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## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

The Traffic Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public via teleconference.

The Traffic Commission is an advisory body to the City Council. Actions of the Public Works Director or Traffic Commission may be appealed by the applicant, City Council, City Manager, or other interested parties by filing a written notice of appeal along with the City Clerk within 15 days of the action.

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Friday from  
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Offices are closed alternate Fridays.

City Hall will be closed  
Friday March 12, 2021  
Friday March 26, 2021

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

MONDAY, March 1, 2021

7:00 P.M.

### VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS

#### TRAFFIC COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. ROLL CALL
4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1, 2021
6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1  
(Limited to 30 minutes)
7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION
  - a. Discussion of Traffic Conditions and Recommendation to Install Centerline Traffic Striping on Calle de Arboles
8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2
9. ADJOURNMENT

ROLL CALL: Farao\_\_\_Habel\_\_\_, Kosidlak (Vice Chair)\_\_\_, Obejas \_\_\_\_, Suruki\_\_\_, Thomas (Chair)\_\_\_, and Zander\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a meeting via teleconference or other electronic means at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021.

**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Zander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Farao, Habel, Kosidlak, Obejas, Suruki, Zander, and Chairperson Thomas.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Interim Deputy Public Works Director Finton, Associate Engineer Lotus, and City Manager Chaparyan.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kosidlak moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 7, 2020**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Obejas moved to approve the Traffic Commission meeting minutes of December 7, 2020 as submitted. Commissioner Zander seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

New City Manager Chaparyan shared his background and vision for the City post-pandemic.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Chairperson Thomas explained the policies and procedures of the Traffic Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

Members of the public spoke.

7. **ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

7a. **RECOMMENDATION TO CONVERT FLAGLER LANE TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND ONLY FROM BERYL STREET TO TOWERS STREET FOR A TEMPORARY TRIAL PERIOD**

Interim Deputy Public Works Director Finton presented background on the item, continued from the March 2, October 5, and December 7, 2020 Traffic Commission meetings. He discussed staff's analysis that included traffic counts and a license plate survey to determine the extent of cut-through traffic in the neighborhood. He recommended the Commission approve conversion of Flagler Lane to one-way northbound only from Beryl Street to Towers Street for a temporary trial period. He estimated the trial would commence approximately two months after Commission approval.

Staff and Commissioners discussed the recommendation.

Members of the public spoke.

Interim Deputy Public Works Director Finton advised the trial period is estimated to be three weeks, and he would return to the Commission to discuss results of additional traffic counts and determine next steps.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Obejas moved to concur with staff's recommendation to convert Flagler Lane to one-way northbound only from Beryl Street to Towers Street for a temporary trial period. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

A member of the public spoke.

Members of the Commission and City Manager Chaparyan spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 8:34 p.m., Commissioner Suruki moved to adjourn the meeting to March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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**Agenda Item No. 7a**

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Discussion of Traffic Conditions and Recommendation to Install Centerline Traffic Striping on Calle de Arboles

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission collect public input and approve the installation of centerline traffic striping on Calle de Arboles from Via Alameda to Via Colusa.

**BACKGROUND**

Beginning in June 2020, staff received requests from residents of Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda and Via Pasqual to implement measures to reduce vehicle speeds in this portion of the street. A virtual public meeting was conducted with residents on November 19, 2020. At this meeting, representatives from the City's Police, Fire and Public Works Departments were present as well as members of the City Manager's Office. The Police Department indicated they could perform spot checks for speed enforcement as staffing would permit. Speed humps were discussed and staff explained that speed humps are not used in the City of Torrance due to their impact on emergency response times. Public Works Department staff suggested installation of a centerline stripe as a method of calming traffic by constraining traffic into the delineated lane as has been used elsewhere in the City and the group agreed to move ahead with this alternative. The portion from Via Alameda to Via Colusa (Approximately 2600 feet in length) was selected for the centerline striping. On February 16, 2021, Public Works crews started placing the centerline striping. Beginning February 17, 2021 several residents called the City to object to the proposed centerline striping. Installation efforts were stopped pending public discussion of the proposed striping at Traffic Commission. Only faint layout markings have been placed. No striping has been completed at this time. Speed limit signs (25 mph) were installed on existing posts during the last two weeks.

**ANALYSIS**

Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda is a local street serving single family residential properties in southwest Torrance (see Attachment 1). All-way stop signs exist at Via Alameda, Via Pasqual and Via Colusa (see Attachment 2). The roadway is 34-feet-wide and equipped with rolled curbs and gutters. The speed limit is 25 miles-per-hour and was unposted until the new speed limit signs were recently installed. Parking is permitted on both sides of the roadway. Sidewalks exist at only a few addresses. The roadway alignment is straight and the roadway grade slopes gradually to a low point approximately 300 feet west of Via Pasqual which enhances driver visibility. Presently there is no centerline striping within this segment of Calle de Arboles. Drivers use the full width of the roadway unless an oncoming vehicle is encountered.

In July and November 2020, City staff took traffic counts on Calle de Arboles. On July 1,

2020, the data was collected at the intersection of Via Pasqual and Calle de Arboles from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Total daily traffic on Calle de Arboles is estimated to be 650 vehicles. Eastbound traffic is dominant in the AM period and westbound traffic is dominant in the PM period. Overall traffic volumes are greatest in the PM period. While investigating, staff observed vehicles that appeared to be exceeding the 25 miles per hour speed limit, however, radar equipment was not used to make these observations.

Staff believes that the excellent visibility provided by the street grade and the lack of traffic delineation allows drivers to feel comfortable driving at higher speeds. Staff recommends placement of a centerline stripe to constrain traffic between the stripe and parked vehicles which would result in lower vehicle speeds (see Attachment 3).

