

AGENDA
MONTEBELLO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION
February 5, 2020

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS

RICK KLEMUNDT
CHAIRPERSON

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VICE-CHAIRPERSON

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

ROBERTA LACAYO
TRAFFIC & SAFETY
SECRETARY

CORPORAL
STEPHEN SHARPE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

2. A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
B. **INVOCATION**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

From the November 12, 2019 meeting.

5. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- A. At the November 12, 2019 Commission Meeting, Item 6-C was to be addressed at a future date, please be advised that the item was presented to City Council on and the City Council took action on the item. At the February 26, 2020, City Council meeting, the City Council will be presented with the designed for a new enhanced crosswalk at Beverly Blvd and 20th Street.

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A. Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 401 N. Taylor.
- B. Traffic calming along Roosevelt and Bluff Road.

For those in the audience who are not familiar with the operation of the Traffic and Safety Commission, the following summarizes the procedure:

For each item on the agenda for this evening, engineering staff will present a report to the Traffic and Safety Commission. The audience will be asked for comment. Those wishing to speak are asked to come forward, speak into the microphone, and give their name and address for the taped record. Those speaking in favor are asked to speak first, then those in opposition. After those speaking in opposition are heard, one of the proponents may be allowed a rebuttal.

For items not on the agenda, time will be provided for public testimony after the regular items have been heard; however, the Commission cannot take any official action on such testimony. You will be asked to state your name and address for the records. Such items may be brought before the Commission at a later date for consideration by the Commission.

The Traffic and Safety Commission is interested to hear all persons wishing to give testimony. However, it is requested that each new speaker add new information, and not repeat points which previous speakers have made. Persons not desiring to speak, but wishing to be recorded as proponents or opponents of record, may do so by submitting their name and address to the Secretary.

The Traffic and Safety Commission shall consider, and whenever necessary investigate all requests or suggestions concerning public traffic safety or controls, and on the basis of such deliberation may submit to the City Council a report of recommendations for action relating to such requests or suggestions concerning public traffic and safety and controls on matters relating to the installation of traffic control signals, traffic calming devices, designation of handicap parking in residential neighborhoods, temporary street closures, installation of stop signs, signage, beacons, crosswalks, speed bumps and humps, painting of red curbs, yellow commercial vehicle loading and unloading, green short time parking, white passenger loading and unloading, etc.

The Traffic and Safety Commission is delegated the authority to take final action unless these items are appealed to the City Council or require City Council funding priority.

For the designation of Preferential Parking Districts, the Traffic and Safety Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Requests that are recommended for approval are automatically forwarded to the City Council. Requests for the designation of Preferential Parking Districts that are denied must be appealed if they are to go forward to the City Council.

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 401 N. Taylor

Mr. Ruben Caldera, a resident at 401 North Avenue (see Figure 1), submitted a Traffic Service Request Application for installation of an on-street handicapped parking space on the side street his residence. He has been issued a disabled person placard. Proof of residency has been verified. Per staff's investigation, the residence is a single family home in a residential neighborhood. On-street parking is available on Taylor Street and Harding Street (see Figure 2). From an aerial view and field review, there appears to be a more direct access to his residence on-site via the garage at the side of his home. The residence on-site garage should be utilized for handicapped parking when possible per the City's policy. Provision of an on-street blue curb side parking space would provide additional parking and convenience for the resident.

The City's policy for installation of on-street handicapped parking, requires that the street location be the most accessible location to serve the needs of the handicapped. Parking in the garage, or the on-site driveway will provide the most direct and accessible parking for the handicapped individual. Therefore, staff recommends denial of this request since more convenient handicapped parking is available on the residence's property. Another reason for denial is that the existing garage is approximately 15.82 feet wide (see Figure 3) which is greater than the 14 foot wide requirement per City Guideline Number 32 for On-Street Disabled Parking.

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 direct accessible parking space in the applicant's garage. Also, the existing garage width is greater than City Guideline Number 32 requirements of 14 feet.

