

AGENDA
MONTEBELLO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION
August 7, 2019

6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, 1600 W. Beverly Boulevard

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

ROBERTA LACAYO
TRAFFIC & SAFETY
SECRETARY

SARGENT DAVID KIM
POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
2. A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
B. **INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
5. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**
 - A. Items continued from July 3, 2019 meeting, Item C; Request for installation of Blue Curb at 520-1/2 North Garfield Avenue. Commissioner Klemundt motioned to reverse staffs request of denial and table to later meeting. Mr. Corona was asked to bring back a letter from his Doctor stating his illness, staff will review again, seconded by Commissioner Lopez.
6. **SCHEDULED MATTERS**
 - A. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 112 West Madison Avenue.
 - B. Request to Update Current Policy Which Allows Certain Curb Markings to be investigated and approved by Staff.
 - C. Request for Installation of Red Curb on Victoria Avenue from Montebello Boulevard to 7th Street.

D. Request to Improve Safety for Residents on Bluff Road When They Open Their Mail Boxes.

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APPEAL PROCEDURE

- A. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the City Traffic and Safety Commission may, not later than fifteen days following the rendering of the decision by the City Traffic and Safety Commission, file a written letter of appeal with the City Clerk, appealing the decision of the City Traffic and Safety Commission to the City Council; or, the City Council, may, upon motion, determine to review the decision of the City Traffic and Safety Commission in the same manner as if an appeal had been filed by a person aggrieved by such a decision.
- B. Upon notification by the Clerk of such appeal, the Secretary of the City Traffic and Safety Commission shall transmit to the Clerk the City Traffic and Safety Commission's file with reference to the matter appealed. **The Clerk shall collect a fee of \$510.00 for the appeal of decision.** The Clerk shall place the matter on the City Council's agenda as soon as possible thereafter, and shall give the appellant, and any other interested person requesting such notice, ten days' written notice of the time and place of such hearing. The City Council shall at the time of such hearing, review the matter and, shall affirm, modify or reverse the Traffic and Safety Commission's decision. The determination of the City Council shall be final and conclusive. (Ord. 2058 § 1 (part), 1991: prior code § 3201.02 (part).

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

For each of the following items, the public will be given an opportunity to speak. The proponents and opponents will be allowed to speak on issues relating to the matter. At the Chairperson's discretion, reasonable time limitations may be placed upon individual testimony. After all persons have spoken, one of the proponents is allowed to rebut and/or summarize, and then the hearing is closed. The Commission will begin their decision process following the closing of the hearing.

A. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 112 West Madison Avenue

Ms. Anush Khachatryan, a resident at 112 West Madison Avenue (see Figure 1), submitted a Traffic Service Request Application for installation of an on-street handicapped parking space in front of her residence. She has been issued a disabled person placard and proof of residency has been verified. Per staff's field investigation, the residence is one (1) apartment in a four apartment building (see Figures 2 and 3). Each apartment has a single car garage assignment with access by an alley. On-street parking is available on North 2nd Street and West Madison Avenue as noted in Figure 1.

The residence on-site garage is more than 14 feet in width (see Figure 3). City Guideline Number 32 requires that an applicant have no available off-street parking. If the applicant owns a passenger vehicle and has a garage, the garage width must be less than 14 feet wide to be eligible for a blue handicapped parking space. The applicant's residence does not satisfy the garage width requirement for an on-street blue curb parking space.

From an aerial view and a field review of the apartment, it appears that a more direct access to her apartment residence is available on-site by using the garage assignment at the back of the apartment building. Therefore, the residence on-site garage should be utilized to satisfy the needs for handicapped parking. Provision of an on-street handicapped blue curb side parking would provide additional parking and convenience for the resident.

In summary, staff recommends denial of the applicant's request since a more convenient and direct handicapped parking is available at the residence's property using her garage. Another reason for denial is that the existing garage is over 15 feet wide (see Figure 4) which is greater than the 14 foot wide requirement per City Guideline Number 32 for a blue handicapped parking space.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission deny this applicants request for an on-street blue curb handicap parking space since there is a more direct accessible parking space in the applicant's garage which is greater in width than City Guideline Number 32 requirements.

