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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
TORRANCE, CA CALIFORNIA 90503**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Farao, Gibson, Obejas, Suruki, Thomas, Sharma, Thoma

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Friday, September 2, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda under the subject matter of the Traffic Commission. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR - None Scheduled

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

7A. Third Meeting Regarding Parking Conditions on Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Traffic Commission Meeting
September 6, 2022

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Third Meeting Regarding Parking Conditions on Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission obtain public input regarding on-street parking conditions on Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera.

BACKGROUND

Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera is a residential collector street adjacent to the Torrance Beach parking lot. The street is 34 feet wide with parking allowed only on the west side. Parking is prohibited on Tuesdays between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for street sweeping with no restrictions at other times except the 72-hour maximum parking duration per the California Vehicle Code.

The Torrance Beach public parking lot is located west of Paseo de la Playa. The beach and public parking lot are maintained and operated by Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors. A parking fee must be paid to use these lots between 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (April 1st to October 31st) and 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (November 1st to March 31st), and the maximum parking duration is 90 minutes. No overnight parking is allowed in the parking lots and loitering is prohibited between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Camping is prohibited on the beach and in the parking lot.

April 4, 2022 Traffic Commission Meeting

On April 4, 2022, the Traffic Commission held a teleconference (Zoom) meeting to take public input regarding resident complaints about vehicles parking on Paseo de la Playa for long periods with overnight occupation of the vehicles. Staff proposed implementation of overnight parking restrictions on the west side of Paseo de la Playa between 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. which is consistent with parking restrictions on the Esplanade between Knob Hill Avenue and Vista del Mar in the City of Redondo Beach. Comments from the public focused primarily on safety, sanitation and parking impacts. Several residents requested permit parking. Others requested that the proposed overnight restriction time be revised to better accommodate residential visitors.

May 2, 2022 Traffic Commission Meeting

On May 2, 2022, the Traffic Commission held a second teleconference (Zoom) meeting to take public input regarding the proposed overnight parking restriction on the west side of Paseo de la Playa between 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. to address the same resident concerns regarding vehicles with overnight vehicle occupation parked for long time periods. The start

time was changed from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. to accommodate concerns expressed at the April 4, 2022 meeting.

In response to public interest of preferential parking permits, staff explained that the California Coastal Commission prohibits resident-only permit parking within the Coastal Zone which encompasses all areas west of Pacific Coast Highway and Palos Verdes Boulevard. Presently, there are no areas of resident-only permit parking west of Pacific Coast Highway and Palos Verdes Boulevard. There are several resident-only permit parking areas in the City of Torrance and Redondo Beach; however, there are none in the Coastal Zone.

July 11, 2022 Installation of Overnight Parking Restriction Signs

On July 11, 2022, the Public Works Department installed signs prohibiting parking from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on the west side of Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera. Police began enforcement after a two-week grace period.

ANALYSIS

Immediately following the installation of the overnight parking prohibition signs, staff received positive comments from residents that the issue of overnight occupation of vehicles parking on Paseo de la Playa was resolved. However, significant negative impacts occurred including: i) the lack of overnight parking for residents on Paseo de la Playa; and ii) the movement of long-term and vehicles with overnight occupants to other nearby streets in the neighborhood, particularly Via Riviera and Paseo de la Concha. Essentially, the implementation of the overnight parking restriction on Paseo de la Playa resulted in "moving" the problem to other streets.

August 25, 2022 Removal of Overnight Parking Restriction Signs

The Public Works Department investigated the residents' concerns and determined that immediate removal of the parking restriction signs was required. The Police Department was notified and the signs were removed on August 25, 2022.

Vehicle Habitation on Public Streets

City of Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) Section 61.6.31 *Regulating Vehicle Habitation on Public Streets* (Attachment 4) regulates and significantly restricts vehicle habitation. However, the 9th Circuit Court has ruled that enforcement of vehicle habitation ordinances is unconstitutional and, therefore, unenforceable.