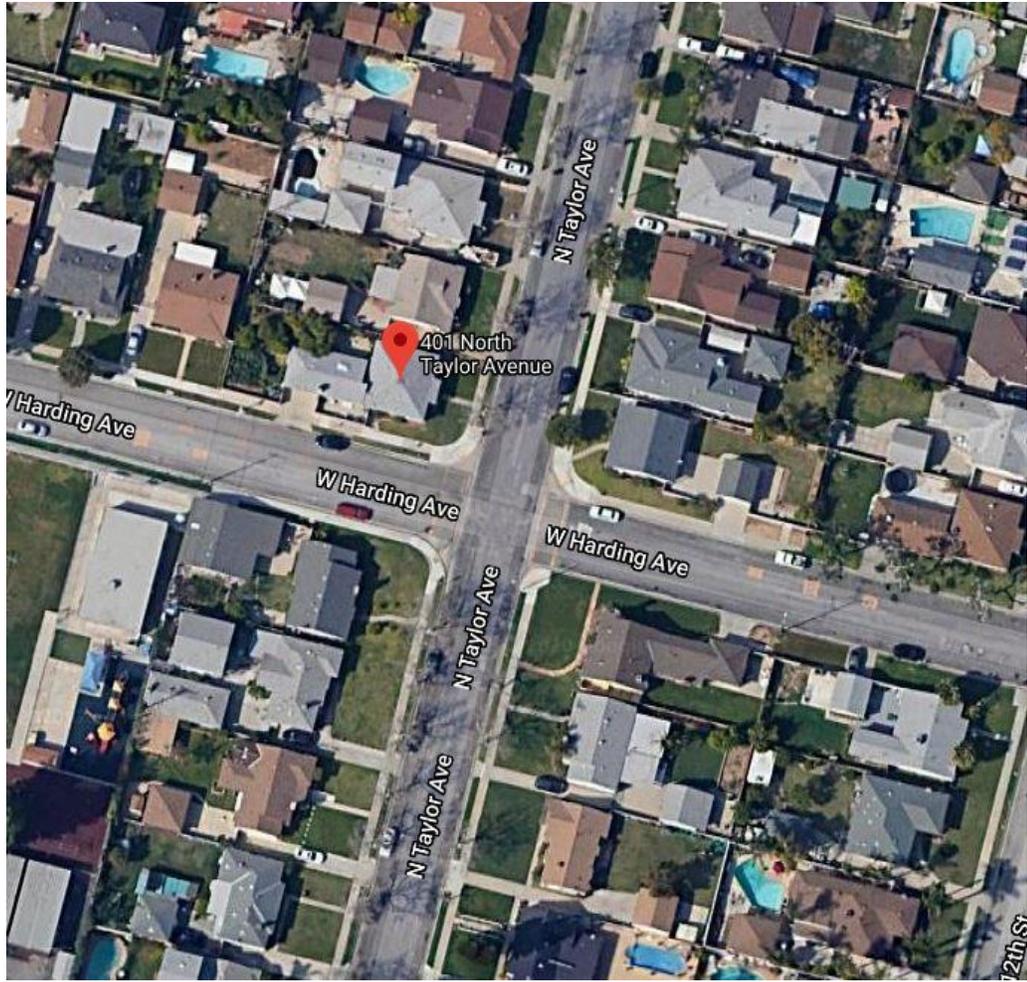


Figure 1 - Aerial View of 401 North Taylor Avenue



Figure 2 - Street View of 401 North Taylor Avenue Looking North

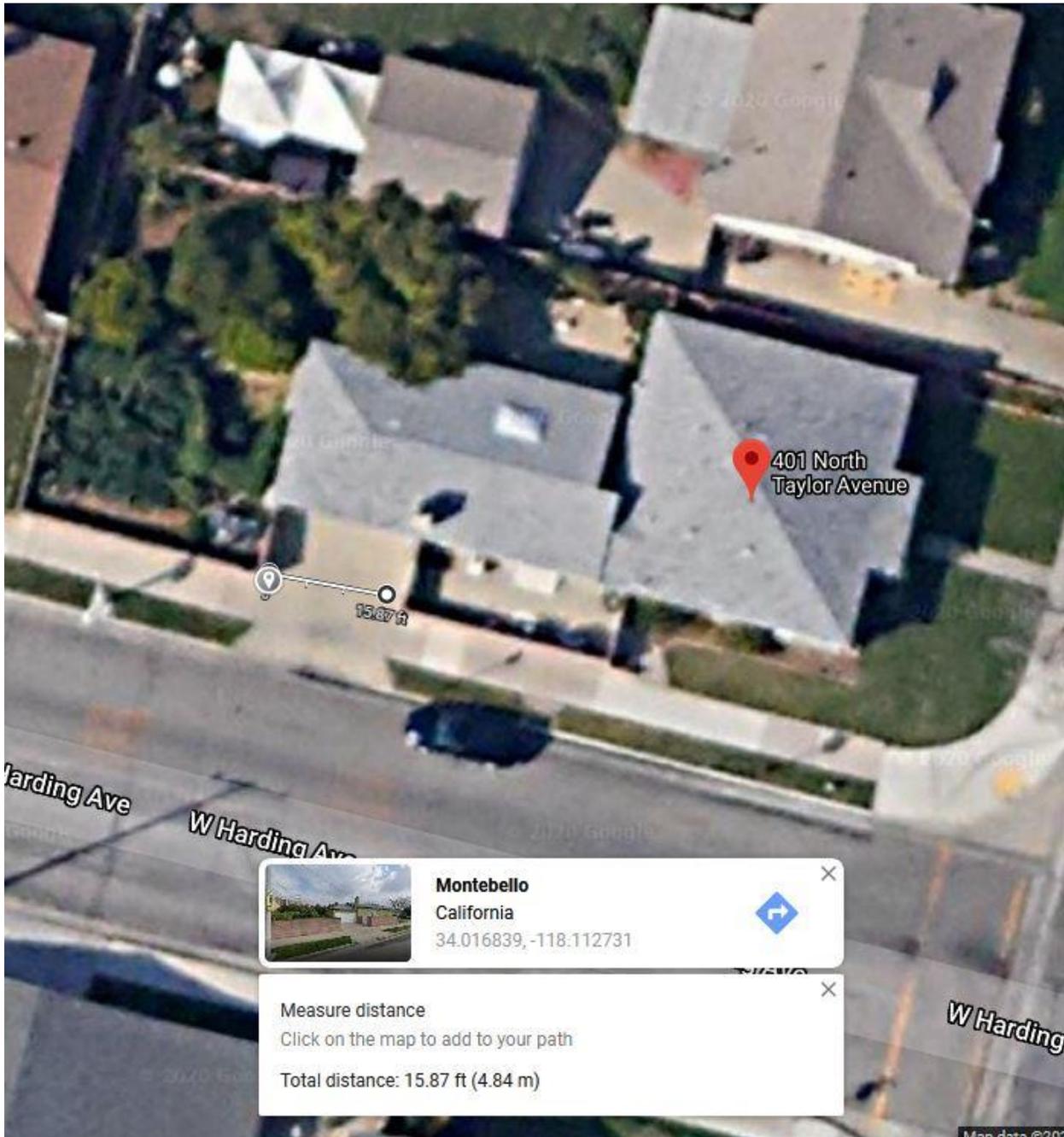


Figure 3 - Aerial View of 401 North Taylor Avenue With Garage Measurement



City of Montebello

Mr. Ruben Caldera
401 N. Taylor Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Mr. Ruben Caldera

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, February 5, 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 6-A: Request for Installation of Blue Curb at 401 N. Taylor

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
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AGENDA ITEM 6-A



City of Montebello

Owner/Occupant
Montebello, CA 90040

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AGENDA ITEM 6-A

B. Traffic calming along Roosevelt and Bluff Road

Mr. Scott Harding submitted an application due to vehicles speeding along Roosevelt and Bluff Road. He stated that vehicles do not stop at the stop signs and within the last 12 months there have been 2 accidents. In response to Mr. Harding's request, staff reviewed available speed survey data and accident data in City files for the period of 2017-2018. There was only one reported injury accident during this time period.

Existing Conditions:

Bluff Road is a two lane local roadway with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. Based on a traffic speed survey conducted in 2016, Bluff Road carries an average daily traffic volume of approximately 8,180 vehicles per day between the roadway limits of Whittier Boulevard to Washington Boulevard. The 85th percentile speed was measured at 31.50 miles per hour within this roadway segment or approximately 6 miles over the posted speed limit. This is typical for most local roadways such as Bluff Road that is wide open with regard to the adjacent residential homes and no perceived constraints along this roadway that would cause motorists to slow down.

Discussion:

Possible options to increase safety at the intersection of Bluff Road and Roosevelt Avenue include the installation of blinker stop signs at this tee intersection and installation of type D markers at the crosswalks. Also, stop ahead warning signs should be installed in advance of the two stop signs on Bluff Road to provide advance notice. All signs shall be diamond grade material for maximum visibility.

Another consideration to control the reported speeding is to request the Montebello Police Department to provide speed enforcement along Bluff Road in the vicinity of Roosevelt Avenue to increase safety and encourage compliance with the prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour (MPH). It is also recommended to install additional 25 MPH signs at quarter mile intervals at locations to be determined by the City Traffic Engineer. It is estimated that this effort would include four new signs along Bluff Road.

