



**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS
VINCENT LA ROCCA, CHAIR
RUBEN BEAS, VICE-CHAIR
MARIA KNOX, COMMISSIONER
DANIELLE ROMERO, COMMISSIONER
VACANT, COMMISSIONER**

**CITY STAFF
RAUL ALVAREZ, CITY MANAGER
CESAR ROLDAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
RITA MONTALVO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
JOSEPH PALOMBI, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PAUL ESPINOSA, POLICE CHIEF

NVAIR DEUKMEJIAN, CITY ATTORNEY**

NOTICES

This Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting will be held in person and will meet at **City Hall – City Council Chambers, 1600 West Beverly Boulevard, Montebello, California**. The meeting will be live streamed and can be watched on the City's website at: <https://cityofmontebello.com/government/live-streaming.html>, and may also be viewed on Spectrum Public Access Channel 3 for all Spectrum cable subscribers.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

In-Person: For those interested in participating during the Public Comment period(s) or public testimony period for Public Hearings of the Commission meetings, you may address the Commission in person on the day of the meeting. Speakers will be required to complete a speaker card provided at the door and submit it to Jeremy Melendez, Management Analyst, prior to each Public Comment announcement period. Staff will number and call each speaker card in the order received.

RULES OF DECORUM:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

1. TRANSPORTATION INJURY MAPPING SYSTEM (TIMS) WEBSITE: <https://tims.berkeley.edu/>
2. BIKE MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENTS (30 MINUTES)

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MINUTES

3. **APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES – JANUARY 29, 2024**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve said minutes as written.

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT ITEM(S)

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

4. **WHITTIER BOULEVARD AT 6TH STREET INTERSECTION**
City staff to seek proposals for the design of a traffic signal from qualified engineering design firms. The design and construction of a traffic signal is part of residential mitigation measures associated with the 6th Street Grand and Whittier Boulevard residential development ("Project") located at 501-525 W. Whittier Boulevard, 112, 114, & 124 S. 6th Street in the City of Montebello.
5. **VIA CAMPO AND FINDLAY AVENUE OFF THE 60 FREEWAY OFFRAMP**
City coordinating with CalTrans on a potential design that will assist in mitigating the traffic in the surrounding area.
6. **LINCOLN AVENUE AND WILCOX AVENUE (NEAR WILCOX ELEMENTARY AND SCHURR HIGH SCHOOL)**

September 7, 2022

In response to PD request (Trevor Morgan), staff made changes to signal timing at the intersection to bring pedestrian clearance into compliance (3.5 ft/sec), and increase all-red interval to 1 second from 0.5 sec.

April 30, 2023

Public Works received a proposal from KOA for Traffic Calming Services on Wilcox Ave from Va Campo to Lincoln Ave. The engineering study includes the preparation of a conceptual design to address vehicular and pedestrian safety along the corridor. The corridor is generally congested with the mall and Shurr high school pick-up and drop-off traffic. The intersection of Wilcox and Hay Street also carries a high volume of students crossing in the morning and in the afternoon.

7. MONTEBELLO BOULEVARD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT: COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28, 2024, AT 6PM AT THE SENIOR CENTER AT MONTEBELLO CITY PARK
8. OTHER ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION:

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION ORALS AND REPORTS

Member announcements; requests for future agenda items; conference/meetings reports.

9. CHAIR VINCENT LA ROCCA
10. VICE-CHAIR RUBEN BEAS
11. COMMISSIONER MARIA KNOX
12. COMMISSIONER DANIELLE ROMERO

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will adjourn to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers located at 1600 W. Beverly Boulevard, Montebello, CA 90640.

I, Jeremy Melendez, Management Analyst for the City of Montebello Department of Public Works, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted on or before Monday, February 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.



Jeremy Melendez, Management Analyst



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MINUTES

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OPENING CEREMONIES

None

CALL TO ORDER

City Manager Raul Alvarez called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Espinoza led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Chair La Rocca, Vice-Chair Beas and Commissioners Romero and Knox.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager Raul Alvarez, Director Roldan, Director Palombi, Chief Espinoza, Assistant Director Montalvo, P.E., Mike Bagheri, P.E., and Management Analyst Jeremy Melendez were present.

PRESENTATIONS

Director Cesar Roldan and City Attorney Arnold Glassman presented the Review of Commission Duties and Responsibilities presentation to the Traffic and Safety Commission and were available to answer any questions.

City Manager Alvarez inquired about why we cannot put speed humps on certain streets.

Commissioner Beas inquires about issues regarding speed humps where there is a lack of stop sign visibility.

Commissioner La Rocca inquires regarding the commission's authority to establish speed humps based on resident requests.

Commissioner Knox inquires about plans to improve current stop signs.

Commissioner Romero inquires about future complaints brought up to individual commissioners and how to bring them up

to future meetings.

Commissioner Romero addresses a traffic issue on Whittier Blvd and 6th St with very limited visibility

Commissioner Beas addresses the issue of low visibility on specific streets

Director of Public Works Cesar Roldan provided clarification on all inquiries.

1. ORIENTATION AND REVIEW OF COMMISSION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. REVIEW OF BROWN ACT AND RELATED ISSUES. OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION ITEM PROCESSING.

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

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The City Attorney's Office acknowledged (4) members of the public wishing to address the City Council. Speaker(s) were provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker cards are on file at the City Clerk's office.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

1. Move to designate one of its members as Chair and Vice-Chair as called for in Section 2.44.030 of the Montebello Municipal Code.

Commissioner Knox nominated Commissioner La Rocca as Chair.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Knox nominated Commissioner Beas as Vice-Chair.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. STOP SIGN REQUESTS

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, P.E., addressed the existing Racquet Mountain HOA flashing stop sign requests.

Commissioner Romero inquired about request response time and about recording existing requests.

Traffic Engineer and Director Roldan provided clarification of inquiries.

4. DISABLED PARKING REQUESTS

5. SPEED HUMP REQUESTS

Commissioner Romero inquires about streets ineligible for speed humps due to being Police and Fire Department passways.

City Manager and Chief of Police provided clarification.

6. PREFERENTIAL PARKING REQUESTS

7. PROJECTS

1. Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project
2. Eastside Transit Corridor – Washington Boulevard

Director Roldan addresses the Montebello Blvd. Grade Separation Project and the Eastside Transit Corridor Project.

Chair La Rocca inquires about road closures and redirection for the Grade Separation Project.

Chair La Rocca also inquires about Grade Separation infrastructure for bicyclists.

Chair La Rocca would like to see the following items on the agenda for the following Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting

1. Update on Bicycle Master Plan
2. City-wide history of traffic collisions

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I, Jeremy Melendez, Management Analyst for the City of Montebello Department of Public Works, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted on or before Thursday, January 25, 2024, no later than 6:00 p.m.

Jeremy Melendez

Jeremy Melendez, Management Analyst

Commissioner Knox motioned, seconded by Vice-Chair Commissioner Beas to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.