



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 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

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Item No. 1)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2024

Brief Summary: August 6, 2024 – Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2024

Brief Summary: August 15, 2024 – Special 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. 3 - 4)

3. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACE FRONTING 5843 FOSTORIA STREET

Brief Summary: Staff received a request to install a disabled parking space from the caretaker of a resident at 5843 Fostoria Street.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of a designated disabled person parking space fronting 5843 Fostoria Street.

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR RED CURB PARKING RESTRICTIONS FRONTING 6808 IRA AVENUE

Brief Summary: Staff received a request to address a large vehicle parking southerly of the driveway at 6808 Ira Avenue.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of 5 feet of red curb parking restrictions along both sides of the driveway at 6808 Ira 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 March 5, 2024, in the City Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA with Chairperson Heredia calling the meeting to order at 5:36 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 Velasco.

ROLL CALL

Present:

David Heredia, Chairperson
Hugo Alvarado, Commissioner – Absent
Jayson Gavilanes, Commissioner
Raul Velasco, Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Secretary Veronica Sanchez announced that there were no comments received.

No public comments were provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item No. 1)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2024

Approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024, Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting.

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

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote for Item No. 1:

AYES: Gavilanes, Velasco, and Heredia

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alvarado

ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION (Item No. 2 – 4)

2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHING A PARKING DISTRICT ON KRESS AVENUE FROM FLORENCE AVENUE TO CLARA STREET

Brief Summary: Staff received a signed Residential Permitted Parking District Petition requesting the creation of a parking district to mitigate parking impacts affecting residents of Kress Avenue from Florence Avenue to Clara Street.

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

1. Authorize staff to conduct further analysis to evaluate the non-resident vehicles parking on Kress Avenue to determine where the vehicle owners work; assess the parking capacity of the respective vehicle owner's employer's business; and determine if other parking alternatives for the Clara Street commercial businesses are available; and
2. Authorize staff to complete a traffic volume and speed data analysis for Kress Avenue from Florence Avenue to Clara Street to determine if any other traffic issues require mitigation.

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

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

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote for Item No. 2:

AYES: Gavilanes, Velasco, and Heredia

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alvarado

ABSTAIN: None

3. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS - REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON ALLEY W/O EASTERN AVENUE FROM CLARA STREET TO GOTHAM STREET

Brief Summary: Staff received a resident request for installation of speed humps in the alley west of Eastern Avenue from Clara Street to Gotham Street.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission deny and close out the request.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasco and seconded by Commissioner Gavilanes to approve staff's recommendation and look into the possibility of installing signage.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote for Item No. 3:

AYES: Gavilanes, Velasco, and Heredia

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alvarado

ABSTAIN: None

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON DARWELL AVENUE FROM LOVELAND STREET TO LUBEC STREET

Brief Summary: Staff received a signed Speed Hump Petition from residents requesting the installation of speed humps on Darwell Avenue from Loveland Street to Lubec 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 Darwell Avenue from Loveland Street to Lubec Street, 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 Darwell Avenue as shown in Exhibit 3; or, if less than 51% resident support is obtained, then deny and close out the citizen speed hump request.

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

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

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote for Item No. 4:

AYES: Gavilanes, Velasco, and Heredia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alvarado
ABSTAIN: None

5. TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON EMIL AVENUE FROM FLORENCE AVENUE TO LIVE OAK STREET

Brief Summary: Staff received a signed Speed Hump Petition from residents requesting the installation of speed humps on Emil Avenue from Florence Avenue to Live Oak Street.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission deny and close out the request.

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

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

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote for Item No. 5:

AYES: Gavilanes, Velasco, and Heredia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alvarado
ABSTAIN: None

STAFF COMMENTS

Public Works/Facilities Director Bernardo Iniguez provided brief comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gavilanes provided a brief comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Heredia adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Veronica Sanchez, Secretary to the Commission

Agenda posted on August 1, 2024.