Centerline striping is used on several streets in the neighborhood (see Attachment 4). The portion of Calle de Arboles west of the Via Alameda is equipped with centerline striping (see Attachment 5).

Staff reviewed the collision data for Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda and Via Colusa. There were three reported collisions on Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda and Via Colusa in the five-year period from 2015 to 2019, inclusive. They were all related to improper turning violations.

A public notice (Attachment 6) was mailed to 89 parcels notifying residents of tonight's meeting. The public notification area is shown in Attachment 7. Written comments received prior to posting of the agenda are provided as Attachment 8.

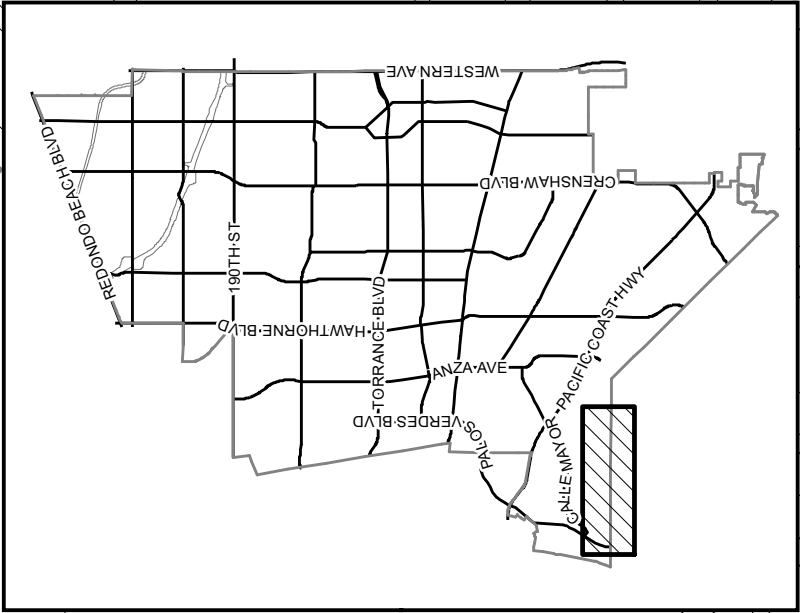
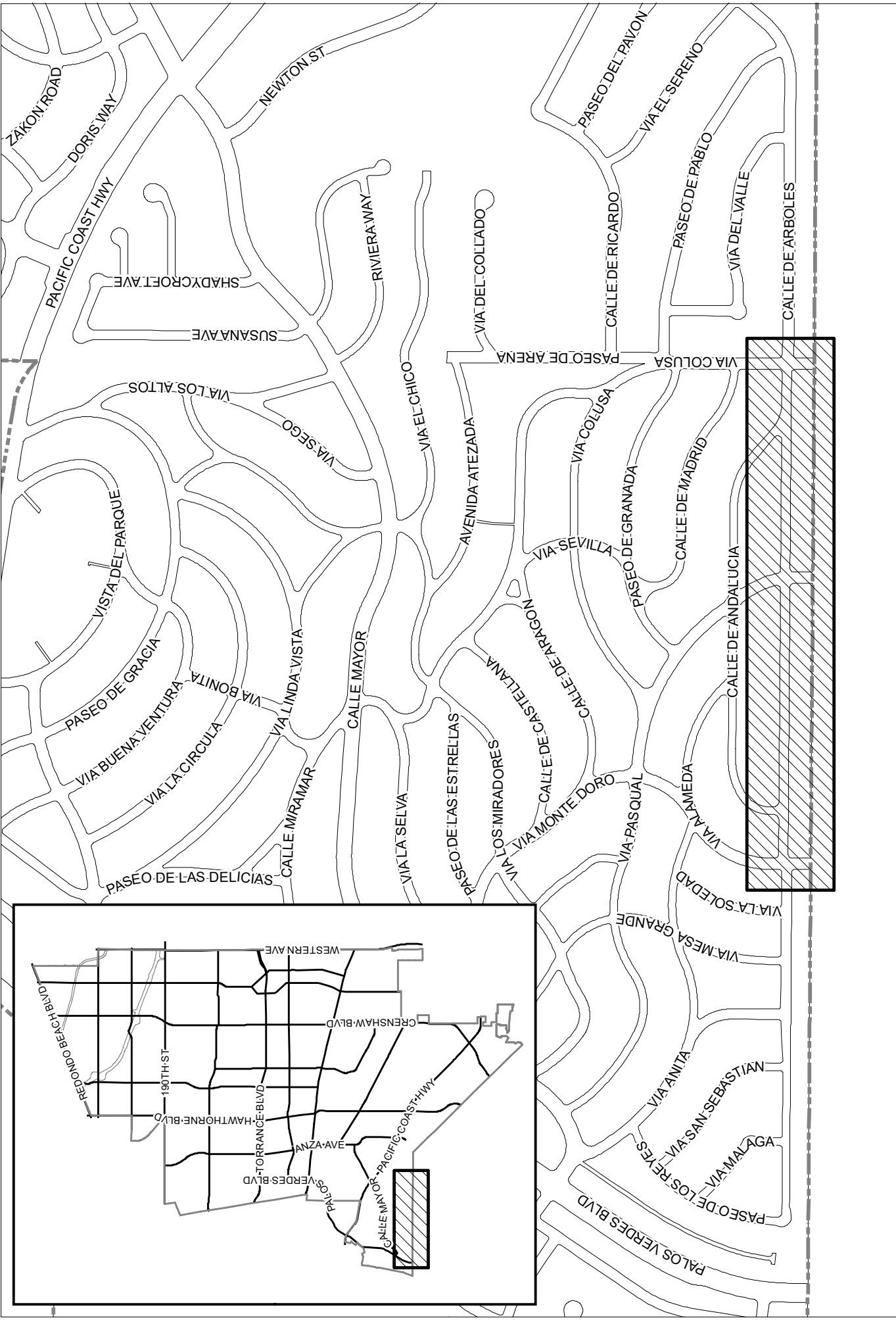
It is recommended that the Traffic Commission collect public input and approve the proposed centerline striping on Calle de Arboles from Via Alameda and Via Colusa.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By   
Steve Finton  
Deputy Public Works Director - City Engineer