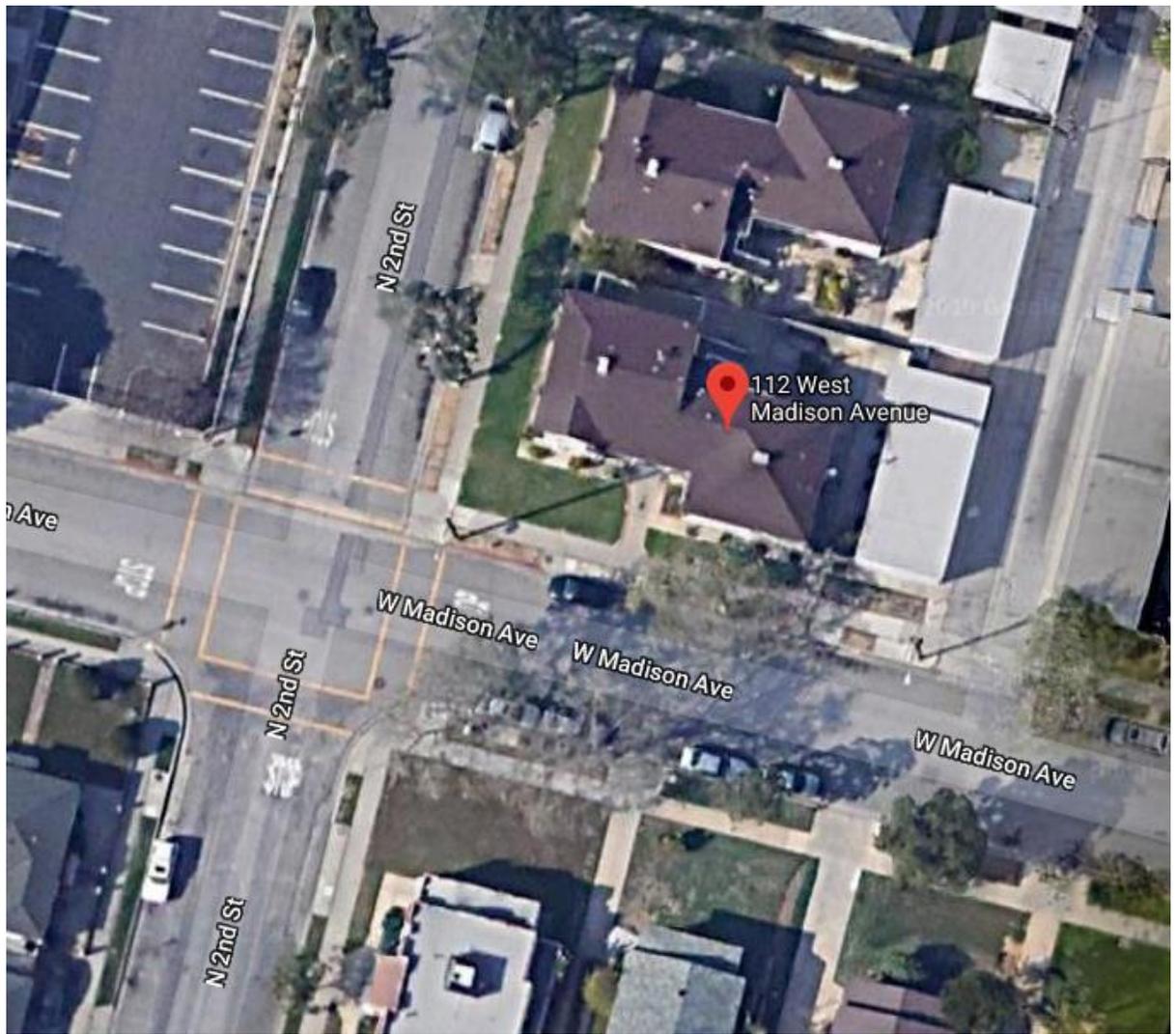


Figure 1 - Aerial View of 112 West Madison Avenue at North 2nd Street

AGENDA ITEM 6-A

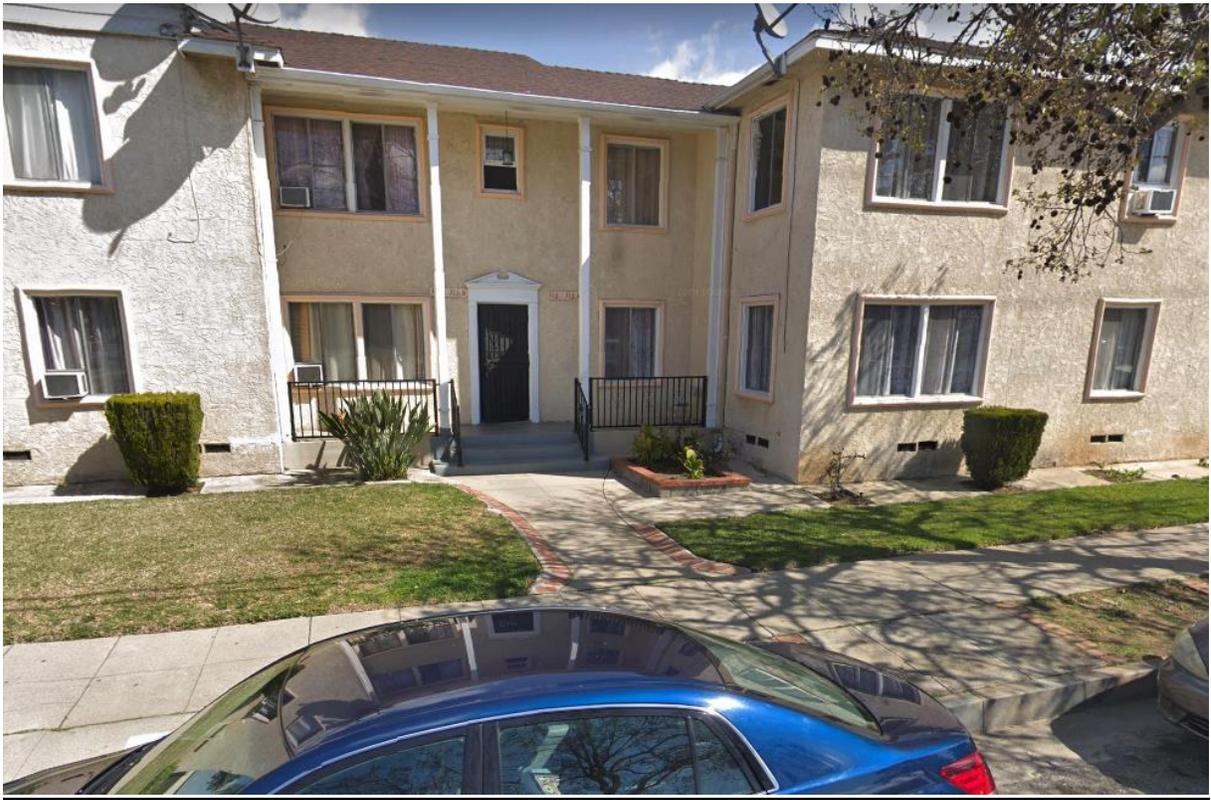


Figure 2 - Street View of 112 West Madison Avenue



Figure 3 – Street View of 112 West Madison Avenue with Address Shown



Figure 4 – Street View of 112 W. Madison Avenue With Garage Measurement



City of Montebello

Ms. Anush Khachatryan
112 W. Madison Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Ms. Khachatryan;

Please be advised that the Montebello Traffic and Safety Commission will be holding a public meeting in the Montebello City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 West Beverly Boulevard at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM 6-A: Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 112 W. Madison Ave.

As an interested party you are invited to attend this public meeting to express your opinion and for questions that may arise from the Commission. However, if you cannot attend this meeting, you may send a representative who has knowledge regarding your concerns.

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Dennis Barnes, City Traffic Engineer
Traffic and Safety Commission

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AGENDA ITEM 6-A



City of Montebello

Owner/Occupant
Madison Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

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AGENDA ITEM 6-A

B. Request to update current policy approved by Traffic and Safety Commission which allows certain curb markings to be Investigated and approved by staff

Staff is requesting the Traffic and Safety Commission to update the current policy which was approved by the Traffic and Safety Commission on January 3, 2018. The policy eliminated the requirement that certain curb markings be considered for approval at public hearings. All requests for curb markings exceeding the above would continue to follow the current process requiring a public hearing before the Traffic and Safety Commission. The following curb markings were approved at the January 3, 2018 Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting.

1. Red Curbing – less than ten feet (10') or adjacent to driveways to allow safe sight distance.
2. Green Curbing – parking limited to 30 minutes or less and only one (1) space per commercial site.
3. Yellow Curbing – commercial loading) one (1) space per commercial site.

The original request submitted to the Traffic and Safety Commission was due to the large volume of service requests being received by the City, the priority (based on safety and health concerns) and the fact that many service requests were delayed for months. These same facts exist today since January 3, 2018 and staff experience has shown the need to expand the curb marking limits to facilitate implementation of citizen requests and needed markings for traffic control devices in a timely manner.

The new requested policy and updated curb marking limits to be implemented by staff are as follows:

1. Red Curbing – less than or equal to fifty feet (50') or adjacent to driveways to allow safe sight distance for motorists.
2. Green Curbing – parking limited to 30 minutes or less and up to two (2) spaces per commercial site. Each space would be 22 feet in length.
3. Yellow Curbing – commercial loading – up to two (2) spaces per commercial site. Each space would be 22 feet in length.

All requests for curb markings exceeding the above limits would continue to follow the current process requiring a public hearing before the Traffic and Safety Commission for approval and installation.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve this request to update the current policy for curb marking limits by staff.

C. Request for Installation of Red Curb on Victoria Avenue From Montebello Boulevard to 7th Street

The Fire Marshall Johnson stated that the Fire Chief has requested the installation of approximately 185 feet of red curb on the north side of Victoria Avenue from Montebello Boulevard to 7th Street. The request is based on safety factors. The Chief has stated they need this curb space to park their emergency vehicles/fire engines and other agencies and motorists park there occupying the curb space. Currently, they have to park further away which causes longer response times which impacts safety for the residents.



Aerial View of Victoria Street and Fire Station

Fiscal Impact:

Funds for the installation of the red curb and similar requests are included in the current Public Works Department budget. Therefore, should the Commission approve the installation of red curb; the Commission’s decision does not require special funding by City Council.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve the Fire Department’s request for the installation of red curb on the north side of Victoria Street. an on-street



City of Montebello

Mr. Kurt Johnson
Montebello Fire Station
Montebello, CA 90640

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**AGENDA ITEM 6-C: Request for Installation of Red Curb along Victoria Avenue
From Montebello Boulevard to 7th Street**

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City of Montebello

Owner/Occupant
544 N. Montebello Blvd.
Montebello, CA 90640

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AGENDA ITEM 6-C

D. Request to Improve Safety for Residents on Bluff Road When They Open Their Mail Boxes

Traffic and Safety Commissioner Mike Torres brought this item up at the November 7, 2018 and June 5, 2019 Traffic and Safety Commission. He expressed concern that after the road was restriped residents safety was comprised when opening their mail boxes as the lane was wider. The area of concern along Bluff Road was from Rio Walk to Beach Street shown in Figure 1. Staff reviewed the accident history for this segment and did not find any related accidents with pedestrians that would indicate a problem for residents picking up their mail. It is recognized that the new curb lane is narrow as compared to the northbound travel lane.

