

**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, October 3, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Due to the absence of Chairperson Bajaj, Vice-Chairperson Habel led the meeting.

**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Siani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Chairperson Bajaj.

Also Present: City Engineer Bilezerian Engineering Manager Finton, and Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Siani 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 5-0 approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5a. MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2016**

Commissioner Sargent offered a correction as follows: page 2, paragraph 1, "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."

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sargent moved for the approval of the August 1, 2016 Traffic Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

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

7. **ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

7a. **REVIEW THE FINAL APPLICATION FOR ON-STREET DISABLED PARKING SPACE (PART OF WORK PLAN #1): DEVELOP A POLICY FOR ON-STREET BLUE CURB PARKING SPACES**

City Engineer Bilezerian provided background on the item, continued from the June 6 and August 1 Commission meetings. He stated that staff incorporated suggestions from those meetings, and he presented a final application for the Commission's review. He noted that the Commission would not be required to approve any future revisions on the application.

Commissioner Obejas offered a minor revision, and Commissioner Thomas asked to be informed of any significant changes made to the application.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sargent moved to approve the Application for On-Street Disabled Parking Space. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval.

7b. **INVESTIGATION OF REPORTED "CUT-THROUGH" TRAFFIC ON CAMINO DEL LAS COLINAS**

City Engineer Bilezerian reported that this item was referred to the Commission by City Council, directing staff to study traffic calming measures on Camino de las Colinas. He recommended that the Commission obtain public input to assist staff in investigating this issue, noting that staff would use this information to identify appropriate and strategic methods for investigating existing traffic conditions.

Responding to Commissioner Thomas's inquiry, Sergeant Koenig stated that traffic was monitored on one morning following the City Council meeting. He noted that Officers did not witness any speeding violations but saw one or two stop sign violations at Via Monte d'Oro and Camino de las Colinas.

Vice-Chairperson Habel welcomed public input. All members of the audience who spoke reside on Camino de las Colinas.

David Garten stated that there is a large volume of cut-through traffic on Camino de las Colinas traveling at high speeds, especially in the evening. He recommended installing a No Left Turn sign coming off Pacific Coast Highway or speed bumps.

Bob Keller stated that an increasing number of drivers are using Camino de las Colinas as a high-speed bypass from Pacific Coast Highway to Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Nancy Langdon distributed photographs of parking, passing vehicles, and accidents. She suggested installing a concrete triangle at Camino de las Colinas and Pacific Coast Highway that would allow residents to turn right from Camino de las Colinas but drivers would not be able to turn left or right from Pacific Coast Highway.

Kenneth Gore stated that there is one-sided parking and no sidewalks, it is difficult to find parking spaces, cut-through drivers travel from 30 to 55 MPH, and it is difficult and dangerous to back out of driveways.

Donna Keller stated that the road is narrow and dangerous for pedestrians. She read a letter from Pat Silvius, Camino de las Colinas, expressing support for any action taken to reduce excess traffic, including speeding.

Lois Arwine stated that 90% of traffic on the street is cut-through, drivers are not stopping at the stop sign, and it is difficult to back out of her driveway.

Joyce Neu stated that the "Waze" app is directing people to cut through the street and suggested installing bollards or a gate. She noted that it is difficult to back out of driveways and expressed concern that the Lagado development will increase traffic.

Christine Norris echoed comments regarding the difficulty of backing out of driveways, adding that the worst times are early morning and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Glenn Trattner voiced concern about speeding during rush hours and weekends, noting that the street is used as a parking area for the Village.

Carol Skramstad stated that traffic is heaviest between 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. She noted that trying to exit her driveway is dangerous and that drivers are rude.

Dick Norris stated that bicycling on Camino de las Colinas is dangerous due to the volume and speed of traffic. He added that visibility is poor because of parked cars along the curve of Camino de las Colinas and Pacific Coast Highway, and he suggested painting the curb red.

Robert Fino stated that drivers are impatient and treat Camino de las Colinas like it is a boulevard, making it dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. He suggested installation of radar signs or speed bumps.

Dwight Garbe stated that the street is ideal for commuter cut-through traffic and drivers come off Pacific Coast Highway at high speeds

John Kellam stated that there is heavy traffic all day long, it is dangerous exiting his driveway, and suggested speed bumps and more enforcement. He added that No Left Turn signage would be an inconvenience to him.

Peter Pellerito maintained that speed bumps have been effective in Redondo Beach.

Claire Monier stated that her daughter was involved in an accident trying to cross Pacific Coast Highway.

At Commissioner Thomas's request, City Engineer Bilezerian explained reasons why speed bumps and humps are not implemented in Torrance. He noted that the primary reasons are the negative impact to response times for Police and Fire and impact to drainage patterns. Referring to the suggestion for turn restrictions, he stated that staff would need to investigate impact to other streets in the area.

Sergeant Koenig voiced his support for enhancing enforcement in the area.

Commissioner Sargent raised the possibility of conditioning the Lagado development to install two left turn lanes going south onto Palos Verdes Boulevard and a deeper pocket that would block off turns to Camino de las Colinas.

City Engineer Bilezerian related his understanding that the development is involved in a lawsuit and that the project will not move forward until it is resolved. He offered to collect speed counts and volume data and bring back findings and recommendations to future Commission meetings.

Commissioner Obejas thanked audience members for their input, encouraged them to also voice their concerns to Caltrans, and received clarification that staff is not aware of any requests for permit parking in the area.

**8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**8a.** City Engineer Bilezerian reported that an RFP for the Citywide Traffic Study would go out before the end of the year and will include speed surveys for Palos Verdes Boulevard south of Pacific Coast Highway as well as Del Amo Boulevard between Maple Avenue east to Crenshaw Boulevard.

**8b.** Commissioner Siani relayed a resident's complaint that a construction project on Anza Avenue causing traffic delay was not announced on the City's radio station.

City Engineer Bilezerian stated that Public Works provides traffic alert information by e-mail to Police, Fire, and other Departments.

**8c.** In response to Commissioner Obejas's inquiry, staff explained that the project on Lomita Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Anza Avenue is a slurry seal project.

**8d.** Responding to an inquiry from Vice-Chairperson Habel about the crosswalk on 182<sup>nd</sup> and Bailey Drive, staff stated that an appeal has been filed but is not on a City Council agenda yet.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:30 p.m., Vice-Chairperson Habel adjourned the meeting to November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

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Approved as amended November 7, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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