



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
AGENDA**

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

The meeting will be held at Bell Gardens City Hall in the Council Chambers. The public may attend the meeting in-person or virtually as instructed below. You may view the meeting live 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:(669)900-9128) Webinar ID: [818 0091 8706#](#) Passcode: [\\*2021#](#)  
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Comments may also be made via the Zoom app by using the "Raise Hand" feature when it is your turn to speak the host will unmute you. \*Comments will not be accepted in the QandA Chat function of the zoom app.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS:** Public comments may be submitted electronically by emailing them to [vsanchez@bellgardens.org](mailto:vsanchez@bellgardens.org) or mailed to the Department of Public Works, 8327 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201. To ensure distribution to the members of the Commission prior to

consideration of the agenda, please submit comments no later than one (1) hour prior to the meeting. Those comments, as well as any comments received after, will be distributed to the members of the Commission and will be part of the official public record of the meeting.

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 Hugo Alvarado  
Commissioner Carlos Jose Barrera  
Commissioner Jayson Gavilanes

**CITY STAFF**

Bernardo Iniguez, Director of Public Works  
Douglas Benash, P.E. City Engineer  
Veronica Sanchez, Secretary



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**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Hugo Alvarado, Commissioner  
Carlos Jose Barrera, Commissioner  
Jayson Gavilanes, 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 MAY 2, 2023**

**Brief Summary:** May 2, 2023 – Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

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

**DISCUSSION (Item No. 2, 3 & 4)**

**2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACE**

**Brief Summary:** On May 15, 2023, Mr. William Alexander Sanchez applied for a disabled persons on-street parking space fronting his residential property at 6304 Gotham Street. In accordance with the City of Bell Gardens' Policy for On-Street Parking for Disabled Persons in Residential Areas, each disabled person parking space application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and submitted to the Traffic and Safety Commission for review and consideration.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission by motion to deny the request for a disabled parking space at 3904 Gotham Street, based on the reported findings that conditions 3 and 4 of the Guidelines for On-Street Parking for Disabled Persons in Residential Areas ("Guidelines") are not met.

**3. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – SPEED MANAGEMENT ON GREENWOOD AVENUE SOUTH OF GAGE AVENUE**

**Brief Summary:** The Department of Public Works received a request to evaluate the need for speed limit signs to encourage motorists to slow down on Greenwood Avenue south of Gage Avenue. As part of the City’s ongoing goal to improve safety, it has been determined there is a need for the installation of speed limit signs on Greenwood Avenue. The City Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to confirm existing roadway conditions. Greenwood Ave south of E Gage Ave is a residential street with prima facie speed of 25 MPH.

**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 25 MPH speed limit signs facing northbound and southbound traffic on Greenwood Avenue south of Gage Avenue and plan regular speed enforcement by the Bell Gardens Police Department.

**4. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – SIGHT DISTANCE IMPROVEMENTS AT EASTERN AVENUE AND PRIORY STREET**

**Brief Summary:** The Department of Public Works received a request from Officer Eric A. Perez, Bell Gardens Police Department, to evaluate the intersection of Eastern Ave and Priory Street due to safety concerns with vehicles turning onto Eastern Avenue from Priory Street. The City Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to confirm existing roadway and sight distance conditions.

**Recommendation:** It is the City Engineer’s recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission, by motion, direct staff to request City Council consideration for the installation of 50 feet of red curb at the northwest corner of the intersection, the installation of 40 feet of red curb at the southeast corner of the intersection and the installation of 20 feet of red curb at the northeast corner of the intersection.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2023**