



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

MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 6:01 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, Commissioner Romero, and Commissioner Mares.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that there were no staff communications.

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. TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING - SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve said minutes as written.

Vice-Chair Beas motioned, Seconded by Commissioner Romero, the motion passed with three yeses, one abstention, and one absence.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. CONCOURSE AVENUE AND MADISON AVENUE QUICK-BUILD ROUNDABOUT

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

1. Approve installation of a quick-build roundabout project, as shown in Attachment C, at Concourse Avenue and Madison Avenue, subject to community outreach.

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

Vice-Chair Beas asked if there are speed humps at Concourse.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, said that there are no speed humps.

Commissioner Romero inquired about the resident's response of the quick-build roundabout.

Traffic engineer, stated that if the Commission approves, the installation will begin and within the next 3-6 months the Department can gather the public's opinion of the quick-build roundabout.

Chair LaRocca asked where the funding will be coming from.

Public Works Director stated that the funding is coming from the designated accounts that was granted for the traffic and safety commission.

Chair LaRocca asked if motorists will be able to go over the quick-build installments.

Traffic Engineer stated that motorists will be able to go over the quick-build installments, however the goal is that motorists will be able to comply with the installments.

City Manager stated that staff can report in 6 months with the results of the quick-build roundabout.

Traffic Engineer, stated that 6 months will provide enough time for staff to report back to the commission and conduct public outreach.

Chair LaRocca asked how will traffic flow be monitored.

Traffic Engineer, stated that a before and after speed studies, and provide a questionnaire to receive the community's response.

Vice-Chair Beas inquired about the number of households in the installation area that would be included in the public outreach efforts.

Traffic engineer stated that about a half-mile to two miles from the installation area will be sufficient.

Chair LaRocca asked how many months it would take to receive feedback after the quick-build roundabout is installed.

Traffic Engineer stated that it will take 3 months.

Commissioner Mares asked how long the quick-build roundabout will be implemented.

Public Works Director stated that a report will be brought to the Commission in May 2025.

Chair LaRocca motioned to approve this item, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas with the amendment to return to the Commission in May of 2025 to revisit the quick-build roundabout, the motion passed with four yeases and one absence.

3. VIA PASEO AND WILCOX AVENUE EASTBOUND RIGHT-TURN ONLY

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

1. Approve the implementation of a right-turn-only restriction for eastbound traffic at the intersection of Via Paseo and Wilcox Avenue, as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Traffic Engineer stated that by providing a temporary right turn only on Via Paseo and Wilcox, this will improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

Vice-Chair Beas stated that he is in favor of this item.

Commissioner Romero motioned to approve this item, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, the motion passed with four yeases and one absence.

4. **203 S. 5TH STREET BLUE CURB APPLICATION**

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

1. Approve the request for the installation of Disabled Parking space at 203 S. 5th Street as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a presentation.

Chair LaRocca asked if the existing red curb is a standard 25 ft.

Traffic Engineer stated that if the red curb is significantly long, the work order will need include to grey out a few feet of the red to create a gap.

Vice-Chair Beas asked why is the Blue curb located on Los Angeles.

Traffic Engineer stated the reason is because the driveway is located on Los Angeles, providing easier access to get from the sidewalk to their vehicle.

Commissioner Mares asked if the applicant knew that if the blue curb is installed, anyone who has a disabled placard can park in that spot.

Traffic Engineer stated that the applicants is aware of that, as it is stated on the application.

Vice-Chair Beas motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Mares, the motion passed four yeses and one absence.

5. **425 N. 6TH STREET BLUE CURB APPLICATION**

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

1. Approve the request for the installation of Disabled Parking Space at 425 N. 6th Street as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer provided a brief presentation.

Commissioner Romero asked why the blue curb will be better for emergencies.

A citizen stated that his elderly mother does not have adequate access through their driveway to get her safely in and out the vehicle.

Chair LaRocca motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Mares, the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

6. **1401 S. SPRUCE STREET BLUE CURB APPLICATION**

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

1. Approve the request for the installation of Disabled Parking Space at 1401 S. Spruce Street as shown in Attachment C.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

City Manager has inquired with the attorney if citizens can provide a comment on this comment or other comments on this agenda.

The Attorney stated that if a citizen would like to provide a comment, they will need to submit a speaker card.

Chair LaRocca re-opened public comment.

A Citizen provided a comment regarding speeding on agenda item number two.

Chair LaRocca closed the public comment period.

Chair LaRocca commented that the location has a wide driveway.

Traffic Engineer stated if this item can return in a future meeting.

Chair LaRocca motioned to table this item to the next Traffic and Safety Commission meeting, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, the motioned passed four yeses and one absence.

7. **RED CURB INSTALLATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF 6TH STREET AND MINES AVENUE**

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

1. Approve the installation of red curbs on all approaches at the intersection of 6th Street and Mines Avenue to allow for clear visibility for pedestrians walking on the crosswalk as shown in Attachment C; and
2. Approve the loss of two street parking spaces.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Commissioner Romero asked if residents were notified of the installation of red curb at this location.

Chair LaRocca stated that there are standards such as Assembly Bill 413 that will go into effect in 2025.

Vice-Chair Beas motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mares, the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

8. **RED CURB INSTALLATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOS ANGELES AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE**

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

1. Approve installation of red curbs on all approaches at the intersection of Los Angeles Avenue and Maple Avenue to allow for clear visibility for pedestrians walking on the crosswalk as shown in Attachment C; and
2. Approve the loss of two street parking spaces.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Chair LaRocca stated that the street is narrow, if vehicles park next to stop signs it would be dangerous for pedestrians.