Therefore, to enhance visibility of the intersection stop signs, it is recommended by staff that the two existing stop signs **on Bluff Road at Roosevelt Avenue be replaced with 36 inch solar powered blinker stop signs** to enhance visibility at the intersection and command better attention to deter non-stopping vehicles.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost for staff's recommendations is as follows:

1. Installation of two solar powered blinker stop signs on Bluff Road is estimated to cost \$11,200 based on the Apian Way at Vail Avenue installation costs.
2. Installation of the type D markers on each crosswalk is estimated to be \$1,500.
3. Install four (4) new speed limit signs at an estimated cost of \$500 each or a total cost of \$2,000.
4. Funds for this and similar requests are included in the current City budget. Therefore, should the Commission approve recommendations 1, 2 and 3, the Commission's decision does not require special funding by City Council unless requested by the Public Works Director.

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Traffic and Safety Commission approve staff's recommendations for the installation of type D markers at the intersection crosswalk of Bluff Road at Roosevelt Avenue, replacement of the two existing stop signs on Bluff Road with solar powered blinker stop signs and installation of four new speed limit signs.



City of Montebello

Mr. Scott Harding
401 S Bluff Road
Montebello, CA 90640

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Dear Mr. Harding;

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AGENDA ITEM 6-B: Traffic Calming along Roosevelt and Bluff Road

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AGENDA ITEM 6-B



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AGENDA ITEM 6-B

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

- Update on New Possible Relocated Crosswalk
 - A. IE report submitted to City Council for review and consideration regarding the intersection of Beverly Boulevard at 20th Street.
 - B. City Council requested staff to use a consultant to develop a crosswalk treatment for the intersection of Beverly Boulevard at 20th Street. A Request for Services (RFS) was sent to Infrastructure Engineers for a cost to develop a concept plan for a new crosswalk treatment at this intersection.

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 March 3, 2020.

CITY OF MONTEBELLO
Traffic and Safety Commission
Minutes of November 12, 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, Lopez and Samaniego
Late: None
Absent: None
Staff Present: Director of Public Works Batson, City Traffic Engineer Barnes, Fire Department Scott Morton and Secretary Lacayo
Late: None
Staff Absent: City Engineer Kouri and Ltd David Kim – no message from PD.

AYES: 4 Commissioner Torres motioned to excuse City Engineer Kouri seconded by Commissioner Samaniego.
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
AYES: 4 Commissioner Samaniego motioned to bring back the minutes of September 4, 2019.
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
5. STAFF BRIEFINGS
Secretary Lacayo announced that Item 6-B will be pulled from the Agenda. Commissioner Klemundt please note for the record, Item 6-B has been pulled.

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A. Request to do study regarding Oversized Vehicle Parking Regulations.
- B. Public Meeting to remove crosswalk at 21st Street & Beverly Blvd and relocate to 20th Street and Beverly Blvd.
- C. Request to Update Current Policy from Traffic & Safety Commission meeting of August 7, 2019 and to add additional curb markings.

A. Request to do study regarding Oversized Vehicle Parking Regulations.

The City received three resident requests (one in Sept, 2018, one in April 2019 and one in May 2019) regarding oversized recreational vehicles (RV) parking overnight on Minson Way and Date Street (from Vail Avenue to Maple Avenue) and sometimes staying for weeks at a time. Another complaint stated that these large vehicles are blocking access to and from business driveways making it difficult to enter and exit. The vehicles take up most of the on-street parking spaces so employees and visitors have no where to park. Also, the residents have reported that there is trash and items being left and dumped on the sidewalks which is creating a health issue.

Staff has observed one RV parked along the west side of the street. Discussion with the public works supervisor revealed that he had worked with PD over two years ago to address this problem. The police department found some of the RV vehicles parking on the street at that time had invalid vehicle registrations which allowed PD to cite the RV vehicles. The removal of the RV vehicles at that time was temporary as they moved over to Date Street.

Ms Maribel Briseno, resident, she presented photos to the Commissioners of the oversized vehicles (semi-trucks) coming from the 60 Freeway to Wilcox and Via Paseo turning, she witnessed a semi making a wide turn hitting 2 parked vehicles plus her daughters car. They park oversized vehicles on the streets definitely need Police enforcement, signs need to be visible when installed. She would like a list of the truck route, signage and ask for help from the Police Department.

A field review by the traffic engineer on 10-30-19 observed no RV's parking on Minson Way and Date Street. Staff reviewed the City's current municipal code: **Chapter 10.68 OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS** to evaluate what options were available to staff to address the citizen concerns.

