

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION

CITY OF BELL GARDENS

**City Council Chambers
7100 Garfield Avenue
Bell Gardens, CA 90201**

**Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION

Chairperson David Heredia
Vice Chairperson Raul Velasco
Commissioner Carlos Jose Barrera
Commissioner Jayson Gavilanes
Commissioner Amy Sanchez

CITY STAFF

Grissel Chavez, Director of Public Works
Dennis D. Barnes, MSCE, P.E. Traffic Engineer
Douglas Benash, P.E. City Engineer
Veronica Sanchez, Secretary

AGENDA
Meeting
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. REPORT FROM SECRETARY ON POSTING AGENDA
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2022
8. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – Scout Avenue at Clara Street Request for Crosswalk on Scout Avenue
9. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – Request for On-Street Disabled Persons Parking at Bell Gardens Elementary School on Quinn Street
10. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – Request for Green Curb at 8056 Garfield Avenue
11. COMMENTS FROM STAFF
12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS
13. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

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**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

April 5, 2022

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Heredia called the Traffic & Safety Commission Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
- ROLL CALL:** Secretary Veronica Sanchez took roll call.
- PRESENT:** Chairperson Heredia, Vice-Chairperson Velasco, and Commissioner Carlos Jose Barrera were present. Grissel Chavez, Director of Public Works; Dennis Barnes, Traffic Engineer; and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present.
- INVOCATION:** Ms. Chavez led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Barrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POSTING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was posted as prescribed by law.
- PUBLIC AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments were received.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2022:** Vice Chair Velasco made the motion to approve and Commissioner Barrera seconded the motion. Secretary Sanchez took roll call vote. AYES: Heredia, Velasco, and Barrera.
- TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS- Request for Speed Humps on Perry Road (Loveland to Foster Bridge):** Ms. Chavez deferred to Dennis Barnes, Traffic Engineer to present the report. The Public Works Department received a request for speed hump installation staff provided the resident the speed hump policy. Soon after the signed petition was received from residents along Perry Road from Loveland to Foster Bridge Blvd due to speeding concerns. Figure 1 shows the studied area. In accordance City policy, the criteria for installation is that the street be residential, width not be more than 40 feet, no curves, traffic volumes met, speed limits at 25 MPH, speeds measured greater than 8 MPH or more, no transit route and 51% resident support. Traffic volumes were recorded on March 24th thru March 27th. 3,228 vehicles were recorded on Thursday and 2,596 on Sunday. The 85th percentile speed recorded was 33 MPH. Based on the

qualifying results, three potential locations for new speed humps based on a street block length of approximately 1, 177 feet from Loveland Street to Foster Bridge. The proposed location of the speed hump are based on engineering criteria established by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Figure 4, 5 and 6 identifies the location of the 3 speed humps. The ITE dictates that speed humps should be 250 feet from a stop or traffic light, which is where the first speed hump is identified, 250 feet north of Loveland, the second speed hump 530 feet from Loveland and the third 867 feet north of Loveland. Therefore, the recommendation to the commission is to give tentative approval for the installation of the three speed humps, pending the outcome of sending out notices to all homes fronting Perry Road (Loveland to Foster Bridge) confirming their approval or denial. Failure to meet the required 51% percent support would mean denial and would make this a receive and file. If the support is received, then the item will be present to City Council for consideration and final approval.

Vice Chair Velasco asked if parking would be affected. Mr. Barnes explained that parking is permissible on the hump itself.

Chair Heredia agreed that it's a good location considering the proximity to the Park.

Commissioner Barrera added that it is also close to school zone and hopes that residents do their part in supporting installation.

Vice Chair Velasco made the motion to approve; and Commissioner Barrera seconded the motion. Secretary Sanchez took roll call vote. AYES: Heredia, Velasco, and Barrera.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Ms. Chavez updated the Commission on the two items from the previous meeting: the installation of stop signs at Gallant and Gephart have been completed and the red curb on Florence Avenue is scheduled to be installed next week.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Heredia adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of May 3, 2022.