Chair LaRocca motioned to approved, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, the motion passed with four yeses and one absence.

9. **ALL WAY STOP SIGNS STUDY AT INTERSECTION OF JACMAR DRIVE AND SPRUCE STREET**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Traffic Safety Commission:

1. Approve installation of all-way stop signs with appropriate curb and pavement markings at the intersection of Jacmar Drive and Spruce Street

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

Chair LaRocca asked where the stop sign will be located.

Traffic Engineer stated that this location is a T-intersection, the stop sign will not interfere with the driveway.

Commissioner Romero motioned to approve this item, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, the motioned passed with four yeses and one absence.

10. **RED CURB INSTALLATION AT 600 S MAPLE AVENUE**

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

1. Approve installation of red curbs on the east side of Maple Avenue along the Heart of Compassion Distribution Food Bank facility frontage as shown in Attachment C; and
2. Approve the loss of seven street parking spaces.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Commissioner Romero is concerned with increase in red-curbing due to decrease in parking spots, asked if temporary business hours can be installed instead of red curb.

Traffic Engineer stated that this item can be tabled to conduct further research.

Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Mares, and Vice-Chair Beas would like this item to be tabled.

City Manager suggested a possible loading zones instead of a red curb.

Traffic Engineer stated that the only concern would be enforcement.

Commissioner Mares asked if this location is a drive-thru service.

Commissioner Romero confirmed that it is a drive up service and residents have access by walking into the facility.

Chair LaRocca motioned to table this item, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas, the motion passed by four yeses and one

absence.

11. RED CURB INSTALLATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF ALLSTON STREET/HEREFORD DR AND OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

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

1. Approve installation of red curbs at the intersection of Allston Street/Hereford Drive and Olympic Boulevard to allow for clear visibility for pedestrians and motorists as shown in Attachment C; and
2. Approve the loss of one street parking space.

Traffic Engineer, Mike Bagheri, provided a brief presentation.

Chair LaRocca asked if the crosswalks were restriped.

Traffic Engineer states that the re-paint is in the process.

Commissioner Romero motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Mares, the motion passed by four yeses and one absence.

DISCUSSION

12. VOTE TO PROCEED OR CANCEL DECEMBER 30, 2024, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

City Manager stated that City staff will be limited due to the Holidays.

Commissioner Romero motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mares, the motion passed by four yeses and one absence

COMMISSION ORALS FOLLOW-UP

- 13. At the October 23, 2024 City Council meeting, the City approved a letter of engagement with KOA Corporation to enhance the design of three existing signalized intersections that are part of the First Mile Last Mile Plan. The three intersections will be: Beverly Boulevard & Maple Avenue, Whittier Boulevard & Garfield Avenue, and Whittier Boulevard & Montebello Boulevard. The Transit Department conducted a public presentation and discussed high visibility crosswalks, median refuge islands, bicycle/ pedestrian-friendly signal timing, reflective border on signal heads, etc.**

Public Works Director provided a brief presentation.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ORALS

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

14. CHAIR LARocca

1. Traffic-calming improvement on N. Concourse Avenue between Beverly Boulevard & Whittier Boulevard
2. Pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Allston Street & Olympic Boulevard

Chair LaRocca will table his comment for Concourse Avenue between Beverly Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard, as a report will be made in May 2025.

Chair LaRocca stated if staff can conduct signal warrants for adjacent intersections that run East and West of Olympic

Boulevard.

Public Works Director stated that KOA did conduct a feasibility study and stated the LA County is doing a Traffic Signal Synchronization Project that will further investigate this item.

15. VICE-CHAIR BEAS

1. Traffic issues near Wilcox Elementary School

Vice-Chair Beas stated that PD has been distributing tickets, this location need a crossing guard. Stated that the street is very narrow, making traffic difficult to maneuver around.

Acting Police Chief stated that this will need to be tackled together on all fronts, stated that this is more of a parking issue.

City Manager stated that trash pick-up is also impacting the school pick-up, stated that the Department is working with the trash hauler to calm traffic stressors, City Staff will need to work with School Officials to look at different solutions.

Vice-Chair Beas stated that he would like more parking enforcement in the area.

Staff will revisit this item

16. COMMISSIONER KNOX

1. Traffic at night on Howard Avenue

2. Feedback on flashing stop signs on Lincoln Avenue and Germain Drive

Traffic Engineer stated that the flashing stop signs on Lincoln Avenue and Germain Drive have been installed.

17. COMMISSIONER ROMERO

1. Temporary traffic light on Whittier and Greenwood until construction is complete

Commissioner Romero asked if temporary a temporary traffic light can be installed to alleviate traffic congestion.

Public Works Director stated that staff has received comments from residents who live on Greenwood and the difficulty to ingress egress out their homes.

Commissioner Romero stated that trucks have traveled through the area, asked if there is data or monitoring regarding ticketing for these vehicles.

Acting Police Chief stated the Department has issued extra patrols on Vail, Maple, and Greenwood to monitor the flow of speeding and trucks.

Sergeant stated that most of the specialized enforcement happen during the day and stated that if there are things occurring at night that parole does not cover the area.

Acting Police Chief provided an example of a truck traveling at 11:30 at night on Greenwood, officers cited the company and informed them that Greenwood was not a designated truck route.

Chair LaRocca informed the commission that trucks were traveling on Wilcox Avenue, which is not a designated truck route.

Acting Police Chief asked if the trucks were passing through during the day or night.

Chair LaRocca responded that it was during the day.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will adjourn to the next Regular Meeting on December 30, 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, November 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Samantha Leyva

Samantha Leyva, Management Analyst

Chair LaRocca adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

