



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

MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair La Rocca called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair La Rocca led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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 three (3) members of the public wishing to address the Commission. Speakers were provided three minutes to address the Traffic and Safety Commission and said speaker cards are on file at the City Clerk's office.

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES - JULY 29, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as written.

Commissioner Knox motioned, seconded by Commissioner Romero, to approve the minutes as written; the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. CURBSIDE PARKING MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS ON 4TH STREET BETWEEN BEVERLY BOULEVARD AND HARDING AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic Safety Commission:

1. Approve curbside management improvements on 4th Street between Beverly Boulevard and Harding Avenue as follows, also shown on Attachment C; and
2. Installation of "2- HOUR Except Sunday" time-limit parking; and
3. Extension of existing commercial loading zone; and
4. Removal of existing excess red curb.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Mike Bagheri stated that the request came from Code Enforcement. Large commercial vehicles park on the street all day. The signs will have a time limit of 2 hours of parking, except Sundays.

Chair LaRocca asked a question regarding the signs.

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

3. RED CURB INSTALLATION AT MADISON AVENUE AND VIA LUNETO

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic Safety Commission:

1. Approve installation of red curb as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Vice-Chair Beas asked how many parking spaces are going to be taken away.

Mike Bagheri responded, that one parking space will be lost.

Chair La Rocca stated that he lives in the neighborhood, and stated that cars park within the right of way. Stated that this will be an improvement.

Commissioner Romero motioned, seconded by Commissioner Knox, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

4. RED CURB INSTALLATION AT COLEGROVE AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic Safety Commission:

1. Approve installation of red curb as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Mike Bagheri stated that the request came from the Acting Director of Transportation.

Chair La Rocca asked a brief question regarding the existing red curb.

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

COMMISSION ORALS FOLLOW-UP

- **Traffic Safety Commission Meeting - June 24, 2024**

1. **Chair LaRocca**

- **Grant Applications related to Traffic Safety and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvement**
 - City Staff applied to the State of California Department of Transportation Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7. Staff submitted a competitive grant in June 2024. Staff focused on the following: Hi-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian signs, curb extensions, raised crosswalks, and adding Class II & III bike lanes per the adopted Bike Master Plan.
- **Vision Zero**
 - The Transit Department Completed a First - Last Mile Plan that integrates Vision Zero Fundamentals. The plan was presented at the February City Council meeting for adoption.

2. **Vice-Chair Beas**

- **Wilcox Elementary - Lincoln Avenue between Wilcox Ave. and Donna Way**
 - Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, spoke with the school principal and discussed short-term and long-term solutions. Concluded that enforcement is a viable short-term solution.

3. **Commissioner Danielle Romero**

- **A Resident inquired about the traffic lights in front of City Hall and to the east on Beverly Blvd.**
 - Staff coordinated with the traffic signal maintenance contractor to modify the timing in order to increase the time for pedestrian crossings. Pedestrian clearance time interval was increased to comply with the Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) recommended walking speed at Beverly Blvd. and Elaine Kirchner Intersection. No adjustments were necessary for Beverly Blvd and Maple Ave. intersection.

4. **Commissioner Maria Knox**

- **Solar Flashing Lights on Lincoln Ave. and Germain Dr./ 19th Street & Vail Ave. / Cabot Pl.**
 - Staff reviewed traffic accident data to determine accident history, police involvement, and other relevant data as a supporting indicator to add flashing stop signs. It was concluded that there have been no accidents reported in the last three (3) years (January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2024). Staff does not recommend installation of flashing stop signs at this time.
- **Reflective Tape for stop signs so they can stand out**
 - Coordinating with Public Works staff to purchase reflective tape.

Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting - July 29, 2024

1. **Chair LaRocca**

- **Schurr Highschool restriping of Lane Markings**
 - Staff is investigating the lane markings to see if they need to be restriped.

2. **Commissioner Danielle Romero**

- **Request for larger commercial overweight signage to be posted on Vail, between Olympic and Whittier**
 - Coordinating with Staff to fabricate and purchase signs.

3. **Commissioner Esther Mares**

- **Long Stretch of red curb that is located at 4th Street and Mines Avenue next to Rodriguez Park**
 - Based on Staff's knowledge and recollection, the red curb was installed to prevent loitering at the park.

Director of Public Works, Cesar Roldan, and Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief follow-up report on previous Traffic and Safety Commissioner Orals.

Chair La Rocca stated that he is thankful that staff applied to grants related to Traffic and Safety.

Chair La Rocca had a brief question regarding the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program.

Mike Bagheri stated that staff investigated the flashing stop signs, but concluded that the data does not support the installation of the flashing stop signs due to no collision history.

Commissioner Knox requested to look into the flashing stop signs as a preventative measure to have people obey the four-way stop signs.

Cesar Roldan asked Commissioner Knox which locations warranted the need to have the flashing stop signs installed.

Commissioner Knox stated that Lincoln Ave. and Germain Drive are the priority.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ORALS

5. VICE-CHAIR BEAS

1. Parking at Wilcox Elementary

Vice-Chair Beas stated that his question was answered during the follow-up section of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will adjourn to the next Special Meeting on September 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers located at 1600 W. Beverly Boulevard, Montebello, CA 90640.

I, Samantha Leyva, 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, August 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Samantha Leyva

Samantha Leyva, Management Analyst

Commissioner Knox motioned, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.