Commission Action:

Commissioner Torres motioned to approve the following request that the Public Works Department post signs at each end of Minson Way and Date Street, seconded by Commissioner Samaniego.

Commissioner Klemundt stated that we cannot make a motion to Maribel Briseno request as it was not on the agenda she would need to fill out the service request application.

AYES: 4
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

B. Public Meeting to Remove Crosswalk at 21st Street & Beverly Blvd and Relocate to 20th Street and Beverly Blvd.

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

C. Request to Update Current Policy from Traffic & Safety Commission meeting of August 7, 2019 and to add additional curb markings by Staff.

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.

Add the following category

4. White Curbing – means no stopping, standing, or parking for any other purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers or mail deposit, which shall not exceed three minutes, and such restrictions shall apply between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any day except Sundays and holidays except as follows:

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.

Commission Action:

Commissioner Samaniego motioned to approve this request to update the current policy for curb marking limits by staff, seconded by Commissioner Torres

AYES: 4
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

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

- Ms. Val Sanchez, resident of 708 Via San Clemente stated that about 1-1/2 years ago she came regarding a beacon light which was approved for Miraculous Medal School and still no light. She called Administration three times for Kimberly Cobos, she called her back one time she also contacted Engineering and no response.

Mr. Batson, Director of Public Works apologized and explained that we had to go back out to bid as the vendor did not complete the item. So we have 4 bids need to speak with the lowest bidder he proposed a different sign that was requested then after that it will be posted up. It will be a little bit different it will show the

posted speed limit and the approaching vehicle speed and blink if going over the speed limit.

She also stated that about two years ago she had asked for sign to go under the stop sign "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" at Westbound Via Acosta and Via San Clemente one stops there and they even run the stop sign.

Commissioner Klemundt asked if we could do a 4-way stop sign, Mr. Batson stated that it would not meet the warrant.

Commissioner Torres asked if we could put a Stop-Ahead sign that would help to let the motorist know that there is a stop ahead. The Commissioners discussed this amongst themselves and Commissioner Klemundt asked if we could do a study.

Mr. Batson said Staff will look into putting the east and west signs and if we can not do that then we will bring it back to the Commission to approve if a Stop Warrant Study is required.

- Dr. David of Davids Dental spoke regarding Item 6B that was pulled off, he was not aware the item was pulled. Stated that he wished he would have received notice as he had to cancel appointments to attend the meeting he said it is extremely important to save a life.
- Grace Ibarra, resident of 209 N. Woodland Court, stated that she went to the planning department to complain about a neighbor (5 adults live there). They rent cars from their home and there are as many as 6 extra vehicles at one time and takes up all the extra parking on their cul-de sac. She is looking to see if there is a code in place regarding running a business out of your home. She sent two letters to the Planning Commission she don't know what else to do. She went to Matthew in Code Enforcement also and still no help.

Commission Klemundt spoke about the permit parking and that the fee is \$790.00, there are 5 homes on the street, he explained the petition process. He also stated that the resident she is complaining about can get permits for all of their vehicles as long as they are all registered to that address.

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

A. TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/STAFF COMMENTS

- City Traffic Engineer Barnes spoke about the large vehicles parking on Minson Way and so forth one option would be to put red curb all the way down Minson Way. If we put red curb all the way down it would be a deterrent.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Absent - NA

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

- Scott Morton asked if we could change the permit process and only give 2 permits per household.
- Secretary Lacayo explained the policy, the policy in place gives the resident a permit for every vehicle registered at their address they must show proof of registration per vehicle.

D. TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Samaniego – She was talking to another Commissioner regarding Via Campo and Findlay safety issues and mentioned that it has been about 5 years ago and asked her to discuss with the Traffic and Safety Commission.
- Secretary Lacayo stated that she would need to fill out a traffic service request application. We understand the concerns and we have had many meetings and discussions regarding that area. We are definitely aware of the safety concerns in this area.
- Commissioner Samaniego – asked about the sidewalk on Beverly Blvd, and 4th Street and Beverly Blvd. and 6th street.
- Secretary Lacayo asked the Commissioners to do Traffic Service Request Application regarding any concerns from the residents or themselves.
- **Commissioner Torres** – None
- **Commissioner Lopez** – None
- **Commissioner Klemundt** – None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Traffic & Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 has been cancelled due to lack of business, and January 2, 2020 Meeting was cancelled due to Holiday.