Alternatives

Any solution to vehicle habitation will come with pros and cons. The initial attempt to mitigate long-term and overnight vehicle occupation by prohibiting overnight parking on Paseo de la Playa resulted in unacceptable and negative impacts. It is important to emphasize that any resolution to the issues being experienced on Paseo de la Playa will likely cause problems elsewhere unless an area-wide resolution is implemented.

There has been discussion of implementing a permit-parking program in the area. This proposal comes with several challenges. Unless a program is implemented in a large area or citywide, permit parking would simply move the problem to areas that do not have permit parking. Also, the California Coastal Commission regulates access to the beach and also

regulates permit parking in the Coastal Zone. Staff has reached out to the Coastal Commission for their specific requirements; however, they have not yet provided the information requested.

Adjacent agencies have established permit-parking programs within the Coastal Zone. Based on those programs and pending verification through the Coastal Commission, the following permit parking program may be considered within the Coastal Zone in the City of Torrance:

1. **All vehicles** would be subject to weekly street sweeping parking restrictions as is the case today.
2. **All vehicles** would be subject to the 72-hour parking restriction per the California Vehicle Code as is the case today.
3. Vehicles **without parking permits** would be subject to a time limitation (i.e. 2 hours) for a specified period of the day.
4. Vehicles **with parking permits** would be exempt from the time limitation mentioned in item 3 above.

The above is an option to consider, but would need to be a part of an area-wide permit program. This would require much community discussion and considerations for enforcement and the administrative process for issuing parking permits. Significant costs would be associated with doing so. Tonight's meeting will be an opportunity for residents to share how the 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. parking restriction affected them and other related impacts they may have observed. Residents will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas to mitigate overnight vehicle occupation.

A public notice notifying residents of tonight's meeting (Attachment 2) was mailed to 321 parcels in the area bordered by Paseo de la Playa, west of Palos Verdes Boulevard, and north and south City limits. The public notification area is shown in Attachment 3.

Staff encourages those wishing to assist people experiencing homelessness to use the LA-HOP portal. LA-HOP is the County's online resource that allows the community to make an outreach request when they see an individual needing assistance related to homelessness. The LA-HOP Portal can be accessed at www.LA-HOP.org. Information from the request is used to dispatch a homeless services outreach team to the area.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

