



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

MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Chair LaRocca, Vice-Chair Beas, Commissioner Knox, and Commissioner Romero.

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, omitted the publisher's name from Staff Reports Three and Four, and assumed responsibility as the author.

PRESENTATIONS

1. ASSEMBLY BILL 413, A NEW LAW TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development, Matthew Ramos, provided a presentation.

Commissioner Knox asked for clarification about the 20-foot rule.

Matthew stated that vehicle operators needed to park 20 feet away from the crosswalk approach.

Commissioner Romero asked about the outreach process.

Matthew stated that social media was used in the outreach process to educate and notify the residents of Montebello.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that signage would be posted on a case-by-case basis.

City Manager, Raul Alvarez, stated that red curb was standard.

Chair LaRocca asked what the penalty fee was if someone was found in violation.

Matthew stated that the fine was \$70.00.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 2024, TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: Approve said minutes as written.

Commissioner Romero motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024, seconded by Vice-Chair Beas; the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. PARKING PROHIBITION AT 600 S MAPLE AVENUE

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

1. Approve installation of Tow Away No Stopping, 6 A.M. to 12 Noon, Tuesdays, and Wednesday's parking prohibition 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 temporary loss of seven street parking spaces during parking prohibition hours.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, provided a brief presentation.

Vice-Chair Beas asked if the curb would be red.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the signage for no parking would be for Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Vehicles that were in violation would be towed or cited by Parking Enforcement.

Commissioner Romero asked if the red curb would be removed to alleviate the area red curbs.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the existing red curb would be removed, as the signage was posted to showcase the times and days vehicles could not park.

Commissioner Knox asked where the signage of no parking would be placed.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the signage would be posted at the beginning of Hearts of Compassion.

City Manager, Raul Alvarez, stated that if people were ticketed, staff would work to verify if the ticket was valid.

Commissioner Knox asked for clarification of the red curb.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the goal was to gray out the existing red curb to allow for parking, but vehicle operators would not be allowed to park during the designated time of the no parking sign.

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

4. 1401 SOUTH SPRUCE STREET DISABLED PARKING SPACE

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

1. Deny the request for the installation of Disabled Parking Space for the property at 1401 S. Spruce Street.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, provided a brief presentation.

Commissioner Romero asked if the applicant was seeking the installation of a blue curb for easier access.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that staff believed the existing garage had been converted into an ADU, but after speaking with Community Development staff, no application had been submitted for an ADU. This allowed the resident to have more access to their vehicle on their driveway.

Chair LaRocca asked if staff had been able to contact the applicant.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that staff had contacted the applicant and had informed them that they could attend the Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting on February 24, 2025.

Commissioner Romero asked how much time the applicant had been given to be notified of the meeting.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the applicant had been called the week before the meeting. However, the applicant had also been notified for the Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting in January, but due to no quorum, a

vote had not been taken.

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

DISCUSSION

5. TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

City Manager, Raul Alvarez, stated that the commission meeting in January was an opportunity for the commission to reorganize. Due to no quorum at the previous meeting, the commission can decide to take a vote.

Chair LaRocca asked for nominations or volunteers to be Chair and Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Beas volunteered to be Chair.

Commissioner Knox volunteered to be Vice-Chair.

Chair LaRocca motioned to nominate Vice-Chair Beas as Chair and Commissioner Knox as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Romero; the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ORALS

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

6. CHAIR LARocca

- 1. Status of roundabout on Concourse and Madison**
- 2. Beverly Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Project**
- 3. Traffic light programming at Liberty Avenue and Montebello Boulevard**
- 4. Grant application submittals or award updates regarding street improvements**
- 5. Street repaving project status**
- 6. Item for consideration: Pedestrian walk signal improvements.**

Chair LaRocca asked for an update on the roundabout for Concourse and Madison.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, provided an update about the status of the roundabout on Concourse and Madison. He stated that an engineering firm was in the designing phase of the project, but staff were looking into temporary delineators to improve safety.

City Manager, Raul Alvarez, stated that as soon as the temporary delineators were installed, staff would return to a future Traffic and Safety Commission meeting to provide an update.

Chair LaRocca asked for an update on the Beverly Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that this project was being overseen by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The department was coordinating to input the timing of the signal, upgrade the traffic signal controller, and install video detection cameras.

Chair LaRocca stated that a resident was concerned about the timing of the intersection of Liberty Avenue and Montebello Boulevard and asked staff to review the timing sheet for this intersection.

Chair LaRocca asked for an update on grant submittals.

City Manager, Raul Alvarez, stated that staff would return to provide an update on grant applications that had been submitted and approved for the award.

Chair LaRocca asked for an update on the street repaving project.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the SB 1 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 was underway, the contractor was working on pothole filling, and the following week the streets would begin to be grinded and overlayed. He stated that the department would work with Parks and Recreation to do a social media announcement post about different street closures.

Chair LaRocca stated that existing traffic signals in the City did not prioritize pedestrians.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the Traffic Engineer, Dennis Barnes, would be reviewing some of the traffic signals that did not prioritize pedestrians. For the traffic signals that could be addressed quickly, staff would return at a future meeting to discuss solutions. For traffic signals that would take longer to upgrade, a list would be presented as a capital improvement project. Cesar Roldan stated that several traffic signals were currently being upgraded.

Chair LaRocca asked if the traffic signals that were currently being worked on, pedestrian improvements could be an extra

cost.

Public Works Director, Cesar Roldan, stated that the extra cost was not feasible due to the budget of the Los Angeles Department of Public Works. However, internal staff could review the traffic signals with the City Manager to see if funding was available to incorporate pedestrian improvements.

Chair LaRocca asked if an update could be provided at the next meeting.

7. COMMISSIONER KNOX

- 1. Traffic on Howard Avenue**
- 2. Feedback on the blinking stop signs**
- 3. Barrier on Via Campo and Findlay intersection**

Commissioner Knox stated that a resident was concerned about vehicles doing donuts on Howard Avenue.

City Manager, Raul Alvarez, stated that the Chief of Police would be attending the Traffic & Safety Meetings to notify his staff about the disruption.

Commissioner Knox stated that she had received positive feedback from residents about the flashing stop signs.

Commissioner Knox raised concerns about the barrier on Findlay Avenue and Via Campo.

Vice-Chair Beas stated that the barrier had caused multiple accidents in the past.

City Manager, Raul Alvarez, stated that staff were investigating short-term and long-term solutions to improve the safety of traffic and pedestrians who passed through the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will adjourn to the next Regular Meeting on March 31, 2025, 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, February 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Samantha Leyva

Samantha Leyva, Management Analyst

Chair LaRocca adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM.