

June 3, 2013

**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, June 3, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Sargent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Engineering Manager Semaan, Associate Engineer Sedadi, and
Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

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 Siani seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5a. MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2013

MOTION: Commissioner Siani moved for the approval of the May 6, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Furey seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

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

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

7a. PREPARATION FOR CITY COUNCIL AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION JOINT MEETING—TRAFFIC COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Associate Engineer Sedadi presented the proposed Traffic Commission Work Plan goals and number of points each received. She reviewed the seating arrangement and which Commissioners were selected to present each item at the July 16, 2013 joint meeting with City Council as follows:

- Develop a policy to notify residents of parking restriction installation - Siani
- Stagger limit line for double left turn movements - Furey
- Signal modification right turn overlap arrows - Tsao
- 182nd Street corridor traffic analysis - Herring
- Anza Avenue corridor traffic analysis - Sargent
- 182nd Street parkway improvements - Rudolph

Engineering Manager Semaan stated that City Council would give the Commission and staff direction on these items and would adopt the Work Plan at a future regular Council session. He offered assistance to Commissioners who had any questions regarding the items they are presenting.

Commissioner Sargent inquired about providing a checklist for corridor traffic analysis and Engineering Manager Semaan suggested offering examples of components that include signal modifications, right turn overlaps, protected permission left turn phasing, or additional lanes.

Chairperson Rudolph initiated a brief discussion regarding parkway improvements, pointing out a possible need to install medians to restrict access to certain properties along 182nd Street.

Engineering Manager Semaan provided clarification that a parkway refers to curb face to the back of the sidewalk. He suggested modifying the language of the last goal “182nd Street parkway improvements” to include median improvements and Commissioners concurred.

Commissioner Furey discussed ways to stagger limit lines for double left turn movements and the different criteria that would apply if it is two lanes to two lanes, or two lanes to three lanes.

In response to Chairperson Rudolph’s inquiry, Engineering Manager Semaan explained that right turn overlap arrows is an operational efficiency improvement that could only be added to dedicated right turn lanes at signalized intersections. He explained that installation of a dedicated right turn pocket is a major capital expenditure, is sometimes conditioned during a development process, and need for additional lanes has already been addressed in the Citywide Traffic Analysis.

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to approve the recommended Traffic Commission Work Plan as amended. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

7b. RECEIVE AND FILE QUARTERLY TRAFFIC COMMISSION SUMMARY OF REQUESTS

Engineering Manager Semaan presented the Traffic Commission Summary of Requests for October 2011 and June 2012 through June 2013. He noted that the only outstanding request is the October 3, 2011 "Consider North/South split phasing of the Lower/Costco signal on Skypark Drive." He reported that implementation may be possible with only minor modifications that will not require significant capital outlay. He stated that Operations plans to test a simulation of the operation at City Yard before field implementation.

Responding to Commissioner Sargent's inquiry, Engineering Manager Semaan explained that Mr. Habel's May 6, 2013 request was not included on the Summary of Requests because it was a request from a resident and not the Commission.

Commissioner Sargent and Chairperson Rudolph requested that staff carry over items on the Summary of Requests that are not completely resolved, such as signal upgrades on 182nd Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

7C. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE INFORMATION REGARDING VIA CORONA

Engineering Manager Semaan provided an update regarding parking restrictions at the turnaround on Via Corona, continued from the April 1, 2013 Commission meeting. He reported that since April 1 residents have met with City staff, held a neighborhood meeting, engaged cooperation from the property owner on Paseo de las Tortugas, identified a representative from the neighborhood, and are obtaining quotes for repair or rebuild of the retaining wall. He stated that the residents have requested a 90 to 180 days extension to resolve any outstanding issues such as securing funding and building permits.

Chairperson Rudolph expressed appreciation to City staff for working diligently with the residents and suggested inviting them to the August Commission meeting.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

8a. Associate Engineer Sedadi provided an update on Mr. Habel's request at the May 6 Commission meeting that staff consider adding double yellow striped lines on Plaza del Amo between Arlington Avenue and Carson Street. She advised that there has been only one accident since 2011 and that staff does not see any justification for changing the dashed line to double yellow striped lines at this time.

Engineering Manager Semaan noted that a dashed line allows a driver to legally pass another driver to the left and assured Commissioners that Mr. Habel would be notified about the outcome of the investigation.

8b. Commissioner Siani stated that she attended the first public outreach meeting at the Bartlett Center regarding Protected Permissive Left Turn flashing yellow arrow (PPLT FYA) operations. She stated that the meeting was informative and had approximately 12 people in attendance.

8c. Commissioner Siani relayed a concern that drivers are going straight through when traveling eastbound on 237th Street at Crenshaw Boulevard.

Sergeant Koenig stated that officers are conducting enforcement there as well as at Lomita Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard.

8d. Chairperson Rudolph stated that he witnessed a pedestrian with a shopping cart that got stuck in a pothole when crossing Hawthorne Boulevard at 190th Street.

Engineering Manager Semaan responded that Caltrans has a resurfacing project out to bid for that right now.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 p.m., Chairperson Rudolph adjourned the meeting to July 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall, for a joint meeting with Torrance City Council.

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Approved as submitted August 5, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
