



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
AGENDA**

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

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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 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, 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 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  
Jayson Gavilanes, Commissioner  
Raul Velasco, 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.

**DISCUSSION (Item No. 1)**

**1. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ‘TOW-AWAY NO PARKING’ ZONE FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FRONTING 7945 SCOUT AVENUE**

**Brief Summary:** Staff received a request from the Ford Park pool contractor to facilitate the entry and exit of large trucks as part of the pool demolition and construction activities.

**Recommendation:** It is staff’s recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of 80 feet of temporary ‘Towaway No Parking’ Zone fronting 7945 Scout Avenue to facilitate construction activities.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



# CITY OF BELL GARDENS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## AGENDA REPORT

Item 1.

**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 TEMPORARY  
“TOWAWAY NO PARKING” ZONE FROM 6:00 AM TO 6:00 PM AT  
7945 SCOUT AVENUE TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES  
AT JOHN ANSON FORD PARK**

**DATE:** August 15, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of 80 feet of temporary 'Tow-Away No Parking' from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, fronting 7945 Scout Avenue to facilitate construction activities at John Anson Ford Park.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

Staff received a request from the John Anson Ford Park Regional Aquatics Center Improvements (Aquatics Center) contractor for a temporary "Towaway No Parking" zone at 7945 Scout Avenue to facilitate the entry and exit of large trucks to the construction zone, as part of the pool demolition and construction activities. The temporary restriction would be removed after construction is completed, which is currently anticipated by Fall 2025.

On July 2, 2024, the Traffic and Safety Commission approved staff's recommendation to seek City Council approval for the installation of 105 feet of temporary 'Tow-Away No Parking' restrictions. However, after further assessment, staff determined that only 80 feet of temporary 'Tow-Away No Parking' restrictions are necessary since there is an existing red curb measuring 25 feet starting at the northeast corner of Gotham Street and Scout Avenue.

### **EXISTING CONDITIONS:**

The City's Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to confirm existing conditions of the site and construction activity impacts.

### **INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the temporary "Towaway No Parking" zone is due to the wide turning radius of large trucks hauling debris and materials out of or into the construction site. Currently, vehicles are parked on the west side of Scout Avenue from the Gotham Avenue

intersection going north. Approximately 2-3 parking spaces would be impacted during daytime hours but overnight parking would be allowed.

The temporary "Towaway No Parking" zone would occupy approximately 80 feet from the red curb at the northeast corner of Gotham Street and Scout Avenue, northerly past the property at 7945 Scout Avenue. Two signs are recommended to be installed with the noted times and with "Begin" and "End" signs mounted below the "Towaway No Parking" sign.

Staff recommends the installation of the signs and posts as noted for the "Towaway No Parking" zone.

**CONCLUSION:**

After a review of the existing site conditions, the City's Traffic Engineer has determined the installation of a 80 ft. long temporary 'Towaway No Parking' zone fronting 7945 Scout Avenue is necessary to facilitate construction activities for the Aquatics Center.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$500 for materials and labor from the Street Maintenance Account

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Restrictions

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80 feet of Temporary 'Tow-Away No Parking' Zone

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday through Friday

Fronting 7945 Scout Avenue