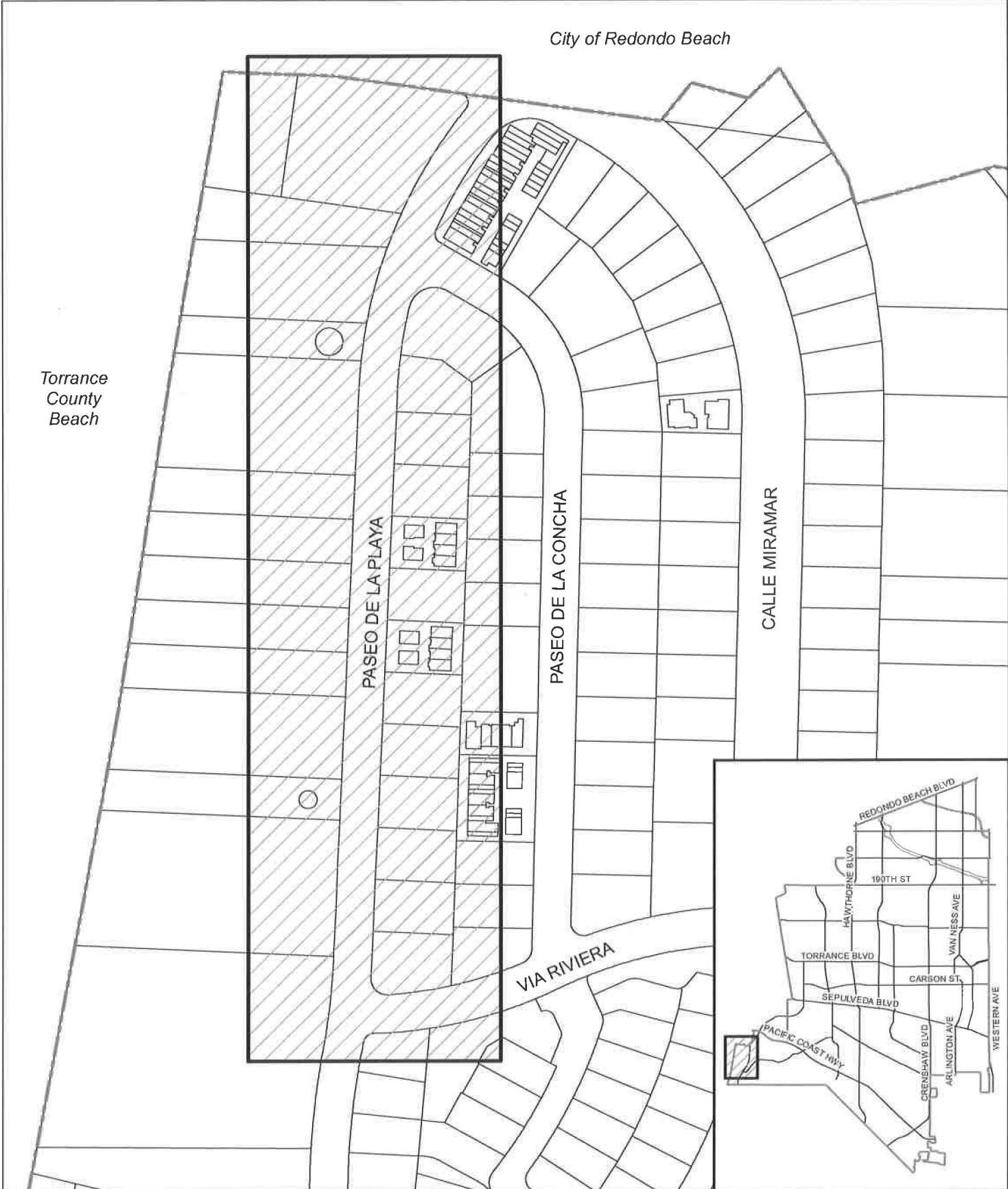
By 

Steven Finton
Deputy Public Works Director – City Engineer

- Attachment 1: Location Map
- Attachment 2: Public Notice
- Attachment 3: Notification Area
- Attachment 4: TMC 61.6.31

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 PROJECT AREA

Location Map Paseo De La Playa



**THIRD MEETING REGARDING PARKING CONDITIONS ON
PASEO DE LA PLAYA BETWEEN CALLE MIRAMAR AND VIA RIVIERA**



CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Third Meeting Regarding Parking Conditions
on Paseo de la Playa Between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7 p.m.

**Council Chambers
Torrance City Hall
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503**

On **Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7 p.m.**, the City of Torrance Traffic Commission will take public input regarding parking conditions on Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera. This will be the third meeting regarding this topic.

Previously, the City instituted night-time parking restrictions on this segment of roadway which prohibited parking from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. to prevent long-term parking. The City will remove these parking restrictions on August 25, 2022 due to neighborhood parking impacts caused by the night-time restrictions.

We invite you to attend and provide input regarding this issue or you may email your comments to: PWTraffic@TorranceCA.Gov

For questions, please contact Ms. Angel Lotus, Associate Engineer in the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department at (310) 781-6900.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor
George K. Chen

For questions or information, please contact the following:

