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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
FEBRUARY 2, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Endo-Roberts, Gibson, Nichols, Schwartz, Suruki, Vice-Chair Thoma, Chair Sharma.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE 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 Thursday, January 29, 2026.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission 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. **No longer than 2 minutes per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: December 1, 2025

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Award for City of Torrance Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 PM on December 1, 2025, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Gibson, Nichols, Schwartz, Suruki, Vice-Chair Thoma and Chair Sharma.

Absent: Commissioner Suruki

Also Present: Engineering Manager Helen Shi, Traffic and Special Events, Police Lieutenant Charles Fisher, and Public Works Deputy Director Shin Furukawa.

MOTION: Chair Sharma moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Suruki from the December 1, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioner Suruki)

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Thoma.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Engineering Manager Shi reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

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

None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR –

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: November 3, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve November 3, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval. (Abstained: Vice Chair Thoma and Absent: Commissioner Suruki)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. OVERVIEW OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS

Engineering Manager Shi introduced the item.

Members of the public spoke.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions; Engineering Manager Shi answered questions.

MOTION: Chair Sharma moved to receive and file the overview of traffic control support for community special events. Commissioner Endo-Roberts second from the recommendation the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.(Absent: Commissioner Suruki)

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners and staff provided final comments.

Commissioner Schwartz stated as someone who works with the Downtown Association for planning events, she wanted to express her appreciation and gratitude for the many improvements in safety and streamlining of the approval process, stated it gets better with each event.

In response to a question posed by a commissioner, Engineering Manager Shi stated if the commission would like to revise meeting times, the commission will need to have consensus for staff to bring back a commission agenda item to vote on the revised time and once approved by the commission, an item would need to be taken to the City Council to approve the change in meeting time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. MOTION: At 7:17 PM Chair Sharma moved to adjourn the meeting to February 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 6-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioner Suruki)

Agenda Item No. 7A

TO: City of Torrance Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Award for City of Torrance Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Traffic Commission receive and file this report regarding the award of a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to the City of Torrance for preparation of a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP).

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In response to community concerns regarding traffic safety and the need for a comprehensive approach to addressing traffic-related safety issues, City staff applied for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding in June 2025 to prepare a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) for the City of Torrance. The SS4A program, established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed in 2021, is intended to support local agencies in developing comprehensive, data-driven safety plans and strategies that reduce traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries for all roadway users.

In December 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) awarded \$360,000 in federal SS4A funding to the City of Torrance, with a required local match of \$90,000, for a total project budget of \$450,000.

With this funding, the City will prepare an LRSP to guide future roadway safety investments. The plan will analyze collision data, roadway characteristics, and multimodal travel patterns to identify safety trends, high-risk locations, and systemic safety issues across the City's local street network, with an emphasis on improving safety for vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Key components of the LRSP will include:

- Evaluation of historic collision data to identify high-collision corridors and intersections
- Community and stakeholder outreach to incorporate public input
- Systemic safety analysis to identify roadway characteristics associated with higher crash risk
- Calculation of benefit-cost ratios for proposed safety improvements
- Identification and prioritization of proven safety countermeasures
- Development of an implementation strategy, including cost estimates and phasing
- Establishment of performance measures to track progress and effectiveness over time

Following execution of the funding agreement, staff will retain a consultant to prepare the LRSP in accordance with SS4A program requirements. Once completed, the LRSP will position the City

to strategically pursue future state and federal safety funding opportunities, including Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants and future SS4A implementation grants.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer