



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
AGENDA**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7100 GARFIELD AVENUE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), which was effective immediately and amends Government Code section 54953 to allow a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Pursuant to AB 361, please be advised that members of the Bell Gardens Traffic and Safety Commission may participate in meetings telephonically. The meeting will be held at Bell Gardens City Hall in the Council Chambers. The public may attend the meeting in person or may view the meeting online. The meeting will be recorded and live streamed on the City's website at <https://www.bellgardens.org/i-want-to/watch-commission-meetings>. Agendas are available at <https://www.bellgardens.org/government/city-departments/city-clerk/bell-gardens-commissions/traffic-and-safety-commission>.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The members of the public may address the Commission on any item listed on the agenda or on matters which are not listed on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Traffic and Safety Commission. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comments for non-agenda items will be limited to a total of 30 minutes. Public comments can be made by any of the following ways:

IN-PERSON: Members of the public can provide in-person comments at the podium in the Council Chamber. The Council Chamber will have seating available for members of the public to attend the meeting in-person. For your safety, space is currently limited to 50 members of the public. Masking is required for all in attendance. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless a different time is announced by the presiding chair.

BY TELEPHONE: Phone Number: [\(669\)900-9128](tel:6699009128) Webinar ID: [818 0091 8706#](#) Passcode: [*2021#](#)
To address the Commission press [*9](#) to raise your hand then [*6](#) to unmute yourself when instructed.

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turn to speak the host will unmute you. *Comments will not be accepted in the QandA Chat function of the zoom app.

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For more information, you may contact the Department of Public Works during regular business hours 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at (562) 806-7770.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION

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

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Grissel Chavez, Director of Public Works
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Veronica Sanchez, Secretary



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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

During this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any agenda items or non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the commission. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Public comments for non-agenda items are limited to an overall 30-minute period and will be heard after all comments for agenda items have been heard. Government Code Section 54590 prohibits the Commission from taking action or engaging in discussion on a specific item unless it appears on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item No. 1)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2022

Brief Summary: October 4, 2022 – Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Commissioners approve the attached minutes.

DISCUSSION (Item Nos. 2-4)

2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR ADA PARKING SPACE AND BUS LOADING ZONE AT 8327 GARFIELD AVENUE

Brief Summary: Metro's ADA Compliance Oversight Program for Subrecipient requires the City as a Metro Subrecipient to ensure that the organization meet accessibility requirements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Metro identified the need for the City to install an ADA disabled person parking space at the Public Works office to facilitate patrons visiting the facility for transportation related business. Additionally, as part of the transportation operation, the City's bus operators must stop at the Public Works office at various times through the day to complete operational transactions necessitating the need for designation of a loading zone for their use.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Commission approve for City Council

consideration the installation of disabled person parking space (blue curb) for ADA compliance and the loading zone (yellow curb) at the Public Works Yard, 8327 Garfield Avenue

3. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR A ROUNDABOUT INTERSECTION OF JABONERIA ROAD AND CECILIA STREET

Brief Summary: Staff has received a request for the installation of a roundabout to address the reported activities of speeding and street takeovers at the intersection of Jaboneria Road and Cecilia Street. A roundabout is a tool for use in a “Complete Streets” program. Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. This intersection can be placed on the list for consideration as a future Complete Streets project to be evaluated and for presentation to the Commission in the future. In reviewing the site conditions and intersection size, there is insufficient data available at this time to warrant any further action. Staff will continue to monitor the intersection activity and if conditions change in the future, the intersection can be re-evaluated.

Recommendation: Based on a review of the available information, presented facts, and review by the City Engineer, it is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission receive and file.

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR A 3-WAY (ALL WAY) STOP INSTALLATION INTERSECTION OF FLORENCE PLACE AND SCOUT AVENUE

Brief Summary: The Public Works Department received a request for the installation of a three-way (all way stop) at the intersection of Florence Place and Scout Avenue due to reported concerns about intersection visibility and safety. The City Engineer completed a new warrant study for stop sign installation to address the visibility and safety concerns. In light of the study results and in an effort to immediately address the reported safety concerns, staff completed the installation of the stop signs for all directions; painting of red curb for intersection visibility; refreshed all existing striping and added required signs at this intersection.

Recommendation: It is the City Engineer’s recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission, by motion, direct staff to request City Council consideration of the completed improvements at the intersection of Florence Place and Scout Avenue; the installation of two Stop Signs and legends on Florence Place at the southwest (SW) and northeast (NE) concerns, installation of 25 feet +/- of red curb east bound Florence Place and refresh all other intersection striping, legends and signage.

STAFF COMMENTS

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2022