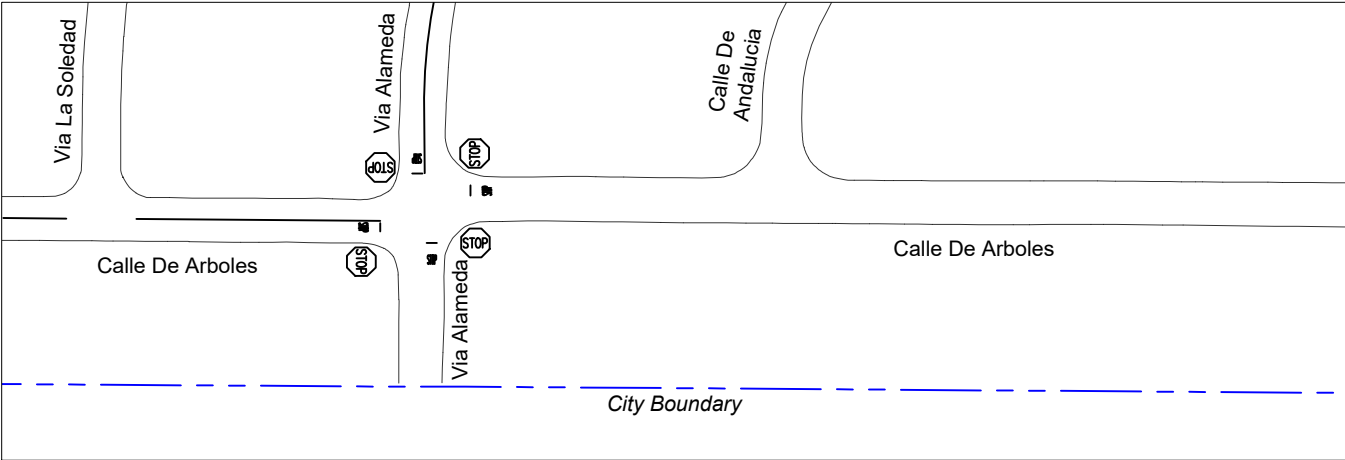
- Attachment 1; Location Map
- Attachment 2: Existing Condition
- Attachment 3: Proposed Improvement
- Attachment 4: Streets with Centerline Striping
- Attachment 5: Picture of Calle de Arboles West of Via Alameda
- Attachment 6: Public Notice
- Attachment 7: Notification Area
- Attachment 8: Public Comment Received Prior to Posting of the Agenda



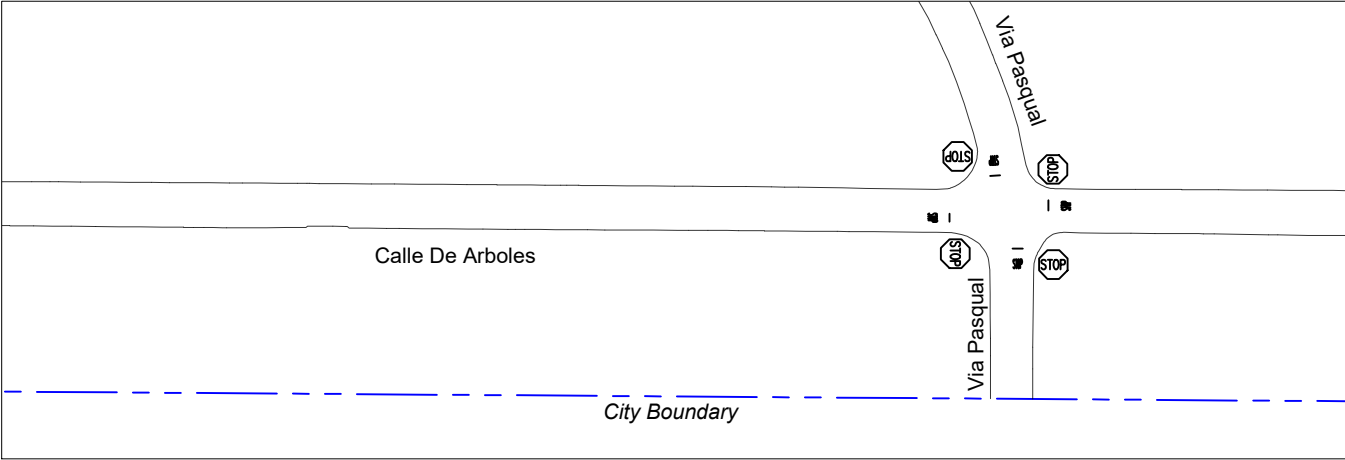
**Location Map**  
Calle De Arboles (Via Alameda to Via Colusa)



