

March 7, 2005

**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, March 7, 2005 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lee.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Lee, Lewis, O'Brien, Tsao, Ulrich, and Chairperson Rische.

Absent: Commissioner Santome.

Also Present: Transportation Planning Associate Crump and Torrance Police Department Lieutenant Matsuda.

4. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 7, 2005**

MOTION: Commissioner O'Brien moved for the approval of the February 7, 2005 Traffic Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Santome).

6. **ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

6a. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION 2004 YEAR IN REVIEW**

Transportation Planning Associate Crump presented the material of record that summarized Traffic Commission items from January to December 2004. She expressed gratitude to the Commission for their efforts as well as to the Torrance Police Department and Public Works Department. She provided additional information on the following items in the report:

Traffic Circulation in the Vicinity of Rolling Hills Way (January 5, 2004, Item 6c.):

She advised that design of the signals and median was expected mid-March 2005. She explained to Commissioner Ulrich that the decision to install stop signals at both Whiffletree Lane and Fallenleaf Drive was based on speed, volume, and pedestrian safety concerns on Rolling Hills Road.

Discussion of parking concerns along neighborhood streets bounded by Crenshaw Boulevard, Redondo Beach Boulevard, 166th Street, and Wilkie Avenue (February 11, 2004, Item 6a.):

She stated that permit parking in the El Camino College area was now a permanent system and that on March 8, 2005 City Council would consider expanding the area.

In response to Chairperson Rische's inquiry, she advised that there was a charge to residents for permit parking.

Discussion of traffic circulation in the area bordered by Hawthorne Boulevard, Pacific Coast Highway, Sepulveda Boulevard and west City limits (April 5, 2004, Item 6):

She advised that several community meetings were held to try to capture the concerns of the residents in the area and that speed survey data was collected. She stated that stop signs, striping, and speed limitations were implemented.

Del Amo Boulevard Extension Project (May 3, 2004, Item 6.):

She informed Commissioners that a design contract was awarded and design was underway.

Signal modifications (May 3, 2004, Item 6):

She advised that design was complete for signal modifications at Pacific Coast Highway at Madison Street, and that staff was working with Cal Trans and looking for construction funding.

She briefly discussed requests for stop signs and other traffic calming measures by residents at the October 4, 2004 and December 6, 2004 Commission meetings. She explained to Commissioner Lewis that the Public Works Department would install the stop signs as their schedule permits.

Responding to Commissioner O'Brien's inquiry, she stated that there was a permit parking system in place in the area of Newton Street, Denny Road, Weston Road, Bigelow Road, Loytan Street and Dalemead Street.

Commissioner Lewis requested the status of the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Calle Miramar and Paseo de la Playa. Transportation Planning Associate Crump advised that the project was still planned pending completion of work on the storm drains and parking lot.

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At Commissioner Ulrich's request, she provided information about the Citywide Traffic Study. She stated that data currently being collected for the Citywide Traffic Study would be used in the circulation element of the General Plan update.

She announced the General Plan workshop on March 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center and encouraged Commissioners to attend a workshop discussing the circulation element on April 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Responding to Commissioner Ulrich's inquiry, she described the City's working relationship with Cal Trans and the County of Los Angeles and the possibility of the City funding projects that are high priority.

MOTION: Commissioner O'Brien moved to accept and file the Traffic Commission 2004 Year in Review as submitted. Commissioner Ulrich seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Santome).

7. **ORALS**

7A. Bambi Honda, 3675 W. 168th Street, expressed concern regarding the installation of 20 feet of red curbing in front of her residence. She stated that she was unable to find a parking space, that she was unable to park in her driveway, and that the red curbing did not resolve line-of-sight concerns raised by her neighbor. She stated that visibility was impeded by a large truck parked in the vicinity and distributed photographs.

7B. Transportation Planning Associate Crump explained that the installation of red curbing was normally based on resident requests, accident history, and field survey.

MOTION: Commissioner O'Brien moved to direct staff to investigate the background of the installation of red curbing on 168th Street near Cranbrook Avenue, the accident history, and to bring the item back at the April 4, 2005 Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Santome).

7C. Bambi Honda, 3675 W. 168th Street, expressed concern about speeding on 168th Street between Yukon Avenue and Ainsworth. She suggested that a stop sign be installed at Kornblum Avenue and/or speed limit signage on 168th Street. It was determined that Torrance Police Department Lieutenant Matsuda would investigate the concern.

7D. Commissioner O'Brien initiated a brief discussion on the westbound center lane on Skypark at Hawthorne Boulevard. Transportation Planning Associate Crump explained that Lowes Home Improvement Center would reconfigure the intersection as part of their condition of approval.

7E. Commissioners O'Brien and Lewis expressed concern about signal synchronization at Sepulveda Boulevard and Madison Street.

7F. Chairperson Rische inquired why there was no straight ahead traveling eastbound on 237th Street at Crenshaw Boulevard. Transportation Planning Associate Crump explained that residents requested it because they did not want traffic coming out of the industrial park into their neighborhood.

7G. Chairperson Rische initiated a brief discussion on the possibility of a right turn only lane traveling eastbound on Pacific Coast Highway to southbound Hawthorne Boulevard.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:46 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Monday, April 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

Approved as Amended April 4, 2005 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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