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
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SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

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CALL TO ORDER

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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:

David Heredia, Chairperson
Hugo Alvarado, Commissioner
Jayson Gavilanes, Commissioner
Raul Velasco, Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Secretary Elva Gamboa announced that there were no comments received.

No public comments were provided.

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.

Public Works/Facilities Director Bernardo Iniguez summarized staff’s recommendation and provided the analysis.

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, Velasco, and Heredia

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

STAFF COMMENTS

Public Works/Facilities Director Bernardo Iniguez provided brief comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gavilanes and Commissioner Alvarado provided brief comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Heredia adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Elva Gamboa, Secretary to the Commission

Special Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting Agenda was posted on August 14, 2024.



CITY OF BELL GARDENS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

AGENDA REPORT

Item 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 DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACE FRONTING 5843 FOSTORIA STREET

DATE: September 3, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of a designated disabled person parking space fronting 5843 Fostoria Street.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Staff received a request to install a disabled person parking space from the caretaker of a resident at 5843 Fostoria Street. The City has a policy to evaluate requests for disabled person parking spaces on the City's streets. Exhibit No. 1 shows the general site location.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

The City's Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to confirm existing conditions of the site. The site has in-adequate on-site parking to accommodate or facilitate on-site entry/exit of a large truck used to carry the disabled person's wheel chair, bike and walker for disabled person access; and there are no current rental arrangements for large vehicles with the landlord.

INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION:

5843 Fostoria Street is a local residential street with prima facia speed limit of 25 miles per hour. The street has some single family homes with a majority of multi-family dwelling units on both sides of the street. The resident is requesting the installation of on-street disabled person parking (blue curb) for disabled person access. As required by the City's policy, the vehicle in question, utilizing a disabled person placard issued by the State of California, is to be registered to the resident along with the vehicle to the address of the property.

The resident indicated there is on-site assigned parking; however, the vehicle they use for the disabled person access must park on the street.

Staff recommends installing the disabled person blue curb fronting the property, with the caveat that the blue curb allows anyone to park in that space with a valid disabled person placard issued by the State.

CONCLUSION:

After a review of the existing site conditions, documentation and the City's policy, the City Engineer recommends approving for City Council consideration the request for a disabled person blue curb parking space with appropriate signage fronting 5843 Fostoria Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