PROJECT AREA

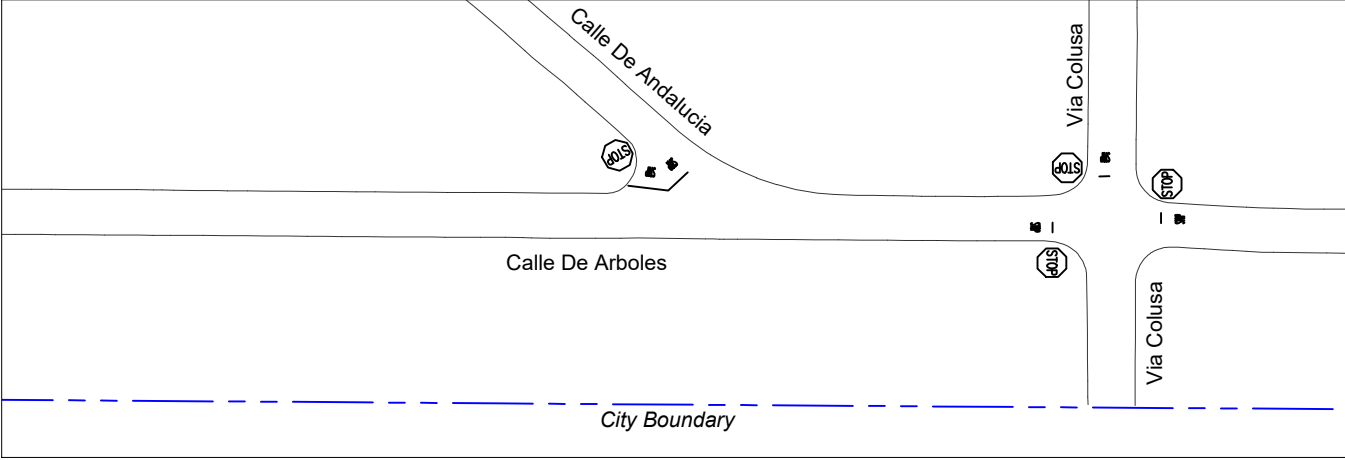


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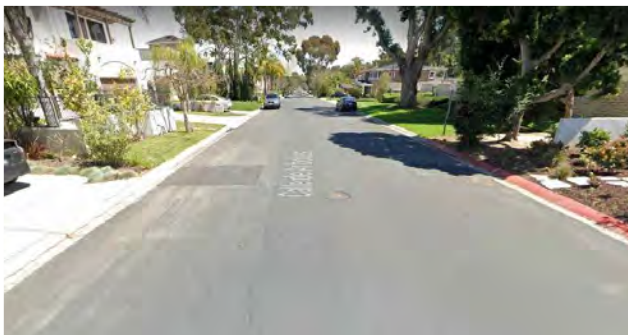
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EXISTING CONDITION



Street view at 500 Calle De Arboles (East of Via Alameda), looking East



Street view at 740 Calle De Arboles (West of Via Pasqual), looking West



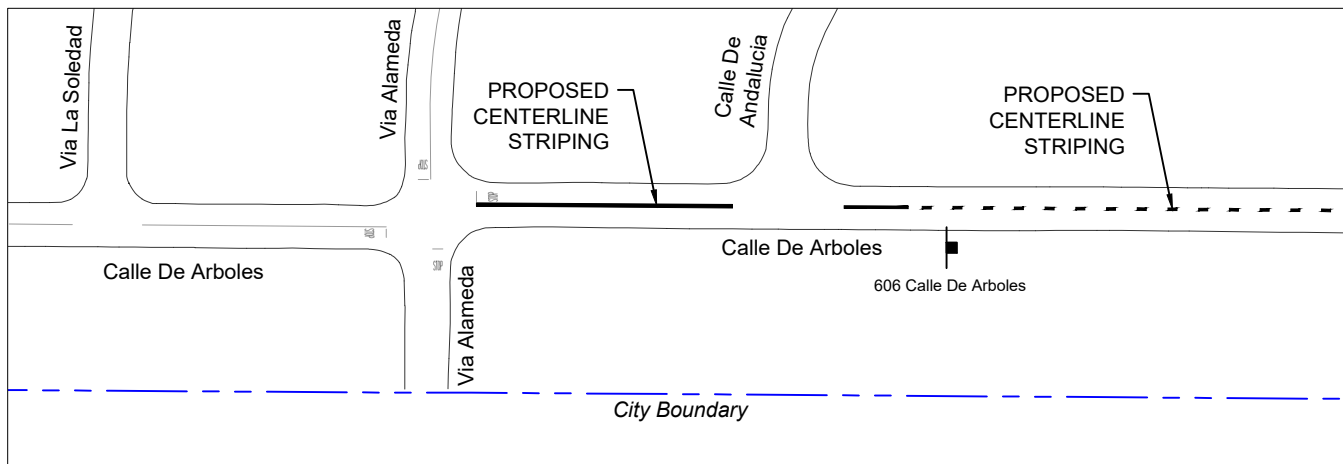
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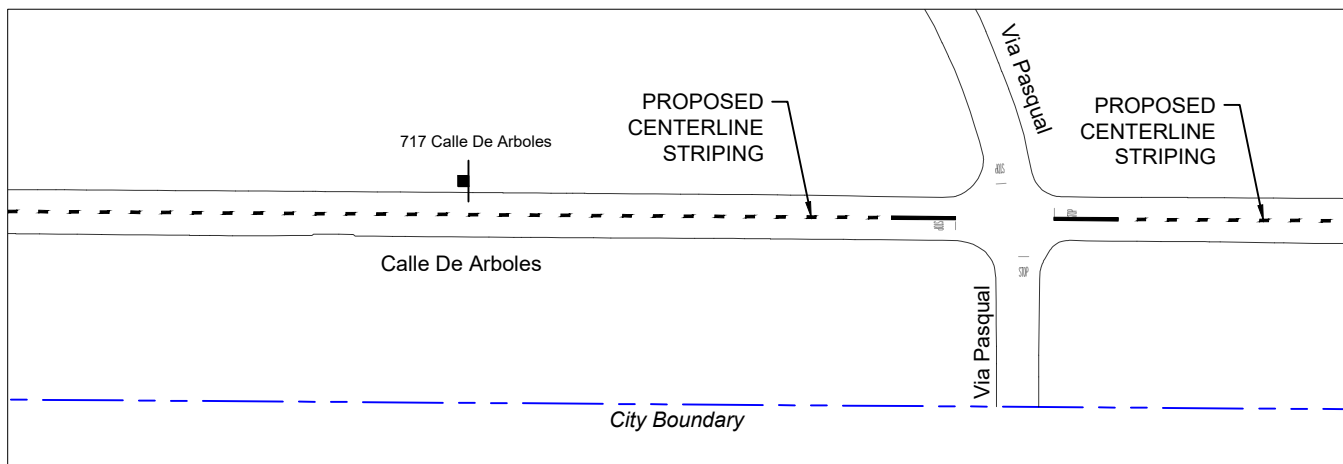
Street view at 872 Calle De Arboles (West of Via Colusa), looking West





