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

**MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Beas called the meeting to order at 6:00pm*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Commissioner Hernandez led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**ROLL CALL**

*Members present were Chair Beas, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Takeyama.*

**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.

*William Moreno provided a brief presentation of several traffic related items. Insist of having a landscape barrier from having to prevent a left turn.*

**MINUTES**

*Commissioner Takeyama motioned to approve the April 28, 2025 Traffic & Safety Commission meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the motion passed.*

**1. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2025 TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Minutes as written.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**2. MONTEBELLO BOULEVARD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT - OLYMPIC BOULEVARD AT MONTEBELLO BOULEVARD TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

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

1. Approve or deny San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' request to close Olympic Boulevard in both directions at Montebello Boulevard to facilitate and minimize the length of time to construct the Montebello Grade Separation Project; and
2. Approve San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' request to install a temporary stop sign on northbound Greenwood Avenue, south of Truck Way; and
3. Approve or deny the temporary use of 4th Street between Olympic Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard for truck access for the commercial/industrial properties located on the south side of Olympic Boulevard, east of Montebello Boulevard.

*San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments provided a brief presentation of the item.*

*Commissioner Hernandez motioned to approved, seconded by Commissioner Takeyama, the motion passed.*

**3. ALL-WAY STOP SIGN STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF HARDING AVENUE AND TAYLOR AVENUE**

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

1. Receive and file an all-way stop sign study for the intersection of Harding Avenue and Taylor Avenue.
2. Approve the City Traffic Engineer's recommendations to deny the request for an All-Way stop sign intersection at Harding Avenue and Taylor Avenue and to install red curb on the intersection approaches as shown in Attachment B.

*Dennis Barnes, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief presentation on the item.*

*Chair Beas asked whether a stop sign was currently installed at the intersection of Park and Taylor.*

*Mr. Barnes responded that he was unable to confirm, as he had not yet visited the intersection.*

*Chair Beas noted that the street segment is quite long and expressed interest in installing a stop sign.*

*Mr. Barnes later clarified that a stop sign already existed at the intersection and that red curb markings were present on the Taylor Avenue side.*

*Chair Beas also pointed out that there is a school located nearby and commented that the street operates as a "non-stopping" street, providing a straight path to the opposite end.*

*The City Manager emphasized that decisions must be based on factual data and noted that the current data does not support the installation of a stop sign at this location. He cautioned that installing a stop sign without justification could expose the City to liability. He also suggested involving the principal of the nearby school to obtain the school district's input.*

*Mr. Barnes asked the Commission to consider directing staff to revisit the item at a future meeting. The City Manager recommended allowing six months for staff to return with additional information and analysis.*

*Commissioner Takeyama made a motion to approve the red curb installation and requested that staff return in six months with a report on the potential installation of an all-way stop sign at the intersection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and passed unanimously.*

**4. ALL WAY STOP SIGN STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF KEENAN STREET AND VIA SAN DELARRO**

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

1. Receive and file all-way stop sign study for the intersection of Keenan Street and Via San Delarros; and
2. Deny the request for an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Keenan Street and Via San Delarros; and
3. Approve staff recommendation to install red curb at intersection of Keenan Street and Via San Delarros.

*Traffic Engineer Dennis Barnes provided a brief presentation on the item.*

*Commissioner Takeyama commented that the proposed red curb would enhance visibility and safety at the intersection.*

*Commissioner Hernandez expressed her support for the red curb installation as well.*

*Commissioner Takeyama made a motion to approve the item, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the motion passed.*

**5. 1140 MAXWELL STREET BLUE CURB APPLICATION**

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

1. Deny the request for the installation of Disabled Parking space at 1140 Maxwell Street.

*Traffic Engineer Dennis Barnes provided a brief presentation on the item.*

*Commissioner Takeyama noted that the resident was not utilizing their driveway.*

*Commissioner Hernandez added that while the space was available, it was not being used.*

*Mr. Barnes stated that the resident had placed patio furniture in the driveway area, preventing its use for parking.*

*A private citizen explained that the blue curb request was based on a community need. He noted that the driveway is angled and the gate does not fully open, limiting the usable space. He also mentioned that the configuration does not provide adequate room for passengers to safely exit the vehicle. He clarified that the request was submitted on behalf of his mother, who has mobility challenges.*

*The City Manager stated that issues related to the resident's private property would need to be addressed separately.*

*Mr. Barnes reiterated that City staff does not assess or make changes to private property as part of this process.*

*Chair Beas made a motion to deny the blue curb application request, which was seconded by Commissioner Takeyama, the motion passed.*

**6. 100 NATASHA LANE RED CURB INSTALLATION REQUEST**

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

1. Approve the city traffic engineer recommendation for the addition of 7 feet of red curb marking at 100 Natasha Lane as shown in Figure 3.

*Traffic Engineer Dennis Barnes provided a brief presentation on the item.*

*Commissioner Takeyama had no questions.*

*Commissioner Hernandez also had no questions, noting that the installation was in accordance with the new daylighting law.*

*Chair Beas had no questions as well.*

*Commissioner Takeyama made a motion to approve the item, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the motion passed.*

**7. 230 CEDAR COURT RED CURB REMOVAL REQUEST**

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

1. Approve the City Traffic Engineer recommendation for the removal of 10 feet of red curb marking at 230 Cedar Court as shown in Figure 3.

*Traffic Engineer, Dennis Barnes, provided a brief presentation.*

*The Commissioners had no questions.*

*Commissioner Takeyama motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the motion passed.*

**8. 148 S. MAPLE AVENUE RED CURB REMOVAL**

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

1. Approve the request for the removal of red curb space at 148 S. Maple Avenue.

*Traffic Engineer, Dennis Barnes, provided a brief presentation of the item.*

*The Commissioners did not have any questions or comment on this item.*

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*Commissioner Takeyama motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the motion passed.*

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ORALS**

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

**9. COMMISSIONER TAKEYAMA**

- 1. 52-foot trailers, instead of passing through District 4, the trailers are now stopping and resting for days at a time. Requesting Code Enforcement to assist.**

*Commissioner Takeyama provided a presentation on her commission oral.*

*City Manager states that he will request Planning and Community to provide an agendaized item and be brought back to the commission.*

**10. CHAIR BEAS**

- 1. Stop Sign on Cleveland and Popular**
- 2. Traffic near Wilcox Elementary School**

*Chair Beas gave a brief presentation on his commission oral report. He requested the installation of warning signs to alert drivers that a sign is posted ahead.*

*Traffic Engineer Dennis Barnes recommended using diamond-grade reflective sheeting to improve the visibility of the signs.*

*The City Manager stated that additional options would need to be explored and brought back for further discussion.*

*Chair Beas also mentioned issues on 4th Street, where vehicles were being parked in the middle of the roadway. The City Manager advised the Chair to contact the non-emergency line to report such incidents.*

*In another part of his oral report, Chair Beas addressed concerns about drivers blocking residential driveways near a school.*

*The City Manager emphasized the importance of school engagement, noting that effective solutions require a collaborative effort. He referenced a past example involving trash pick-up where a street was successfully blocked off with the school's cooperation. He added that involving school administrators is essential for achieving results and welcomed staff involvement to help facilitate better outcomes.*

*Commissioner Hernandez raised additional concerns, stating that food delivery times often coincide with school dismissal, contributing to congestion. She asked what plans are in place and suggested that schools should develop and share drop-off and pick-up procedures to improve traffic flow and safety.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will adjourn to the next Regular Meeting on July 28, 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, June 26, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

*Samantha Leyva*

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Samantha Leyva, Management Analyst

*Chair Beas adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.*