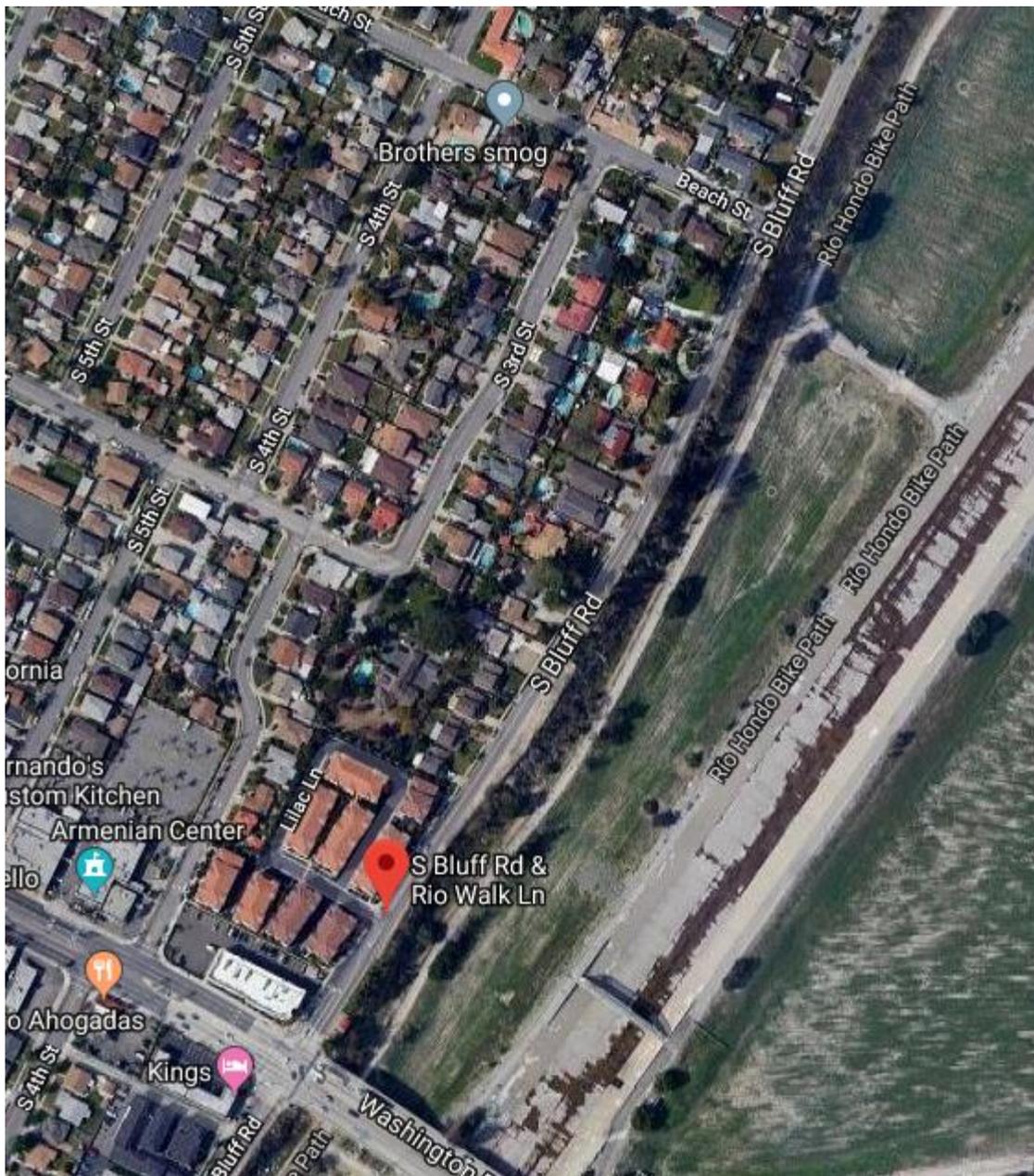


Figure 1 - Aerial View of Bluff Road from Washington Boulevard to Beach Street

Discussion:

Possible options to increase safety include the installation of a white edge line on the northbound lane and the southbound lane to create a traffic calming effect to slow vehicles down. Another option would be to restripe Bluff Road and balance out the street widths to provide more width for the southbound direction. Figure 2 illustrates an existing mail box and lane widths.



Figure 2 – Bluff Road with Mail Boxes Shown

Fiscal Impact:

Funds for the installation of a white edge line in both directions and similar requests are included in the current City budget and the current citywide striping contract. Therefore, should the Commission approve the installation of white edge lines; the Commission’s decision will not require special funding by City Council.