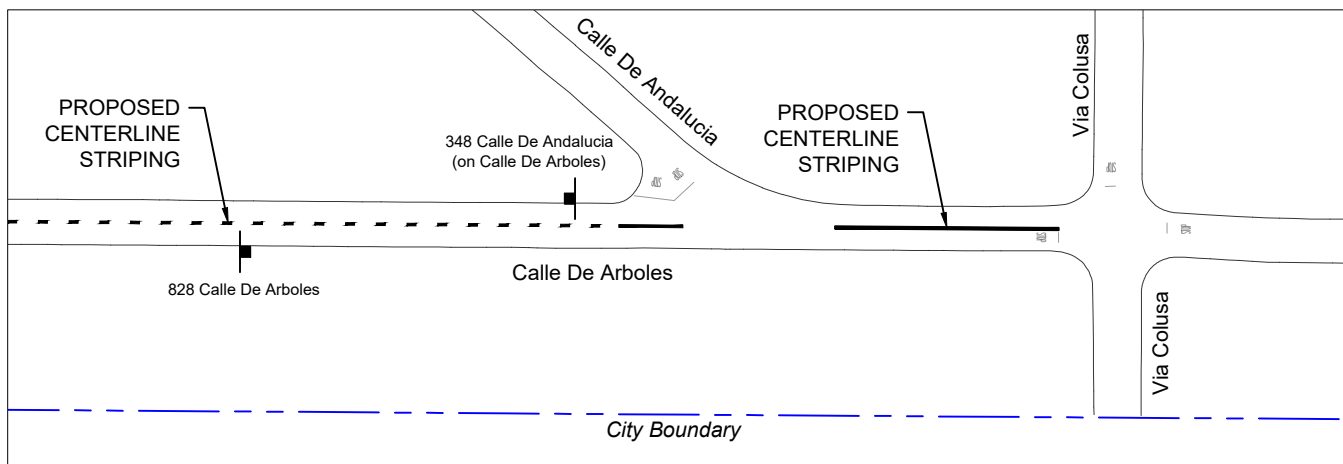


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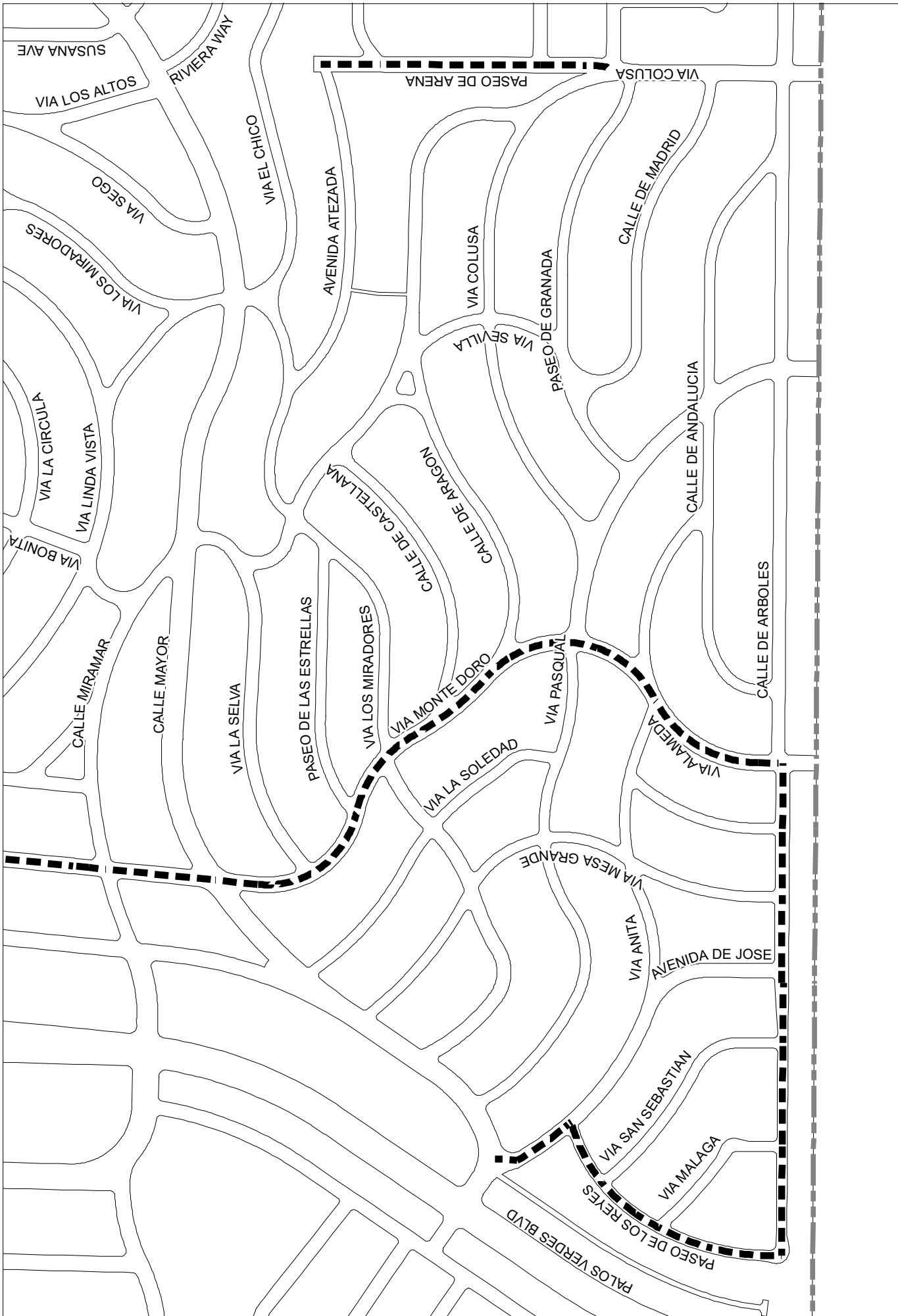
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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



