



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

MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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

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

Deputy City Attorney Nvair Deukmejian, City Manager Raul Alvarez, Public Works Director Cesar Roldan, Chief of Police Paul Espinosa, Assistant Director of Public Works Rita Montalvo, Traffic Engineer Mike Bagheri, and Senior Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Public Works Director Roldan.

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. TRAFFIC STATISTICS PRESENTATION

Police Chief Espinosa presented the item. The presentation included statistics from the last three years, fatal traffic collisions, a speed enforcement evaluator, and speed data analysis.

Commissioner Romero asked about potential measures to prevent collisions in high-risk areas.

Vice-Chair Beas stated that many drivers going along Olympic Boulevard ignore signage and do not stop. He suggested having more police presence to discourage drivers from speeding and ignoring stop signs.

Commissioner Knox noted that the Traffic Collision Report did not include Via Campo, Pomona, and Garfield. She further stated that the streets have high traffic and thought there might be a number of collisions. Chief Espinosa informed the Commission that he would have the Traffic Officer look further into it.

Commissioner Knox inquired about potential improvements to help with the flow of traffic by the 60 Freeway underpass.

Vice-Chair Beas recommended purchasing more boxes to measure traffic trends.

Chair La Rocca requested a copy of the presentation. He further asked if the City had plans to move the boxes to other intersections around the City.

Chief Espinosa stated that the City would like to study traffic trends off of Whittier Boulevard and Vail Avenue.

Chair La Rocca further stated that the boxes can help the City study traffic trends and prevent heavy duty trucks from driving through certain streets.

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.

None.

MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES - FEBRUARY 26, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as written

Chair La Rocca asked staff to make the following changes to the Minutes:

- (1) Item No. 2. Bike Master Plan, Chair La Rocca stated "protected bike lanes," not "bike protector rails."
- (2) Item No. 6 Lincoln Avenue and Wilcox Avenue April 30, 2023. Spelling error "Via Campo," not "Va Campo."

Commissioner Romero motioned, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, to approve the minutes with said changes; the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. CONCOURSE AVE. FROM BEVERLY BOULEVARD TO MADISON AVE. - REQUEST FOR SPEED MANAGEMENT

Traffic Engineer Bagheri provided a brief presentation of the item.

Commissioner Knox inquired about the speed bumps.

Traffic Engineer Bagheri informed the Commissioner that the City would install concrete speed bumps.

Chair La Rocca inquired about potentially adding bike lanes to the street.

Traffic Engineer Bagheri stated that the City could add a bike lane, but street parking would be eliminated on one side.

City Manager Alvarez stated that the City could look into it and further review the Bike Master Plan.

Vice-Chair Beas motioned, seconded by Commissioner Romero, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

4. MINES AVENUE AND MONTEBELLO BOULEVARD – REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF 15-MINUTE SHORT TERM PARKING AT BALCOM'S SOUTHSIDE MARKET

Traffic Engineer Bagheri provided a brief presentation of the item.

Vice-Chair Beas asked if the City was planning to paint the curb red on both sides of the street. He further recommended fifteen-minute street parking.

Chair La Rocca inquired about additional parking at the market and time limits for the street parking.

Commissioner Knox spoke in support of setting a time limit for street parking.

Vice-Chair Beas motioned to approve street parking with fifteen-minute time limits during the hours established in the MuniCode and add parking signage, seconded by Commissioner Romero; the motion was approved unanimously.

5. VIA ACOSTA AND VIA ALTAMIRA - REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF RED CURB

Traffic Engineer Bagheri provided a brief presentation of the item.

Commissioner Knox asked if the residents would receive notification of the red curb installation.

Traffic Engineer Bagheri stated that the city would provide notification after approval.

Commissioner Knox asked if the residents would have an opportunity to appeal the red curb.

City Manager Alvarez suggested bringing the item back to a future meeting so that staff can notify the residents and allow them to provide feedback.

Public Works Director Roldan stated that the item would be added to a future meeting agenda to provide the residents and the Commission with more information.

Chair La Rocca asked if there was any recommendations for a red curb North of Via Acosta.

Traffic Engineer Bagheri stated that there was it was just missed on the map provided.

6. VIA CORONA AND VIA VAL VERDE – REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF RED CURB

Traffic Engineer Bagheri provided a brief presentation of the item.

Chair La Rocca asked about the City's legal responsibility to adhere to Assembly Bill 413.

Traffic Engineer Bagheri provided clarification.

Commissioner Knox motioned, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

[CONSENT ITEM\(S\)](#)

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ORALS

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

7. COMMISSIONER MARIA KNOX

None.

8. COMISSIONER DANIELLE ROMERO

Commissioner Romero inquired about the regulations for pocket bikes.

Officer Arreola stated that pocket bikes have been an increasing issue the department is trying to address. He further stated that police officers have cited drivers who have been stopped and impounded bikes.

9. VICE-CHAIR RUBEN BEAS

None.

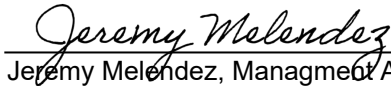
10. CHAIR VINCENT LA ROCCA

Chair La Rocca commended City staff for the information provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will adjourn to the next Regular Meeting on April 29, 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 Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 6:00pm.



Jeremy Melendez, Managment Analyst

Commissioner Knox motioned, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2024, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY.