



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
AGENDA**

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

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**TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION**

Chairperson David Heredia  
Commissioner Hugo Alvarado  
Commissioner Carlos Jose Barrera  
Commissioner Jayson Gavilanes

**CITY STAFF**

Bernardo Iniguez, Director of Public Works/Facilities  
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**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR (Item No. 1)**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 5, 2023**

**Brief Summary:** September 5, 2023 – Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve the attached minutes.

**DISCUSSION (Item Nos. 2-3)**

**2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR RED CURB PARKING RESTRICTIONS FRONTING 6872 GAGE AVENUE**

**Brief Summary:** The Public Works Department received a request from a resident for the installation of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 6872 Gage Avenue due to traffic safety concerns.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the request for the installation of 11 feet of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 6872 Gage Avenue to improve sight distance conditions.

### **3. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON LIVE OAK STREET FROM EMIL AVENUE TO SCOUT AVENUE**

**Brief Summary:** The Public Works Department received a signed petition from residents for the installation of speed humps on Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue. The residents expressed concerns regarding speeding activity on this street.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission: 1. authorize staff to distribute a Speed Hump Survey Questionnaire to all residents fronting Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue, requesting their confirmation of support or opposition of the proposed speed hump installation; and 2. if at least 51% resident support is obtained, approve for City Council consideration the installation of three (3) proposed speed humps on Live Oak Street as shown in Attachment 2; or 3. if less than 51% resident support is obtained, deny and close out the citizen speed hump request.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

#### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

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

**September 5, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Heredia called the Traffic & Safety Commission Meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Ms. Sanchez took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Alvarado and Commissioner Barrera were present. Chair Heredia was present via teleconference - just cause. Bernardo Iniguez, Director of Public Works/Facilities, Douglas Benash, City Engineer, and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary, were also present. Commissioner Gavilanes had an excused absence.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Iniguez led the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Barrera led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments were received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2023:** Commissioner Barrera made the motion and Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion. AYES: Alvarado, Barrera, and Heredia.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS REQUEST FOR DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 5863 WATCHER AVENUE:** Mr. Iniguez briefly summarized. The Public Works Department received a request for installation of a disabled parking space fronting the residence at 5863 Watcher Avenue. Based on the City's On-Street Parking for Disabled Persons in Residential Areas, condition number 3 was not met and the recommendation is to deny. Mr. Benash provided the full report. Ms. Rosalinda Diaz applied for a disabled persons on-street parking space fronting her residential property at 5863 Watcher Avenue. In accordance with the City of Bell Gardens Policy for On-Street Parking for Disabled Person in Residential Areas, each application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and submitted to the Commission for consideration. All guidelines must be met; applicant must poses a valid disabled person placard issued by the Department of Motor

Vehicles; the proposed disabled parking space must be in front of the applicant's residence; the applicant must not have off-street parking, such as a garage or carport; and lastly a signed statement from a medical doctor that specifies the disabled person is unable to travel more than 50 feet without the assistance of a second person. The City Engineer completed a review of the documents submitted and completed a site review. There is an existing gate adjacent to the carport parking area and a double wide driveway. The applicant does not meet condition 3 of the guidelines; therefore, the recommendation is to deny the request for disabled person parking.

Commissioner Barrera made the motion and Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion. AYES: Alvarado, Barrera, and Heredia.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS  
REQUEST FOR RED CURB  
PARKING RESTRICTIONS  
ADJACENT TO 6021  
FLORENCE AVENUE:**

Mr. Iniguez briefly summarized. A request was received for red curb parking restrictions along the easterly side of Jaboneria Road north of the northerly driveway adjacent to the commercial facility at 6201 Florence Avenue. It is staff's recommendation that the Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of 20 feet of red curb parking restrictions.

Mr. Benash provided the full report. The Public Works Department received a request for red curb parking restrictions along the easterly side of Jaboneria Road, north of the northerly driveway adjacent to the commercial facility at 6021 Florence Avenue. In response, the City Engineer completed a field review and determined that sight distance conditions for vehicles exiting the northerly driveway onto Jaboneria Road can improve with the addition of red curb restrictions. Staff is recommending the approval for City Council consideration the installation of 20 feet of red curb parking restrictions north of the northerly driveway on Jaboneria Road adjacent to 6201 Florence Avenue.

Commissioner Barrera made the motion and Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion. AYES: Alvarado, Barrera, and Heredia.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Mr. Iniguez advised the Commission that staff is awaiting the report from CalWalks.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Heredia adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of October 3, 2023.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**David Heredia, Chairperson**

**Submitted by:**

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**Veronica Sanchez, Secretary**



## CITY OF BELL GARDENS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### AGENDA REPORT Item No. 2

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Traffic and Safety Commission

**FROM:** Bernardo Iniguez, Director of Public Works/Facilities  
**BY:** Douglas Benash, P.E., City Engineer

**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR RED CURB PARKING RESTRICTIONS FRONTING 6872 GAGE AVENUE**

**DATE:** October 3, 2023

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the request for the installation of 11 feet of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 6872 Gage Avenue to improve sight distance conditions.

#### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The Public Works Department received a request from a resident for the installation of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 6872 Gage Avenue due to traffic safety concerns.

#### **INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION:**

In response to the request, the City Engineer reviewed the application and documents submitted. In accordance with City policy, a field review of the site was then conducted. The current striping on Gage Avenue in front of 6872 Gage Avenue, and within 100 feet east and west of the property, is a "double-double yellow" painted median island. Per the California Vehicle Code (CVC), a vehicle is not to cross a double-double yellow. Therefore, the turning movements into and out of the property at 6872 Gage Avenue and the adjacent property are right-turn in and right-turn out, since a left turn onto the property is not allowed when traveling westbound on Gage Avenue.

When going westerly along Gage Avenue in this neighborhood, this same situation exists for other multi-family properties west of Chalet Drive, where on-street parking is available and vehicles have to exit the parcels onto Gage Avenue. 6872 Gage Avenue and the adjacent westerly property, 6868 Gage Avenue, are multi-family properties with multiple structures with some on-site parking. On both sides of these parcels, eastbound Gage Avenue currently has red curb parking restrictions. Therefore, this equates to allowing three (3) full size on-street parking spaces available for both properties. A full size on-street parking space for this street segment is a minimum of 20 feet long.



In their request, the resident indicated that a large truck parks in front of 6872 Gage Avenue and does not move for several days, making it difficult to exit the driveway due to limited sight distance. The CVC states that a vehicle cannot be parked for more than 72 hours, which is a parking enforcement issue. With the traffic signal at Chalet Drive, traffic breaks are created to allow access out of the property.

Sight distance issues are considered as part of the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines and warrants when looking at intersections. Staff uses this information as a baseline when considering requests for sight distance issues from private property. As engineers, we also look at the community as a whole, current community parking impacts, operations, and accident history. We do not have any accident history at this address.

The community has an overall parking shortage and when looking at this specific case, the options are to remove the on-street parking space or shorten the on-street parking space to a compact car to improve the sight distance. Currently there is enough room for two (2) compact cars or one (1) large truck/vehicle.

**CONCLUSION:**

After a review of field conditions, the City Engineer recommends approving the request for painting of an additional 11 feet of red curb parking restrictions fronting 6872 Gage Avenue, immediately west of the driveway for that property, which would leaving a distance of 15 feet of unpainted curb to allow for the on-street parking of one (1) compact car, based on the reported findings.

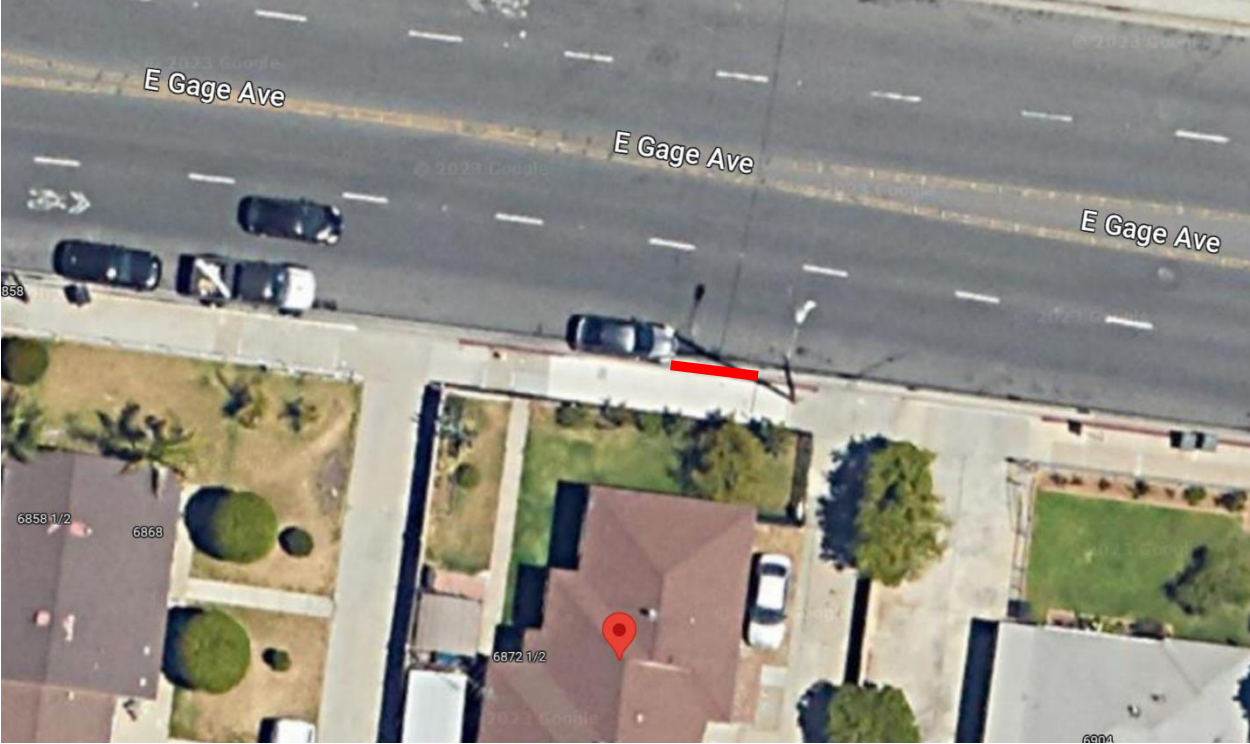
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated cost for the installation of red curb is approximately \$500 and is available in the current Street Maintenance Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Improvements