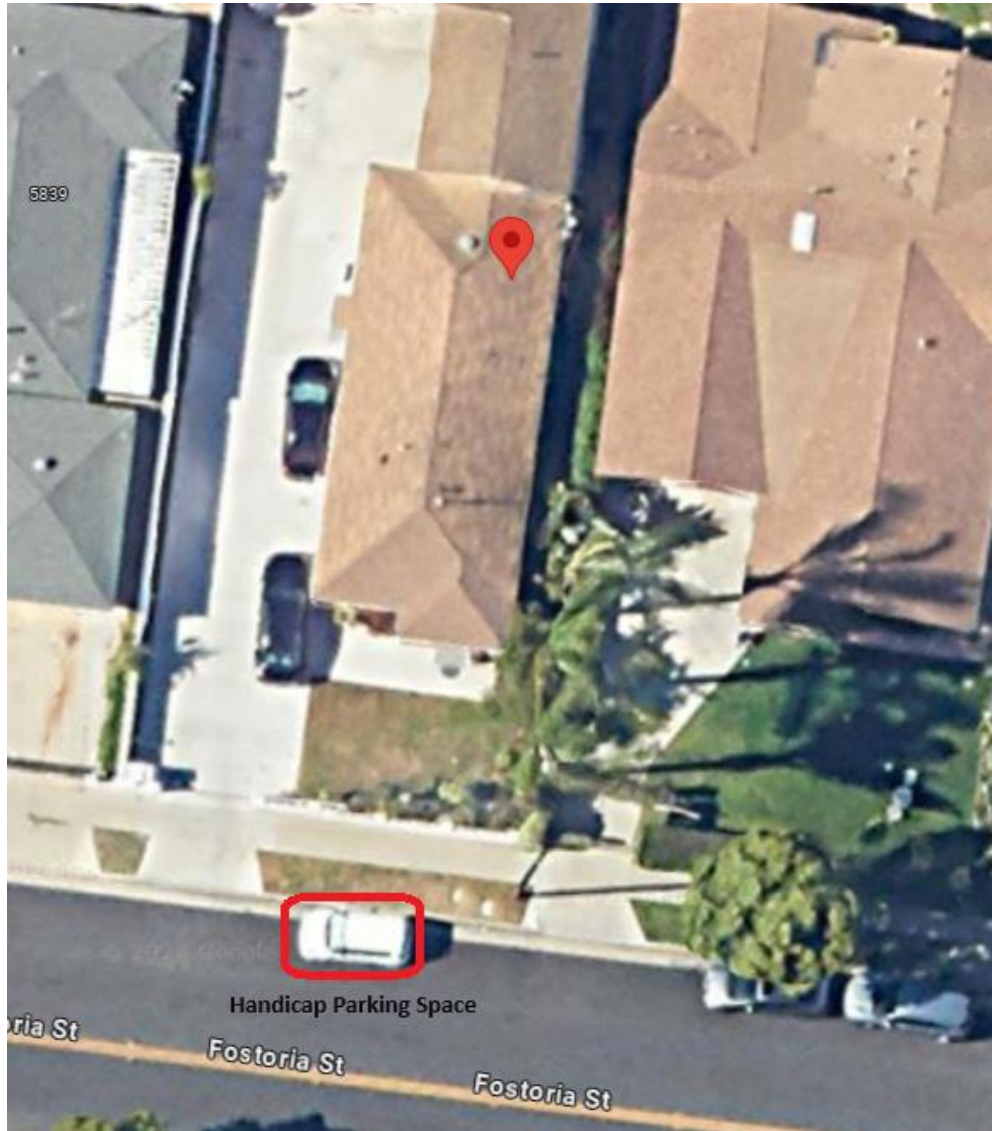
\$250 for materials and labor from the Street Maintenance Account.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1 – Existing Conditions

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Aerial view of 5843 Fostoria Street





CITY OF BELL GARDENS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

AGENDA REPORT

Item 4.

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 6808 IRA AVENUE
DATE:	September 3, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of 5 feet of red curb parking restrictions along both sides of the driveway at 6808 Ira Avenue.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Staff received a request to address a large vehicle parking southerly of the driveway at 6808 Ira Avenue. The City addresses these types of requests on a case-by-case basis. Each case is to be evaluated to address safety concerns and maximize parking in residential neighborhoods. Exhibit No. 1 shows the general site location.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

The City Engineer completed a site investigation of the location to confirm existing conditions of the site. The neighborhood consists of single family residential dwellings including 2 and 3 on a lot configurations. The resident is concerned when exiting their driveway when a large vehicle is parked, it obstructs sight lines of oncoming traffic.

INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION:

6808 Ira Avenue is a local residential street with prima facia speed limit of 25 miles per hour. The street has single family homes and multi-family dwelling units on both sides of the street. The resident is requesting the installation of red curb from their driveway to the southerly driveway, approximately 35 feet.

In evaluating the request, we know there is a parking shortage in the residential neighborhoods of Bell Gardens. If the parking of the large vehicle is long-term and on a constant basis, then the impact needs to be evaluated. Typically, the offending party would move the vehicle to another location nearby.

Therefore, to improve line-of-sight conditions when exiting the driveway at 6808 Ira Avenue, staff recommends the installation of red curb on the driveway approach wings for a distance of 5 feet on each side of the driveway as shown in Exhibit No. 1, which

reduces the parking length to approximately 30 feet which may discourage parking of large vehicles in this space.

CONCLUSION:

After a review of the existing site conditions and documentation, the City Engineer recommends approving for City Council consideration the request for the installation of 5 feet of red curb parking restrictions along both sides of the driveway at 6808 Ira Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to paint the red curb is \$500 and is funded through the Street Maintenance funds for striping.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Parking Restrictions

Exhibit 1 – Existing Conditions

Aerial view of 6808 Ira Avenue