APPROVED BY:

David Heredia, Chairperson

Submitted by:

Veronica Sanchez, Secretary



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
Public Works Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic and Safety Commission
FROM: Grissel Chavez, Director of Public Works
Dennis D. Barnes, City Traffic Engineer
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS - Scout Avenue at Clara Street – Request for Crosswalk on Scout Avenue
DATE: May 3, 2022

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Works received a request for the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Scout Avenue and Clara Street; specifically to help create safer crossing conditions for senior citizens walking to and from the City’s Senior Center located at 6722 Clara Street.

The City’s Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to confirm existing intersection geometric conditions and any other existing constraints for the installation of a new crosswalk. An aerial view of the intersection is shown in Figure 1.

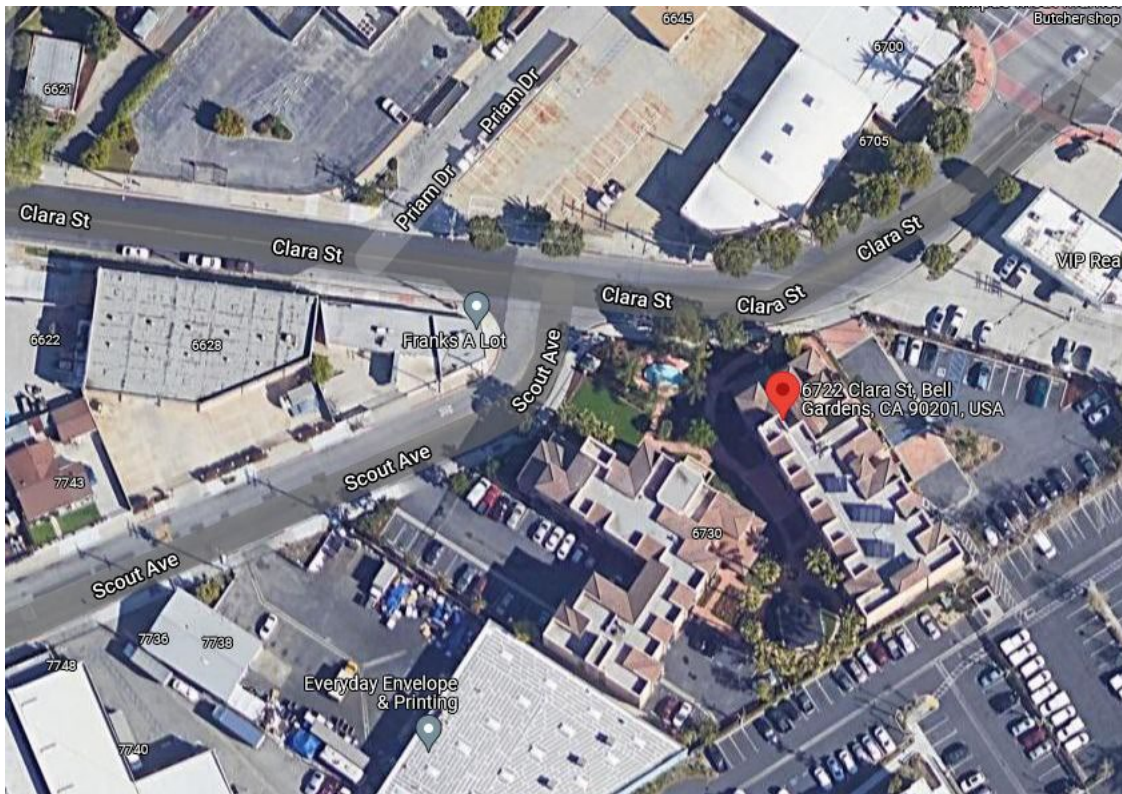


Figure 1 - Aerial View of Clara Street at Scout Avenue Showing Requested Crosswalk Location