# Streets with Centerline Striping

Centerline Striping

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Aerial picture of Calle De Arboles, West of Via Alameda

Street view at 334 Calle De Arboles, looking East



Street view at 406 Calle De Arboles, looking East



Street view at 426 Calle De Arboles, looking East



Calle De Arboles, West of Via Alameda

# DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND PROPOSED CENTERLINE STRIPING ON CALLE DE ARBOLES



CITY OF TORRANCE

## NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Discussion of Traffic Conditions and  
Proposed Centerline Striping on Calle de Arboles

**Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Via Teleconference (Zoom Meeting)  
Access details will be posted on February 25, 2021 in the Agenda  
on Traffic Commission website at:  
[www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission)

To join Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3kVcVBa>

On **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will hold a discussion regarding traffic conditions and proposed centerline striping on Calle de Arboles. The City is considering the installation of yellow centerline striping and speed limit signs on Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda and Via Colusa in an effort to reduce vehicle speeds. At this meeting, the Traffic Commission will take public input on this matter.

The full agenda and staff report will be posted on February 25, 2021 at [www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission). We invite you to attend the Traffic Commission meeting via teleconference (Zoom Meeting) using the link provided above. You can provide your input at the teleconference or you may email your comments to: [PWTraffic@TorranceCA.Gov](mailto:PWTraffic@TorranceCA.Gov)

For questions, please contact Ms. Angel Lotus, Associate Engineer in the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department at 310-781-6900.

### CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Patrick J. Furey

### For questions or information, please contact the following:

**Public Works Department**  
Angel Lotus at 310-781-6900

Heidi Ann Ashcraft	Mike Griffiths
George K. Chen	Sharon Kalani
Tim Goodrich	Aurelio Mattucci

Rebecca Poirier	Dana Cortez
City Clerk	City Treasurer

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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[www.TorranceCA.Gov](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov)

Aram Chaparyan  
City Manager



Notified Parcel

Notification Area

**ATTACHMENT 8**  
**Public Comment Received Prior to**  
**Posting of the Agenda**

**From:** Bill Slutter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** Torrance Councilmember Tim Goodrich  
**Subject:** Concerned About Speeding Vehicles On Calle De Arboles

Councilmember Goodrich,

First off, thank you for your periodic notes on the state of Torrance. I find it always informative and know you have a genuine interest in our community.

My neighbors and I are very concerned about the increased speed on our street for those cutting through to beat traffic. As a Motorcycle Safety Instructor for 33 years, I'm confident I've witnessed vehicles exceeding 45 MPH in the early mornings and evenings during the work week. We have the 25 MPH signage and the Torrance Police have increased enforcement but continues. There is nothing left except the possibility of installing a few speed humps on the street.

Please advise how we might request speed humps for our street.

Thank you for your time.

Very Respectfully,  
Bill William Slutter

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**Subject:**

FW: Speeding on Calle de Arboles

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From: Brett Pearson [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:43 AM  
To: Mattucci, Aurelio  
Subject: Speeding on Calle de Arboles

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Councilmember Mattucci,

We have a very dire situation on Calle de Arboles in the upper Riviera. With it being a wide street and a main thoroughfare through the neighborhood it is not uncommon to see vehicles traveling 40+ miles per hour. The pandemic has only exacerbated this problem. More people are out walking (elderly citizens and families included) and I have noticed an increase of delivery drivers (DoorDash, Uber eats, Amazon contract delivery drivers, etc) who not only drive well beyond the speed limit but are also on their mobile devices. I live on the Redondo side where it's more perilous as we do not have sidewalks or streetlights.

At home, I am the father of a 2 year old and the husband of a pregnant wife so you can naturally see my concern. Professionally, I am a firefighter/paramedic of 15 years. I have seen the ramifications of an auto vs pedestrian accident time and time again and I believe you would be just as mortified as I would be knowing someone was hurt or killed in our neighborhood as a result of being struck by a vehicle. I can say without reservation that this is a real concern.

My neighbor Bill Slutter has been corresponding with Councilmember Goodrich regarding installation of speed humps. Without question, this will provide for safer streets. I have heard there was a concern over Torrance Fire Departments response times and if that is the case, this is what I will offer: I am currently a fire apparatus operator and have been for 7 years. There is no excuse for an emergency responder to drive in speeds in excess of 25 mph in a residential neighborhood. You do not risk creating an additional emergency in attempts to mitigate another. If an emergency vehicle traveled from Paseo de Las Tortugas to Paseo de las Reyes it is approximately 1.5 miles. The response time with the addition of 15mph speed humps would slow the response time by mere seconds.

