



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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 NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Brief Summary: November 1, 2022 – Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

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

DISCUSSION (Item Nos. 2-5)

2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – SIGHT DISTANCE IMPROVEMENT AT TOLER AVENUE AND FLORENCE PLACE

Brief Summary: The Department of Public Works received a request to evaluate the intersection of Florence Avenue and Toler Avenue due to safety concerns with vehicles turning onto Florence Place from Toler Avenue. As part of the City's ongoing goal to improve safety, it has been determined there is a need for striping modifications and red curb installation at the intersection.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Commission direct staff, by motion, to request City Council consideration of the following improvements: Install additional red curb at the northeast corner of the intersection; extend the existing solid lane line on eastbound Florence Place east of Florence Avenue/Toler Avenue; install arrow pavement markings for

eastbound traffic on Florence Place; and install delineators/candle sticks to delineate eastbound traffic on Florence Place.

3. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – EVALUATION OF INTERSECTION FOR A “HAWK” SIGNAL – GAGE AVENUE AND AJAX AVENUE

Brief Summary: The Department of Public Works received a request for the evaluation of Gage Avenue and Ajax Avenue for the installation of a “HAWK” pedestrian signal or traffic signal. HAWK stands for High Intensity Activated Crosswalk.

Recommendation: Based on a review of the available information, presented facts, and review by the City Engineer, none of the HAWK signal warrants are satisfied at this time. It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission direct staff to install the following improvements: paint “shark teeth” pavement markings and limit lines per the MUTCD for east bound and west bound Gage Avenue traffic; and replace existing traffic signs as necessary to meet current high visibility reflective sheeting standards.

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – SIGHT DISTANCE IMPROVEMENT AT GARFIELD AVENUE AND SHULL STREET

Brief Summary: The Department of Public Works received a request to evaluate the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Shull Street due to safety concerns reporting obstructed view of oncoming Garfield traffic for vehicles turning from Shull Street. As part of the City’s ongoing goal to improve safety, it has been determined the need for installation of red curb at the 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 installation of red curb at the southwest corner of Garfield Avenue and Shull Street.

5. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR A 3-WAY (ALL WAY) STOP INSTALLATION - INTERSECTION OF JABONERIA ROAD AND GOTHAM STREET

Brief Summary: The Public Works Department received a request for the installation of a three-way stop (all-way stop) at the intersection of Jaboneria Road and Gotham Street due to reported concerns about the intersection visibility, past collisions, and safety. The City Engineer completed a new warrant study for stop sign installation to address the visibility and safety concerns. Field observations indicate that the installation of a multi-way stop at the existing intersection could moderately increase sight distance and improve the motorists’ visibility. The installation of a multi-way (three-way) stop sign at this intersection now meets the required MUTCD criteria for the sight distance warrant and MUTCD Section 2B.07, item A and B. Additional red curb is recommended for the existing Stop sign at the northeast corner of Gotham Street and Jaboneria Road to prevent vehicles from blocking sight of the sign thereby improving visibility.

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 following improvements at the subject intersection: Install two Stop Signs on Jaboneria Road in the northwest (NW) and southeast (SE) corners of the intersection; paint red curb on the north side of Gotham Street at the existing Stop Sign in the northeast corner of the intersection; paint red curb on the east side of Jaboneria Road; install limit lines and STOP legends on the Jaboneria Road and Gotham Street approaches; and refresh all other intersection striping.

STAFF COMMENTS

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023