Figure 2 – Proposed Crosswalk on Scout Avenue at Clara Street

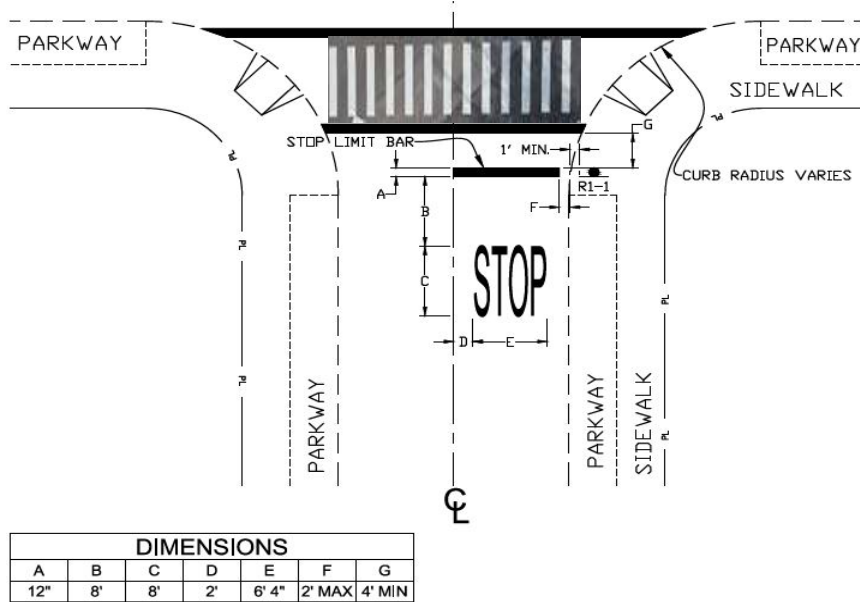


Figure 3 – Proposed Crosswalk Details for Scout Avenue at Clara Street

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND SIGHT DISTANCE:

Scout Avenue is a wide two-lane collector street (38.9 feet) with a posted speed limit of 30 MPH. There are industrial buildings on both sides of the street going south to the next stop sign intersection of Scout Avenue at Emil Avenue. Parking is allowed on both sides of the street approaching Emil Avenue.

The 2015 supplemental speed survey reported a traffic volume of 5,786 vehicles per day for the

Scout Avenue street segment of Florence Avenue to Florence Place. There are no other recent traffic volume counts for this subject section of Scout Avenue. Applying a one percent (1%) growth factor per year to the recorded traffic volume provides an estimated average daily traffic (ADT) volume of 6,140 vehicles per day on Scout Avenue.

If approved, the proposed crosswalk will enhance the safety of all pedestrians walking on Clara Street, crossing Scout Avenue at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATION:

After careful review, it is the Traffic Engineer's recommendation that Traffic and Safety Commission, by motion, approve the following recommendation:

1. Installation of a new white ladder type crosswalk on Scout Avenue at Clara Street, as shown in Figures 2 and 3 with white clear markers on each side on Scout Avenue; and repainting of the existing red curb on both sides of the intersection approach to the new crosswalk.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost for installing the new crosswalk, markers and repainting the existing red curb is approximately \$350 and is available in the current Street Maintenance Budget.

ATTACHMENTS: None



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
Public Works Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic and Safety Commission
FROM: Grissel Chavez, Director of Public Works
Dennis D. Barnes, City Traffic Engineer
SUBJECT: Traffic Safety Analysis - Request for an On-Street Disabled Persons Parking Space at Bell Gardens Elementary School, on Quinn Street
DATE: May 3, 2022
BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the City’s Policy for On-Street Parking for Disabled Persons in Residential Areas and the Bell Gardens Municipal Code, the City prudently strives to accommodate the public parking needs of the community.

The Public Works Department has received a request for a disabled person parking space (blue curb) to be added on Quinn Street, to serve the parents and caretakers of the school children attending Bell Gardens Elementary School. The school does not have any ADA accessible parking spaces to be used by parents/caretakers when dropping off students. Staff made contact with the school Principal whom confirmed that the school has one staff parking lot with a disabled person parking space; however, the lot is kept locked as it is only accessed and used by school staff. Staff and the City Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to identify a location for a blue curb space along Quinn Street.