As the head of the transportation committee I think this deserves your attention. I thank you for your consideration sir. I hope we can address this problem expeditiously as it's only a matter of time before something tragic happens.

Thank you,

Brett Pearson, citizen of District 5  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Igor Nataskin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** A signed petition against striping the middle of Calle De Arboles  
**Attachments:** City of Albuquerque guidelines - essentially against striping.pdf; Comments on Internet regarding yellow lines on the street.docx; Completed Petition with signatures against yellow center lines on Calle De Arboles - as of 2-21-2021.pdf; Effect of eliminatio of center lines on streets in London.pdf; Internet article on whether yellow lines make street safer.pdf

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Dear Steve, and traffic commissioners,

In preparation for the Zoom meeting on March 1 at 7pm, I wanted you to be aware of all the residents on Calle De Arboles that have signed a petition against this project. There are 86 homes on Calle De Arboles in the proposed stretch of the striping project. The petition contains the signatures of 30 of those home owners, all of whom feel very strongly against doing this project. We obviously were not able to meet with every residence on the street, so the actual number of opponents to this project is likely even higher.

Aside for the reasons that are already stated in this petition, there is one more reason against striping that I wanted to bring up.

Calle De Arboles, (in the proposed stretch of the street were the work is contemplated) has no sidewalks and is only 33 ft from curb to curb. There is also parking on both sides of the street, which we, as residents of the street, enjoy and would never want to give up. By introducing striping, we are taking a street that is 33 ft wide, and after you subtract 16 ft (8 ft on either side, used for parking), you have approximately 16 to 17 ft of drivable street space, which when divided into two, makes each drivable lane only 8 to 8.5 ft. That is **very narrow and provides a significant risk to pedestrians, who have no other alternative than walking on the street itself since there are no sidewalks.**

I am also including some internet articles that have arguments against street striping. I am sure that there are many situations where striping is acceptable and potentially accomplishes the intended purpose, we just don't believe that is the case for Calle De Arboles. We would like to explore other options for slowing vehicular traffic.

Please let me know how public notification of the 3/1/21 7pm Zoom meeting is being handled. Most of the residents of the section of Calle de Arboles were caught by surprise regarding this project as it was never announced, and we would like all concerned residents to have the opportunity to be present on the meeting.

I realize that the city of Torrance is doing their best to make everyone happy and we appreciate that. Our goal is to make sure that our position is also heard, and other options are explored.

I would appreciate it if you would email back verification of receipt of this email, and also forward it to the appropriate traffic commissioners in advance of the Zoom meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Igor Nastaskin*

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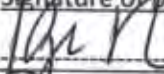

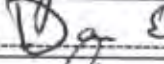

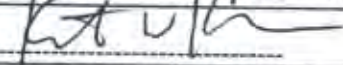



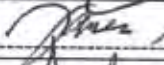
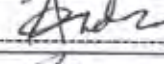
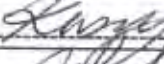
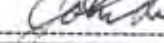
PETITION AGAINST PUTTING YELLOW STRIPED LINES ON CALLE DE ARBOLES

To: Steve Finton, City of Torrance Public Works Engineering Manager

We understand that the city of Torrance is contemplating adding yellow lines down the middle of Calle De Arboles in the hope of reducing car speeds on the street. While we wholeheartedly agree that reducing vehicle speeding on Calle De Arboles is a worthwhile endeavor, we vehemently disagree with the proposed solution of adding yellow lines on the street for the following reasons:

1. We don't believe that adding yellow lines on the street will result in lower speeds, as such lines do not provide a physical or other impediment to speeding. In fact, there appears to be evidence that adding yellow lines on residential streets may actually increase average speed and cause drivers to be more complacent
2. Having yellow lines will negatively impact the special neighborly feel that the street currently enjoys
3. Having yellow lines on the street will result in lower property values, as it would signal to potential buyers that they are purchasing a house on a busy thoroughfare

We also believe that a decision of this magnitude requires a public hearing so that the opinions of all stake-holders, in particular homeowners on Calle De Arboles, can be heard.

<u>Name of property owner</u>	<u>Signature of property owner</u>	<u>Address of property owner</u>
IGOR NASTASKI		
Dan Earley		
Cliff Campbell Beardm		
		
Mr Mark Kan		
Charles Smith		
JAMES GEAR		
Andrea Angiolini		
Kasey Wakasa		
John Selmon		

Karen Cardenas	<del>Karen Cardenas</del>
Chad D. Cardenas	Chad
Sarah R. Cardenas	Sarah
Shing Hong Lee	Shing
BEN PINKERSON	Ben
DANNA PINKERSON	Danna
Linda Shannon	Linda
Mauraen March	Mauraen March
Terry Herzik	Terry Herzik
Rick Perius	Rick
Dana Perius	Dana
Rex Ito	Rex
Mark A. Gauthier	Mark A. Gauthier
Karen Duskall	Karen
DOUG STEARNS	D Stearn
Randy Beal	Randy Beal
John F. Wood	John F. Wood
Sherilyn M. Ward	Sherilyn M. Ward
Danielle Henry	Danielle Henry
Sean Henry	Sean Henry
CHRIS COLIGNON	Chris
WENDY TSUJI	Wendy
Joe Basses	Joe
Marc Sabelli	Marc
Brittany Sabelli	Brittany Sabelli
Sarah Tehrani	Sarah Tehrani
Amy Blomgren	Amy Blomgren
ANDRE BEVERLY	Andre
Melita Beverly	Melita

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**From:** David Hilton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:47 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Centerline Striping on Calle De Arboles

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Please DO NOT proceed with striping Calle De Arboles. The striping is an eyesore and will not meet it's intended purpose of slowing down traffic. If the perception is that people drive over the speed limit then perhaps speed bumps or citations will curb this behavior. Striping the street will only make the street look like a main through way and not slow down drivers.

