



**CITY OF MONTEBELLO
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair La Rocca called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Chairperson La Rocca, Vice Chairperson Beas, and Commissioner Romero.

Deputy City Attorney Nvair Deukmejian, City Manager Raul Alvarez, Director Cesar Roldan, Director Joseph Palombi, Assistant Director Rita Montalvo, Management Analyst Jeremy Melendez, and Officer Carrera

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

The pledge of Allegiance was administered after the roll call but was omitted from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Presented by Jeremy Melendez, Management Analyst

2. BIKE MASTER PLAN

Presented by Michael Sahimi, Senior Transportation Planner of Kittelson and Associates

Commissioner Romero inquired whether there were any plans to take it to the schools and make kids aware of safety issues and laws regarding riding a bike.

Vice Chair Beas inquired about funding for the Bike Master Plan.

Chair La Rocca inquired about separated bike paths south of Whittier Blvd., limited resources in South Montebello, bike protector rails in downtown Montebello, and new bike/walking connections to the Rio Hondo area.

Vice Chair also inquires about bike protection in downtown Montebello.

City Manager Alvarez, Director Palombi, Director Roldan, and Senior Planner Sahimi provided clarification to all inquiries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (30 MINUTES)

At this time, the general public may address the Commission/Committee on any items listed on the Agenda, including items not listed on the Agenda (Non-Agenda Items) that are within subject matter jurisdiction. Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak shall not exceed three (3) minutes per person. State Law prohibits the Commission/ Committee from taking action or entertaining extended discussion on a topic not listed on the agenda. Please show courtesy to others and direct all of your comments to the Chairperson.

The City Attorney's Office acknowledged one (1) member of the public wishing to address the Traffic and Safety Commission. The speaker was provided three minutes to address the Traffic and Safety Commission and said speaker's card is on file at the City Clerk's office.

MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve said minutes as written.

Commissioner Romero motioned to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2024, Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Beas, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

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.

Chair La Rocca comments on the importance of the work being done at this intersection

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

Chair La Rocca comments on additional protection for the bike lines

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

Inquires about follow up on last meetings public comment; Crosswalk Restriping plan - Garfield Ave., Beverly Blvd., Rea Dr.; the public comment regarding long wait times at particular intersections; areas in the city where the lanes are very wide and inquired about edge striping between driving lane and parking lane.

Director Roldan answered the Chairman's inquiries.

10. VICE-CHAIR RUBEN BEAS

Inquires about traffic on N Hay St. and Wilcox Ave due to light signal issues.

Director Roldan mentions staff will look into the issue.

11. COMMISSIONER MARIA KNOX

12. COMMISSIONER DANIELLE ROMERO

Inquires about plans to address hotspots shown in the TIMS demonstration and adding safety precautions for those hotspots.

Director Roldan answers her inquiry.

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

Commissioner Romero motioned, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.