Bell Gardens Elementary School is located on Quinn Street, just west of Jaboneria Road. (See Figure 1 below).

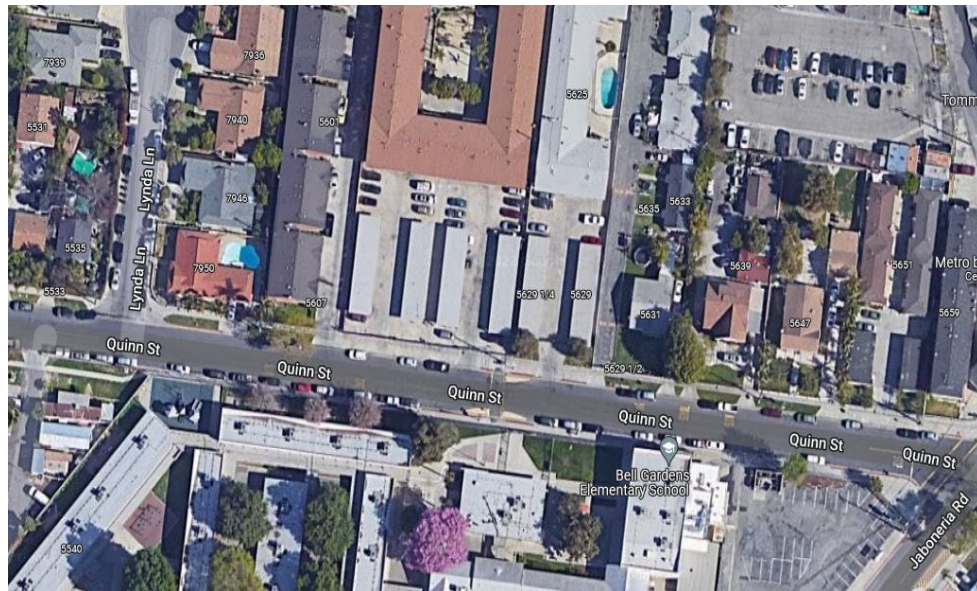


Figure 1 – Aerial View of Bell Gardens Elementary School

The proposed location for the blue curb is near the Gate Number 2 school entrance shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