David J. Hilton  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** john walsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7:06 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed Striping on Calle de Arboles

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To Whom it may Concern:

I have owned/lived at [REDACTED] Calle de Arboles for over ten years now and see absolutely NO reason for proposed yellow striping or speed limit signs to be put in on Arboles. I am totally against changing our beautiful, safe streets and see no reason it should be done or even considered! Very rarely if ever do we get speeders down our streets. This proposal is without merit. Please consider the facts, we have very few tickets and or accident reported on Calle de Arboles.

We love our streets the way they are!

Sincerely,  
John Walsh  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Justin Scarpetti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Speeders on Calle de Arboles

Hi Mr. Goodrich,

My name is Justin Scarpetti. I live in the Riviera on Calle de Arboles. I believe you have spoken with my neighbor, Bill Slutter, in the past (maybe a few months ago).

I am reaching out today because, unfortunately, the speeding has not gotten any better. I woke up Saturday at 4am after having a nightmare of my kid getting hit by a car. I figured that it had to be a sign we need to keep pressing on the issue. So I am emailing you today hoping we can get the ball rolling again, I also emailed many of my neighbors this morning giving them a heads up so you may hear from some of them as well. Here goes my plea...

I grew up on Calle de Arboles. I have lived here since I was 10 years old. I moved away for a few years during college and then got married but shortly after my wife and I were blessed with a once in a lifetime opportunity to move back to the street, next to my parents, and we couldn't have been happier. Everything about this street is amazing, except for the speeders.

I don't own a radar gun but I truly believe some people drive 60+ down our street. From beaters, to Mini Coopers, to lifted trucks... several times a day someone just flies down the street like they are on a freeway. I work from home so I witness it all day long. I am also right in the middle of the block, so I catch them at their fastest. I believe our speed limit is technically a 20mph zone (not 25mph) because we do NOT have sidewalks on a lot of the street.

On just our block alone I believe there are 20 kids under the age of 10 years old... I have a 3 year old and a 9 month old. My dad, who lives right next to me, is in a wheelchair and does not have the mobility like most people do. It would be catastrophic if he was getting in/out of his ramp van at the wrong time while someone was speeding and clipped him. I have kids run into the street multiple times to get a toy. My heart starts racing anytime I just see a kid playing in their front yard.

We have families with kids (myself included), elderly people, couples, dog walkers, etc... really anyone who just wants to go on a walk is forced to walk in the street since we do not have sidewalks. It is also scarier at night/dusk since we do not have street lights either.

I know the tone of emails/texts can come across wrong, so I apologize if I sound like that "crazy neighbor"! I am just a concerned father, son, and neighbor who loves his block and city and wants to live in a safe environment.

I am willing to help, I am willing to be a part of the solution. Whatever I can do please let me know. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my email. I hope we can connect soon.

Justin Scarpetti

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**Subject:** Speeding and Safety Follow Up on Calle De Arboles - Response Request

**From:** Kirsten Pearson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 12:02 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Brett Pearson  
**Subject:** Speeding and Safety Follow Up on Calle De Arboles - Response Request

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February 8, 2021

Good afternoon Councilman Goodrich and Councilman Mattucci,

I hope the new year finds you healthy and well. I write to you as follow up to the dangerous situation we have on Calle De Arboles. My husband, Brett Pearson, along with many of our neighbors have contacted council members and Torrance Police Department regarding vehicles traveling in excess of 25 mph.

On October 26, 2020 my husband emailed both Councilman Goodrich and Councilman Mattucci.

Following the email exchanges, a community virtual meeting on November 19, 2020 was held to discuss the dire situation.

The virtual meeting proved to be a “listening session” and since, no action to remedy the very unsafe environment has been observed. We continue to experience unsafe speeds and have personally had a near miss of being struck by a vehicle. I have a near 2 month old and 2 year old who I no longer feel safe walking in my own neighborhood with.

I respectfully am asking for you, and or the appropriate parties, to provide an outline of the steps taken since bringing this to your attention last year and what next steps we may expect to enforce speed limits, slow vehicles and create a safe community.

We and our neighbors are desperately willing to join efforts with you to create the safe neighborhood our children deserve. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Pearson  
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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Maria Zilm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:47 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed Centerline Striping on Calle de Arboles

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Hello,

I am writing regarding the notice of traffic commission meeting being held on Monday, March at 7:00 pm for the proposed centerline striping on Calle de Arboles.

I have been a home owner in this area for the last 15 years. I purchased the \$2.1m home for it's appeal in having no street lights, yellow striping on the roads and speed limit signs.

Additionally, I feel in love with the quiet neighborhood in which most of my neighbors have lived here for generations. Everyone is cautious and looks after their neighbor.

Looking out for each other entails being aware of your neighbors as they ride their bikes, or walk their dogs, jog, etc. while driving. It is called being courteous.

Adding yellow centerline striping is not the answer to a very few that might break the speed limit. In fact, I strongly believe it will compound the problem. It will look like a drag strip and increase speeds of drivers.

The city streets I drive each day to and from work have yellow striping with speed limit signs and everyone is speeding. Just tonight people were passing me at speeds > 50 mph on PCH. My point speed limit signs and yellow striping is not the solution.

If the concern is a child walking into the street, yellow centerline striping will not rectify this problem. I suggest adding a fence or keeping your children in the backyard.

I strongly oppose the proposition to add the yellow centerline striping and speed limit signs on Calle de Arboles, I did not move into this neighborhood to look out my window to find a street with yellow striping and speed limit signs placed in our well maintained yards.

Please consider my plea to keep our neighborhood quaint and be courteous when driving.