more than \$1,000 total.

In response to Commissioner Habel's inquiry, City Engineer Bilezerian stated that there would not be an automatic denial if an applicant has a garage because of accessibility.

A brief discussion centered on how to address requests for loading/unloading aisles, and Commissioners Obejas, Sargent, Sergeant Koenig, and Chairperson Bajaj offered minor revisions.

City Engineer Bilezerian stated that he would bring back a final draft at the next Commission meeting.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

8a. Commissioner Thomas relayed a resident's concern that there were no curb cuts at the new handicapped spaces in downtown Torrance.

City Engineer Bilezerian stated that grant funding has just become available to start the design phase for the Downtown Torrance Active Transportation Project that will allow installation of curb cuts for new spaces.

8b. Commissioner Habel inquired about the status of installation of Protected Permissive Left Turn (PPLT) signals.

City Engineer Bilezerian stated that they are in the design phase for four new PPLT with flashing yellow installations: westbound Del Amo Boulevard at Maple Avenue, Madrona Avenue at Emerald Street, northbound Madrona Avenue at Plaza del Amo, and

Anza Avenue at Lomita Boulevard. He stated that they are also working with Cal Trans to install Protected Left Turn phasing on Pacific Coast Highway at Madison Street. He added that by this time next summer all five should be upgraded and that as long as there is available funding they will continue traffic signal improvements.

8c. Commissioner Habel stated that there is confusing illuminated No Right Turn signage on northbound Cabrillo Avenue approaching Torrance Boulevard.

8d. Commissioner Obejas discussed accidents involving bicyclists in Palos Verdes Estates and the introduction of a public education campaign based on signage.

8e. Responding to Commissioner Siani's inquiry, City Engineer Bilezerian offered to look into implementing PPLT on Sepulveda Boulevard but noted that it might not be advisable because there are three lanes of opposing traffic. He added that he has intentionally kept PPLT operations 24/7 at all current intersections because of driver expectation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:10 p.m., Commissioner Obejas moved to adjourn the meeting to October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Bajaj so ordered.

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Approved as submitted October 3, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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