Public Works Department

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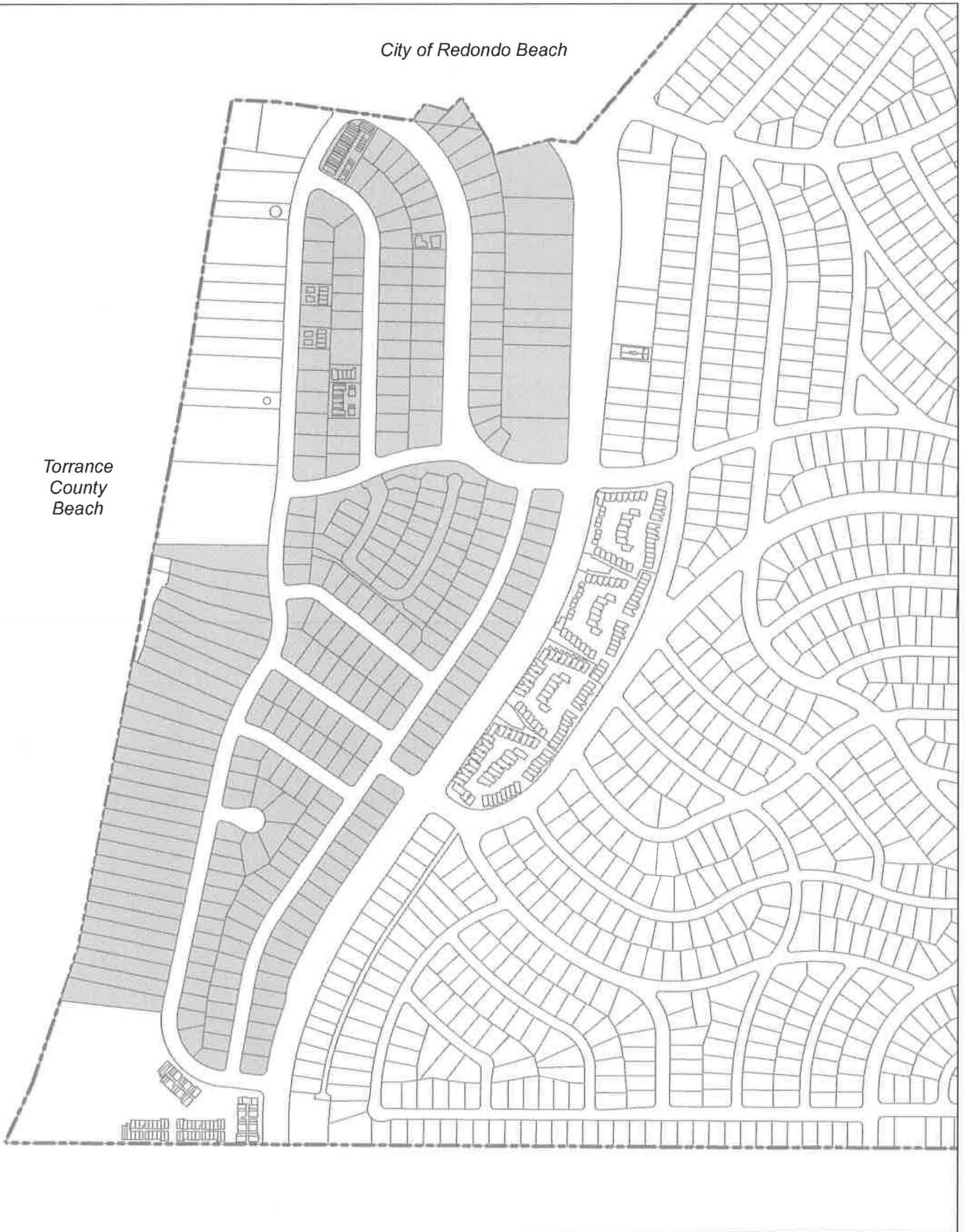
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NOTIFIED PARCELS

Notification Area



City of Torrance Municipal Code**Section 61.6.31 Regulating Vehicle Habitation on Public Streets**

No person shall use any vehicle parked or standing upon any public street, alley, right-of-way, public park or other public property for the purpose of living, sleeping, cooking, bathing or housekeeping; provided, however that no person shall be found in violation of this section who sleeps in a vehicle in an emergency for a period of time not to exceed twelve (12) hours in any thirty (30) day period where parking is not otherwise prohibited.

For purpose of this section the term "vehicle" shall include any boat and any device, operable or inoperable, with or without wheels, by which any person or property may be propelled, moved or drawn upon any street or highway including, but not limited to, automobiles, mobile homes, house trailers and camper trailers.