# Exhibit 1 - Proposed Improvements





**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**AGENDA REPORT**

Item No. 3

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Traffic and Safety Commission  
**FROM:** Bernardo Iniguez, Director of Public Works/Facilities  
**BY:** Douglas Benash, P.E., City Engineer  
**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON  
LIVE OAK STREET FROM EMIL AVENUE TO SCOUT AVENUE**  
**DATE:** October 3, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission by motion:

1. Authorize staff to distribute a Speed Hump Survey Questionnaire to all residents fronting Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue, requesting their confirmation of support or opposition of the proposed speed hump installation; and
2. If at least 51% resident support is obtained, approve for City Council consideration the installation of three (3) proposed speed humps on Live Oak Street as shown in Attachment 2; or
3. If less than 51% resident support is obtained, deny and close out the citizen speed hump request.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The Public Works Department received a signed Speed Hump Petition from residents requesting the installation of speed humps on Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue in accordance with the City's Policy for the Installation/Removal of Speed Humps ("Speed Hump Policy"). The residents expressed concerns regarding speeding activity on this street segment. Attachment No. 1 shows an aerial photo of the subject street block.

## **ANALYSIS OF REQUEST**

In accordance with the Speed Hump Policy, each speed hump request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and submitted to the Traffic and Safety Commission for review and consideration.

The following information summarizes some of the key points reviewed during the speed hump evaluation process by the City Engineer and/or City Traffic Engineer:

- Local, residential street with one lane of travel in each direction.
- Roadway width is not more than 40 feet.
- There are no curves that would make it difficult for drivers to see the speed humps.
- Traffic volumes are between 500 and 3,500 vehicles per day.
- Posted speed limit/Prima facia speed limit of 25 miles per hour (MPH).
- Actual measured 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds greater than 25 MPH by 8 MPH or more.
- Speed humps shall not be installed on roadways with grades over 6 percent.
- Street is not a transit route or primary emergency response route.
- Citizen Support: Prior to the installation of speed humps, at least fifty-one (51%) percent of residents residing along the affected street should support the request (one vote per each legal address).

In response to the speed hump request, the City Engineer ordered traffic volume counts and a speed profile for Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue. The purpose was to confirm the extent of reported speeding activity on Live Oak Street and review the traffic volume data needed to determine if the local street meets the City's speed hump policy requirements.

Live Oak Street is an east-west local residential street providing one lane of travel in each direction with a posted speed limit of 25 MPH. This block has single family and multi-family residences on both sides of the street. The roadway width is approximately 36 feet wide from curb to curb. On-street parking is allowed on both sides of the street. The approximate length of Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue is approximately 1230 feet. Live Oak Street is 'Stop' controlled at both Emil Avenue and Scout Avenue.

The results of the average daily traffic (ADT) volume counts over a four-day period show that Live Oak Street carries an average of 624 vehicles per day (VPD). The traffic volumes were recorded starting on August 3, 2023, to August 6, 2023. The recorded speed profile measurements for the combined directions of eastbound and westbound Live Oak Street indicate the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is 33.5 MPH. If the 85th percentile exceeds the posted speed limit by 8 MPH, this would indicate speeding activity, and would meet the City's speed hump policy speed criteria.

**CONCLUSION:**

After reviewing the Speed Hump Policy criteria and the collected traffic-related data, the City Engineer has determined the subject block of Live Oak Street meets the requirements to proceed with the next step in the consideration of the citizen speed hump request; which would include distribution of the Speed Hump Survey Questionnaire to all residents fronting Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If the necessary resident support is received based on the results of the Speed Hump Survey Questionnaire, and the City Council subsequently approves the request, the estimated cost for the installation of speed humps, signage, and pavement markings is approximately \$3,800, which is available in the current Street Maintenance Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit 1 – Aerial Photo of Block (Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue)

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Approximate Locations of Speed Humps

# Exhibit 1

Live Oak Street from Emil Avenue to Scout Avenue



# Exhibit 2

Proposed approximate location of Speed Humps on Live Oak Street