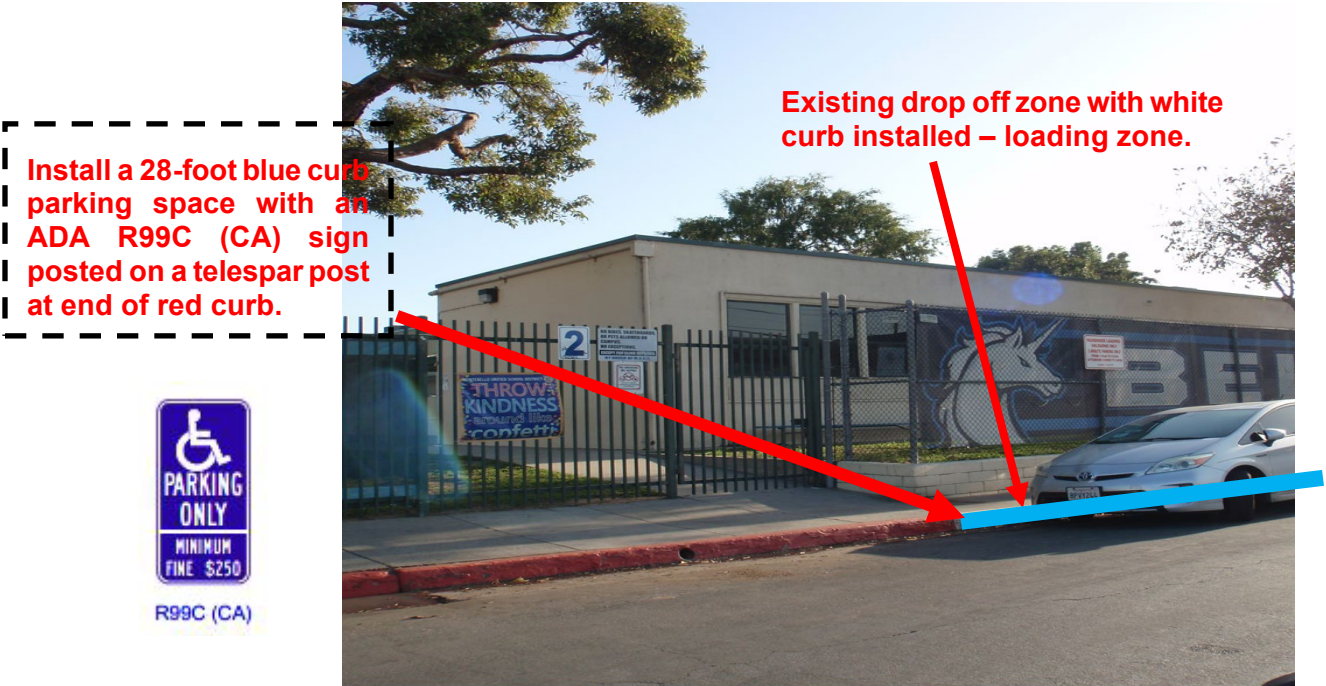


Figure 2 – Street View of Bell Gardens Elementary School Gate Number 2



Figure 3 – Street View of Quinn Street East of Gate Number 2

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated cost for installing the blue curb is approximately \$250 and is available in the current Street Maintenance Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Traffic Engineer's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission, by motion, direct staff to request City Council consideration of the following action:

1. Approve the request for a 28-foot blue curb parking space on Quinn Street, in front of the Bell Gardens Elementary School (near Gate Number 2); with the installation of a R99C (CA) sign on a telespar post as shown in Figure 2.



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
Public Works Department
MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic and Safety Commission

FROM: Grissel Chavez, Director of Public Works
Dennis D. Barnes, City Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS
Request for Green Curb at 8056 Garfield Avenue

DATE: May 3, 2022

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Public Works received a request from the business owner of POGAME Barbershop, located at 8056 Garfield Avenue, requesting the installation of a green curb in front of the business. The business owner reported that cars often park on Garfield Avenue for more than twelve (12) hours at a time, making it difficult for the barbershop product suppliers to unload their merchandise and for customers to find a place to park. The property owner confirmed support of the request. Figure 1 provides an aerial view of the barbershop location on Garfield Avenue.

