

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING**

**Monterey Park City Hall – City Council Chambers
320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754**

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

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CALL TO ORDER Chairperson
FLAG SALUTE Chairperson
ROLL CALL Benkin Jong, Daisy Ma, Paul Perez, Allan Shatkin

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Related to Items NOT on the Agenda). While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Traffic Commission to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Traffic Commission may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] PRESENTATIONS

- 1-A Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Update**
- 1-B Traffic Safety Grant Update**
- 1-C Traffic Engineering Website Update**

[2.] CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- (1) Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 18, 2022;
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[3.] OLD BUSINESS - None

[4.] **NEW BUSINESS** - None

[5.] **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

ADJOURN

Next regular scheduled meeting is on March 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.



Traffic Commission Staff Report

DATE: February 16, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2-A

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Cesar Vega, Civil Engineering Associate
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- (2) Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 17, 2022; and
- (3) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Attachments:

Minutes of August 18, 2022

Minutes of November 17, 2022

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2022**

The Traffic Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Meeting of the Commission in the City Council Chambers located at 320 W Newmark Avenue, in the City of Monterey Park, on August 18, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Allan Shatkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL: Allan Shatkin, Daisy Ma, Benkin Jong

ABSENT: Paul Perez

ALSO PRESENT: Civil Engineering Associate Cesar Vega; Administrative Secretary Cristina Garcia, Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS

1A S. Garfield Avenue Traffic Pattern at Garfield Estates-II (1030-1140 S Garfield Ave) presented by Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager

Commissioner Shatkin – asks for clarification on the time frame for the work to be completed on South Garfield.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – responds that staff will proceed in the next few weeks with the modification to the turn pockets, delineators, and curb painting. The paving and striping on South Garfield will be included in a larger project within approximately a year.

Commissioner Jong – asks how parking will be affected; when the long term improvements will be implemented and the length of site distance for north bound traffic

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - responds that a minimal impact to parking, only a few spaces will be lost. A right turn only sign will be installed, and trash collection will be altered to allow for greater site distance which is restricted to the curve in the street and an existing wall.

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Commissioner Shatkin – calls for speakers.

Speakers:

Karl Wong – serves as the secretary of the HOA and on behalf of the 42 residents, he expresses gratitude to the Commission and Staff for explaining the plans for South Garfield.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - Further explains that the first proposal will allow safe right turns from the complex and will give access to vehicles entering southbound into the complex as well as access to vehicles exiting the complex traveling northbound to the center lane to make safe U-turns. This will include the following and will be completed within the next few weeks:

Short Term:

Modify and provide left turn protected pocket

Remove striping nose at Roca Way for cars making a left turn from Roca Way

Remove some of the delineators

Long Term:

Remove a few parking spaces, paint red curb for relocated trash bins

Install right turn pocket to enter the complex

Ralph Valencia, Garfield Estates II HMO president, comments that Mr. Mazboudi provided the best solutions to address the issues for the complex. These allow for safe left turns into the complex and, in the future, a dedicated right hand turn pocket into the complex.

1-B Monterey Vista Elementary School Drop-Off Zone Installation- presented by Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager.

Commissioner Jong – asks about the request for a 3 way stop on New and Graves Avenues.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – responds that a study is scheduled to be conducted for a 3 way stop at this location.

Commissioner Shatkin – calls for speakers.

Speakers

Teresa Real Sebastian – expresses gratitude for the valet zone at the school. Asks for clarification regarding the future study at the crosswalk at New and Graves and time frame for the report / study to be available.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – explains that the study will entail the consideration of a 3 way stop sign. He clarifies that the Traffic Commission roll is advisory, and that Staff will consider its recommendations. The City Engineer will decide how to proceed once the findings are received and staff will inform the Commission of the findings once received.

Parents from Monterey Vista and PTA Board Members, represented by Christina Hargrove– express their thanks for the changes made to the valet drop off zone which proved very helpful during the first days of school. The additional concerns are not addressed, however, the double parking, lack of parking and speeding vehicles along Graves. Encourages the Commission’s consideration for the 3 way stop sign at Graves and New Avenues.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – responds that the study and the warrants to be conducted will be used to evaluate what traffic calming devices would best solve any issues, however, he clarifies that a stop sign is not a tool to control speed.

