



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, August 1, 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#](#)  
To address the Commission press [\\*9](#) to raise your hand then [\\*6](#) to unmute yourself when instructed.

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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  
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  
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 JUNE 6, 2023**

**Brief Summary:** June 6, 2023 – 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 THREE WAY STOP SIGN AT LOVELAND STREET AND SUVA STREET**

**Brief Summary:** The crossing guard assigned to the intersection of Loveland Street and Suva Street reached out to a Council Member about installing a three-way STOP sign at the intersection of Loveland Street and Suva Street. The City Manager and Police Chief also inquired about an assessment of the intersection. The City's Traffic Engineer completed a sight investigation to confirm the existing roadway, sight distance conditions and reviewed available traffic volume, pedestrian counts, and accident history of the intersection.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Commission direct staff to request City Council consideration for the installation of an all-way STOP controlled intersection at Loveland Street and Suva Street.

**3. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR STAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT FLORENCE AVENUE AND TOLER AVENUE**

**Brief Summary:** The Public Works Department received a request from Officer Eric A. Perez, Bell Gardens Police Department, to evaluate the intersection of Florence Avenue and Toler Avenue for possible safety improvements due to safety concerns with vehicles exiting onto Florence Avenue from Toler Avenue. The City’s Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to confirm existing roadway, sight distance conditions, and investigated the accident history of the intersection.

**Recommendation:** It is staff’s recommendation that the Commission receive and file the report and direct staff to continue monitoring the intersection and address future issues as needed.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**