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission consider the installation of white edge lines to slow traffic down and create a traffic calming effect **or direct staff to perform a more detailed investigation.**



City of Montebello

Mr. Mike Torres
1424 S. 4th Street
Montebello, CA 90640

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Dear Mr. Torres;

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AGENDA ITEM 6-D Request to Improve Safety for Residents on Bluff Road When They Open Their Mail Boxes

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Owner/Occupant
Bluff Road
Montebello, CA 90640

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7. **PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED IN THE AGENDA**

8. **TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS.**

A. TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/STAFF COMMENTS

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

D. TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Traffic & Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 4, 2019.

CITY OF MONTEBELLO
Traffic and Safety Commission
Minutes of July 3, 2019

The Traffic and Safety Commission meets at 6:00 p.m. on the day scheduled in the City Hall
Council Chambers

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Klemundt

2. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Commissioner Torres

B. INVOCATION Given by Commissioner Lopez

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Klemundt, Torres and Lopez

Late: None

Absent: None

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Batson, City Traffic Engineer Barnes, Fire Marshall Johnson, Fire Department Jimenez, Police Officer Kim and Secretary Lacayo

Late: None

Staff Absent: City Engineer Kouri

AYES: 3 Commissioner Torres motioned to excuse City Engineer Kouri, seconded by Commissioner Klemundt

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AYES: 3 Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Torres

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A. Bicycle Master Plan Presentation – tabled the request to later meeting.

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SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 333 North 21st Street.
- B. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 1608 West Madison Avenue.
- C. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 520 ½ North Garfield Avenue.

A. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 333 North 21st Street

Ms. Maria Teresa Sy Chico Libot, a resident of 333 North 21st Street submitted a Traffic Service Request Application for installation of an on-street handicapped parking space in front of her residence. She has been issued a disabled person placard as she has Polio and it is getting worse which makes it very hard for her to walk now.

She does have a garage, which her Mom who is also handicapped has a big car and uses the garage.

Mike Vega, her neighbor spoke on her behalf. He stated that Mrs. Libot does need the parking in front of her home as she suffers from Polio and has a hard time walking now she often has to park down the street and walk as there are apartments in the area that take up the parking in front of her home.

Commission Action:

Commissioner Klemundt motioned to reverse staffs request and approve, seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

AYES: 3
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

B. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 1608 Madison Avenue

Ms. Teresa Barbarini, a resident of 1608 Madison Avenue submitted a Traffic Service Request Application for installation of an on-street handicapped parking space in front of her residence. She has been issued a disabled person placard. No one showed for or against this item. The applicant lives in one (1) of the four (4) duplexes, there is a garage in the back however it is very narrow. On street parking in front of her home would provide the most direct and accessible parking.

Commission Action:

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Torres.

AYES: 3
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

C. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 520 ½ North Garfield Avenue

Mr. Alex R. Corona, a resident of 520 ½ North Garfield Avenue has been issued a disabled person placard. Per staff's investigation, the residence is

one (1) apartment of a large number of residential apartments. Each apartment has a single car garage. The applicant states he needs space for his SUV truck, it is too hard to get in and out of the garage. He mentioned that he cannot walk far per his doctor but no written letter was provided about his physical condition.

Commission Action:

Commissioner Klemundt motioned to reverse staffs request and table to later meeting and bring back with a letter from his Doctor stating his illness, staff will review again, seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

AYES: 3
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

7. **PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED IN THE AGENDA**

- Mr. Daniel Gonzales, resident of El Camino Drive, stated that ever since the Monterey Park Market Place opened the traffic has increased in the area from the freeway to Loma Road vehicles are running stop signs he would like to have something done about it.

8. **TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS.**

A. TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/STAFF COMMENTS

City Traffic Engineer Barnes spoke about Paramount & Market Place right turn only installed by the 60 Freeway. This should help reduce lane changes and striping will be done in the next 2 weeks.

City Traffic Engineer Barnes mentioned that LA County reviewed 16 Traffic Signals along Beverly Blvd (for a traffic signal synchronization project) and that City staff will provide comments to the county on the project.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

None

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

None

D. TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

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