



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

MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaRocca called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair LaRocca led the commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Chair LaRocca, Vice-Chair Beas, Commission Knox, & 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.

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES - AUGUST 26, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve said minutes as written.

Vice-Chair Beas motioned, seconded by Commissioner Knox, to approve the August 26, 2024 meeting minutes; the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. 4th STREET PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT DESIGNATION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic Safety Commission:

1. Make a recommendation to the City Council to designate 4th Street, from Victoria Avenue to its terminus, as a Preferential Parking District.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Chair LaRocca granted a citizen to speak on this item.

The citizen asked if it was possible to allow the parking hours to be during the evening.

Commissioner Knox stated that by allowing this item to pass, she hopes that this alleviates parking stressors for local residents who live in the affected segment of street.

Commissioner Romero asked how many parking passes would be given to households on 4th Street.

The Traffic Engineer stated that staff will need to further investigate.

Vice-Chair Beas asked if the hours would be from 6:00pm - 6:00am.

Mike Bagheri said that this would be daily from 6:00pm - 6:00am.

Vice-Chair Beas motioned, seconded by Commissioner Knox, to approve to recommend to City Council to designate 4th Street from Victoria Avenue to its terminus as a preferential parking district; the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

3. FLASHING STOP SIGNS ON GERMAIN DRIVE & LINCOLN AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission:

1. Approve installation of Flashing Stop Signs as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation of this item.

Commissioner Knox stated that she is grateful that the City considered this item.

Chair LaRocca asked how many flashing stop signs will be installed and asked what the cost of the flashing stop signs will be.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, stated that there will be four installed.

Director of Public Works, Cesar Roldan, stated that each stop sign is around \$1,600 and because they will be solar there is no electrical cost.

Commissioner Knox motioned, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, to approve the installation of four flashing stop signs on Germain Drive and Lincoln Avenue; the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

4. RED CURB INSTALLATION AT DONNA WAY AND WILCOX AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission:

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

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Chair LaRocca stated that based on the pictures provided in the report, the left-turn motion is a dangerous maneuver.

Commissioner Knox motioned, seconded by Commissioner Romero, to approve the red curb installation at Donna Way and Wilcox Avenue; the motion passed by four yeses and one absence.

5. RED CURB INSTALLATION AT INTERSECTION OF 18TH STREET AND BEVERLY BOULEVARD

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission:

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

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, briefed the commissioners on the item, noting that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is also initiating a traffic signal synchronization program along Beverly Boulevard. This program aims to enhance traffic flow moving east to west. Additionally, the installation of a red curb will further improve traffic conditions.

Commissioner Knox stated that the installation will solve traffic problems that were pinpointed in that segment of street.

Chair LaRocca stated that he is thankful and that this will improve safety and improve traffic flow that is condensed with high traffic.

Commissioner Romero motioned, seconded by Commissioner Knox, to install a red curb at the intersection of 18th Street and Beverly Boulevard; the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

6. LINCOLN AVENUE AND VAIL AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ENHANCEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic Safety Commission:

1. Approve striping changes to enhance pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Vail Avenue as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Commissioner Romero stated that driving in the area during the night is difficult due to the low lighting of traffic signs, and suggested installing traffic flags near the crosswalk to allow drivers to see pedestrians.

Vice-Chair Beas asked if there was anything else that could be added to the crosswalk to make it safer due to the vehicles speeding through the area.

Chair LaRocca asked if there could be a barrier installed in replacement of the flags to reduce the crossing distance.

Traffic Engineering, Mike Bagheri, stated that staff could look into other options to enhance the crossing distance for safety.

Director of Public Works, Cesar Roldan, asked Chair LaRocca if he would like to place a barricade just west of the crosswalk.

Chair LaRocca stated that he does want a barricade there because he suggests that there is existing red curb in that area.

Chair LaRocca motioned, seconded by Commissioner Romero, to approve the item with the additional amendment to add a barricade west of the crosswalk due to the existing red curb; the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

COMMISSION ORALS FOLLOW-UP

7. None.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ORALS

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

8. Vice-Chair Beas

1. Striping on Neil Armstrong

Vice-Chair Beas asked if staff can re-stripe the street.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, asked Vice-Chair Beas if the location is next to the northside of the existing public facility.

Vice-Chair Beas confirmed the Directors description of the location.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will adjourn to the next Regular Meeting on October 28, 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, September 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Samantha Leyva

Samantha Leyva, Managment Analyst

Vice-Chair Beas motioned, seconded by Commissioner Knox to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.; the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.