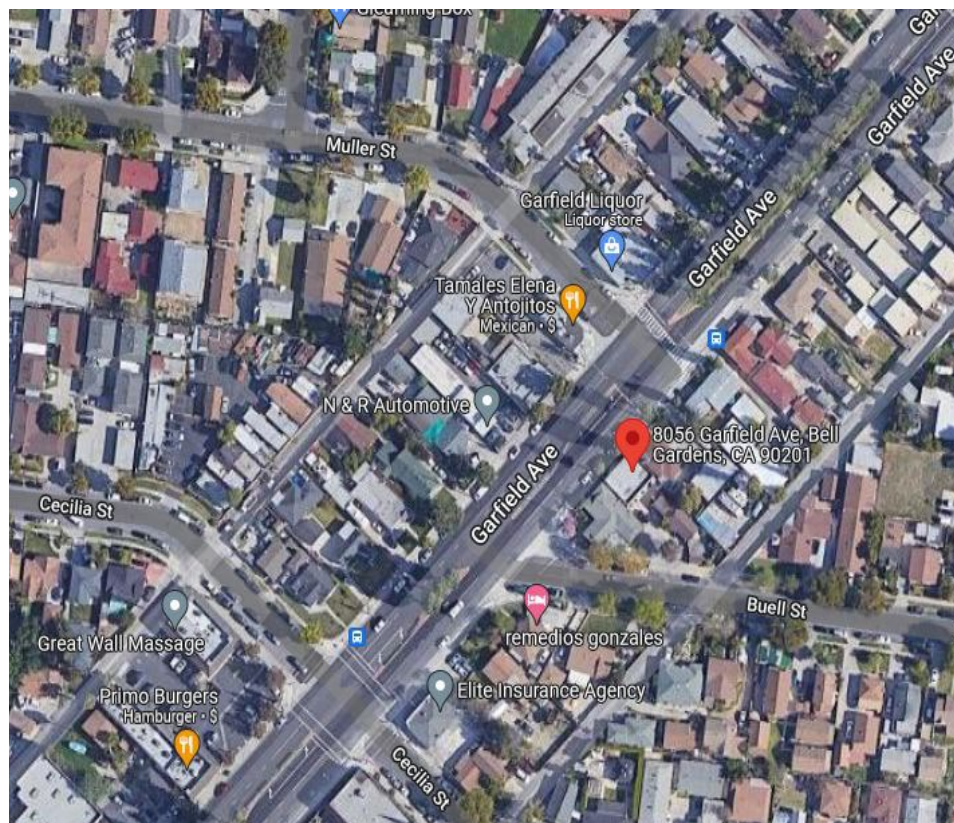


Figure 1 – Aerial View of 8056 Garfield Avenue

Existing Parking Conditions at 8056 Garfield Avenue Site:



Figure 2 – Street View of 8056 Garfield Avenue at 5:30 PM on 4-20-22



Figure 3 – Street View of 8056 Garfield Avenue



Figure 4 – Street View of 8056 Garfield Avenue Showing Green Curb Location

INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS:

The City Traffic Engineer reviewed the location to identify any existing issues that would be reason to approve or deny the request for a parking space to be marked with green curb markings as a 20-minute parking zone. Due to the high parking demand and large traffic volumes on Garfield Avenue, the Traffic Engineer has determined there is a need for a green zone parking space at 8056 Garfield Avenue. It is recommended that curb markings for the new parking zone be in effect from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm (except for Sundays and Holidays) with a 20-minute time limit (Note City Council approval is needed beyond 20 minutes). The Bell Gardens Municipal Code does not have defined time limits for yellow and green curb markings. Having the green zone parking time restriction end at 6 p.m. will allow both business patrons and residents returning home from work to use all available street parking space.

Parking regulations and curb markings in Bell Gardens are guided by the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), the California Vehicle Code (CVC) as well as the City of Bell Gardens Municipal Code.

Bell Gardens Municipal Code:

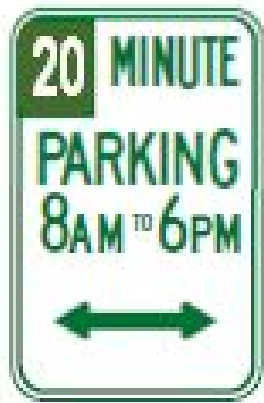
- **Twenty-Minute Parking.** A green curb, or a sign designating an area as a 20-minute parking area, shall mean no stopping, standing, or parking, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended, at any time, or at such time as the City Council may designate, for a period more than 20 minutes.

Due to the high parking demand on Garfield Avenue, the provision of a green curb 24 feet in length (minimum) with appropriate R32F signage is appropriate to accommodate the customers and businesses visiting this barbershop.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on a review of the available information, presented facts, and a field review by the City Traffic Engineer, the following recommendations are presented to the Traffic and Safety Commission for review and approval:

1. Approve for City Council consideration the installation of 24-feet of green curb along the business frontage of 8056 Garfield Avenue. Parking space shall have 20-minutes stenciled on top of the curb in white paint in accordance with the City’s Municipal Code. A posted sign R32F (CA) indicating twenty (20) minutes parking, “8 am to 6 pm, Monday to Saturday” except Sundays and holidays, as shown below, shall also be installed to notify residents.
2. Request Police Department conduct parking enforcement and monitoring, upon installation of the new green curb parking space.



R32F(CA)
(Modified)

MON - SAT

Add the words “Except
Sundays and Holidays”
to the sign below MON-
SAT.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The approximate cost for the installation of green curb is \$250 and is available in the FY 21-22 Street Maintenance budget.