



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, 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  
Commissioner Raul Velasco

**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  
Raul Velasco, 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 JANUARY 2, 2024**

**Brief Summary:** January 2, 2024 – Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

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

**DISCUSSION (Item No. 2)**

**2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR RED CURB PARKING RESTRICTIONS FRONTING 7533 GARFIELD AVENUE**

**Brief Summary:** The Public Works Department received a request from the business representative of Orbit Industries for the installation of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 7533 Garfield Avenue.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the request for the installation of 10 feet of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 7533 Garfield Avenue.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Traffic and Safety Commission held its regular meeting on January 2, 2024, in the City Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA with Chairperson Heredia calling the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Public Works/Facilities Director Bernardo Iniguez.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gavilanes.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Hugo Alvarado, Commissioner  
Carlos Jose Barrera, Commissioner  
Jayson Gavilanes, Commissioner  
Raul Velasco, Commissioner  
David Heredia, Chairperson

Absent:

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Secretary Elva Gamboa announced that there were no comments received.

No public comments were provided.

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

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

Approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023, Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasco and seconded by Commissioner Gavilanes to approve.

The motion carried 4-0 with the following vote for Item No. 1:

AYES: Alvarado, Gavilanes, Heredia and Velasco

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Barrera

## **DISCUSSION (Item No. 2)**

### **2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – THREE WAY STOP SIGN AT LUDELL STREET AND COLMAR AVENUE**

Staff received a request to install a three-way stop sign (called an all-way stop intersection) at the intersection of Ludell Street and Colmar Avenue.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission direct staff to continue to monitor the intersection and address future issues as needed.

Public Works/Facilities Director Bernardo Iniguez summarized staff's recommendation and City Engineer Douglas Benash provided the analysis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrera and seconded by Commissioner Gavilanes to approve staff's recommendation.

The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote for Item No. 2:

AYES: Alvarado, Barrera, Gavilanes, Heredia and Velasco

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Public Works/Facilities Director Bernardo Iniguez provided brief comments.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Members of the Commission provided brief comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Heredia adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

**Elva Gamboa, Secretary to the Commission**

**Agenda posted on December 21, 2023.**



**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 7533 GARFIELD AVENUE**

**DATE:** March 5, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the request for the installation of 10 feet of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 7533 Garfield Avenue to improve sight distance conditions.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The Public Works Department received a request from a business representative of Orbit Industries for the installation of additional red curb parking restrictions fronting 7533 Garfield Avenue due to traffic safety concerns.

**INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION:**

In response to the request, the City Engineer reviewed the submitted application and documents. In accordance with City policy, a field review of the site was then conducted. The site is located at the northwest corner of Garfield Avenue and Clara Street. The site allows access for large trucks with a driveway on Clara Street and a southerly driveway on Garfield Avenue. Just north of business site is Garfield Elementary School. Garfield Avenue is a divided arterial with 2 lanes in each direction and parking on both sides of the street.

The business representative indicated that school traffic parks within the area of the driveway impacting inbound and outbound large truck traffic on Garfield Avenue. Currently, the Garfield Avenue driveway has 10 feet of red curb on the southerly side of the driveway, with no red curb on the north side of the driveway.

Access and 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 do nothing or paint 10 feet of red curb on the northside of the driveway.

**CONCLUSION:**

After a review of field conditions, to improve sight distance conditions, the City Engineer recommends approving the request for painting of an additional 10 feet of red curb parking restrictions on the north side of the southerly Garfield Avenue driveway.

**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



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Google Maps



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- (A) PAINT 10' RED CURB
- (B) RE-PAINT EXISTING RED CURB

PROPOSED CITY ENGINEER *al/mh/04*

CITY OF NEW GARDENS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.  
EXHIBIT NO. 1