Vinh Ngo – expresses his appreciation for the installation of the valet zone. He will continue to push for a 3 way stop at New and Graves as well as crosswalks around the school. He has spoken with the City of Rosemead and they will work with the City of Monterey Park.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - explains that he has a report from the City of Rosemead for a 3 way stop sign at Graves and New that indicates 3 way stop not warranted at this intersection. Since the school environment has changed from the date of this study conducted 6 years ago, he will be moving forward with a new study to see if conditions have changed.

Commissioner Jong – based on the concerns from the school representatives regarding speeding and parking, which are not typically engineering issues, he suggests addressing these to both Monterey Park and Rosemead Police Traffic Enforcement Department.

Chief Kelly Gordon – comments that for the last several months, the Traffic bureau has been working with traffic safety at all the schools, however, since school has started at Monterey Vista, officers have been present and have witnessed very bad driving habits which are creating most of the issues that are being seen at the school. The Traffic Unit is working hard to educate the parents and students, through informational meetings, presentations and flyers and will continue to enforce and assist at the school to improve safety and come up with solutions.

1-C Local Roadway Safety Plan Presentation- presented by Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – the report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Commissioner Jong – agrees with the larger signal heads and devices to get the city to Vision Zero, inquires as to countdown timers on the signals.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - responds that this is a draft for City Council, and any comments by the Commissioner’s will be considered. The item is scheduled for September 7 City Council meeting adoption. Responds that countdown timers and audible buttons will be included at some signals in the City.

Speaker, Teresa Real Sebastian – comments that the presentation was very informative and suggests installing bump outs on Graves and New as an additional device to slow traffic in this area

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 16, 2022.

Action Taken: Approve the Traffic Commission minutes from the regular meeting of June 16, 2022,

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Ma and seconded by Commissioner Jong
The Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner: Allan Shatkin, Daisy Ma, Benkin Jong
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: Paul Perez
Abstain: Commissioner: None

3. OLD BUSINESS - None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. CHANGE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING TIMES

Action Taken: Change the start time of the regularly scheduled Traffic Commission Meetings to 6:30 p.m., commencing with the October 2022 meeting and revisit the item at the March 2023, Traffic Commission Meeting as an adgendized item.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Ma and seconded by Commissioner Jong.
Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner: Allan Shatkin, Benkin Jong, Daisy Ma
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: Paul Perez
Abstain: Commissioner: None

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. in honor of the late Officer Gardiel Solorio, at the request of Commissioner Ma. The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting is September 22, 2022.

Cesar Vega
Civil Engineering Associate
Staff Liaison to the Traffic Commission
City of Monterey Park

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2022**

The Traffic Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Meeting of the Commission in the City Council Chambers located at 320 W Newmark Avenue, in the City of Monterey Park, on November 17, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Allan Shatkin called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Perez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Allan Shatkin, Daisy Ma, Paul Perez

ABSENT: Benkin Jong

ALSO PRESENT: Civil Engineering Associate Cesar Vega; Administrative Secretary Janice Truong, Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS –

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 17, 2022.

Action Taken: Cannot vote on Minutes due to lack of quorum, will table for next Regular meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

S. NEW AVE and E. GRAVES AVE INTERSECTION CROSS WALK – STOP SIGN WARRANT STUDY

Stop sign warrant study for the installation of All-way STOP and striping improvements for the intersection of S. New Avenue and E. Graves Avenue presented by Bahman Janka, Transtech Engineers via Zoom.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Ma.

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Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner: Allan Shatkin, Daisy Ma, Paul Perez
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: Benkin Jong
Abstain: Commissioner: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 15, 2022 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Action Taken: Cancel the December 15, 2022 meeting in observance of the holiday season.

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Perez - commented that the permit parking residential area on Schoolside & Dorner is not being enforced.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – responds that he will advise parking enforcement to monitor permit parking area.

Commissioner Ma – commence staff for a great job on the Garfield Project.

Chair Shatkin – questioned if the extension of the parking to extend the red curb on Vancouver has been completed.

Civil Engineering Associate – responds that it has been completed and the sign is in place.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting is January 19, 2023.

Cesar Vega
Civil Engineering Associate
Staff Liaison to the Traffic Commission
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