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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.

Staff reports are available for review at the Civic Center Main Library and the City Clerk's office. Questions or concerns may be directed to Steve Finton, Interim Deputy Public Works Director/ City Engineer, at 310-781-6900. Agendas and minutes are posted on the City of Torrance Home Page at www.TorranceCA.Gov/TrafficCommission

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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 April 9, 2021
Friday April 23, 2021

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

MONDAY, April 5, 2021

7:00 P.M.

VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS

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

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: March 1, 2021
6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1
(Limited to 30 minutes)
7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION
 - a. Discussion of Westbound Left-Turn Lane Extension on Pacific Coast Highway between Palos Verdes Boulevard and Camino de las Colinas
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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Farao led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Deputy Public Works Director Finton and
Associate Engineer Lotus.

*Commissioner Obejas joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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 Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Obejas).

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

MOTION: Commissioner Suruki moved to approve the Traffic Commission meeting minutes of February 1, 2021 as submitted. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Obejas).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Commissioner Obejas joined the meeting.

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. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL
CENTERLINE TRAFFIC STRIPING ON CALLE DE ARBOLES**

Deputy Public Works Director Finton provided background, analysis, and staff's recommendation to collect public input and approve the proposed centerline striping on Calle de Arboles from Via Alameda and Via Colusa. He discussed traffic counts taken on Calle de Arboles

in July and November 2020, collision data, and a virtual public meeting conducted on November 19, 2020. Deputy Public Works Director Finton referred to Attachments 1-5: Location Map, Existing Condition, Proposed Improvement, Streets with Centerline Striping, and Picture of Calle de Arboles West of Via Alameda. He called attention to public comment received prior to posting of the agenda in Attachment 8, noting supplemental material received after agenda packets were prepared was also available. He stated staff recommends placement of a centerline stripe to constrain traffic between the stripe and parked vehicles that would result in lower vehicle speeds.

Commissioner Obejas and Chairperson Thomas recommended revisiting the City's policy on speed bumps/humps.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton explained the use of dashed centerlines versus double centerlines.

Members of the public spoke from 7:36 p.m. to 8:33 p.m.

Staff and Commissioners discussed the recommendation and other options suggested by public members.

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas moved to take no action on this item and to continue discussion at the May 2021 Traffic Commission meeting. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-3 as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Farao, Kosidlak, Obejas, and Suruki.

Noes: Commissioners Habel, Zander, and Chairperson Thomas.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

A member of the public spoke.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton spoke.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 9:11 p.m., Commissioner Obejas moved to adjourn the meeting to April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Traffic Commission Meeting
April 5, 2021

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Steve Finton, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Discussion of the Westbound Left-Turn Lane Extension on Pacific Coast Highway between Palos Verdes Boulevard and Camino de las Colinas

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission take public input related to the westbound left-turn lane extension on Pacific Coast Highway between Palos Verdes Boulevard and Camino de las Colinas.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Cut-through traffic has been a longstanding issue in the residential neighborhood southeast of the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Palos Verdes Boulevard (PV Blvd). Since 2016, the City has been making efforts to mitigate cut-through traffic in the neighborhood. Those efforts are described below.

On July 26, 2016, City Council directed staff to bring an item to the Traffic Commission to consider traffic calming measures for Camino de las Colinas in response to a citizen report of cut-through traffic using that street.

On October 3, 2016, the Traffic Commission obtained public input regarding cut-through traffic on Camino de las Colinas. Staff used this input to develop a plan to investigate the issue. Following this meeting, staff performed preliminary traffic counts for use in the analysis.

On March 6, 2017, staff presented the results of the investigation to the Traffic Commission. It was determined that cut-through traffic volume was significant on Camino de las Colinas. Staff provided a list of potential measures to mitigate cut-through traffic and indicated that the ultimate solution would be to improve left-turn capacity at the PCH at Palos Verdes Boulevard intersection for the westbound to southbound left-turn movement. Staff also suggested that interim measures could be implemented while the larger intersection improvement is pursued. Members of the public at this meeting provided input and generally supported a left-turn restriction or physical barrier to limit or prevent left turns onto Camino de las Colinas from PCH.

On April 3, 2017, the Traffic Commission concurred with staff's recommendation to pursue a project to add the second left-turn lane at the PCH/Palos Verdes Boulevard Intersection and to install a left-turn restriction with a raised island at the PCH/Camino de las Colinas intersection.

After the Traffic Commission's concurrence, staff prepared plans for the left-turn restriction including signage and a raised island in the Camino de las Colinas entrance to PCH. PCH is a state highway controlled by Caltrans; therefore, a Caltrans permit was required. The Caltrans permit was issued on May 22, 2018. City crews installed the signage and island in September 2018.

On December 3, 2018, staff presented to the Traffic Commission after-count data illustrating the impacts of the left turn restrictions on the neighborhood. The impacts were a 36% decrease in vehicle traffic on Camino de las Colinas and a 51% increase in vehicle traffic on Paseo de las Delicias. Due to the impacts to Paseo de las Delicias, staff recommended removal of the left-turn restrictions. The Traffic Commission voted to leave the left-turn restrictions in place at PCH and Camino de las Colinas and to consider restricting left-turns from PCH onto Paseo de las Delicias and Vista del Parque as well.

On December 18, residents of Paseo de las Delicias filed an appeal to remove the left-turn restriction at PCH/Camino de las Colinas.

On January 15, 2019, the appeal was heard by the City Council. City Council voted to remove the left-turn restriction from Camino de las Colinas due to the unintended diversion of traffic onto Paseo de las Delicias. City Council also directed staff to pursue construction of dual westbound to southbound left-turn lanes at PCH and PV Blvd as an ultimate solution. This solution would require Caltrans involvement and would take a significant amount of time due to the complexity of the improvement and potential need for additional right-of-way. As an interim solution, City Council directed staff to pursue a simpler effort to remove the existing median to extend the single westbound to southbound left-turn pocket such that drivers wishing to turn left are not blocked by the existing median. This solution would also require Caltrans involvement, but would be less extensive and the project could be delivered more quickly.

After City Council direction, City staff prepared plans and submitted applications for Caltrans permits to remove the PCH median between PV Blvd and Camino de las Colinas and to extend the left-turn pocket. A Caltrans permit was secured in March of 2020 and a contract was awarded by City Council to construct the improvements. Construction was set to begin in February 2021 and notices were distributed to addresses near the work. Before construction began, however, members of the public raised concerns about removal of the tree in the median. The City scheduled the meeting tonight to give the public an additional opportunity to provide comments related to removal of the median and tree.

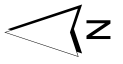
Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By Angel Lotus
for Steve J. Finton
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

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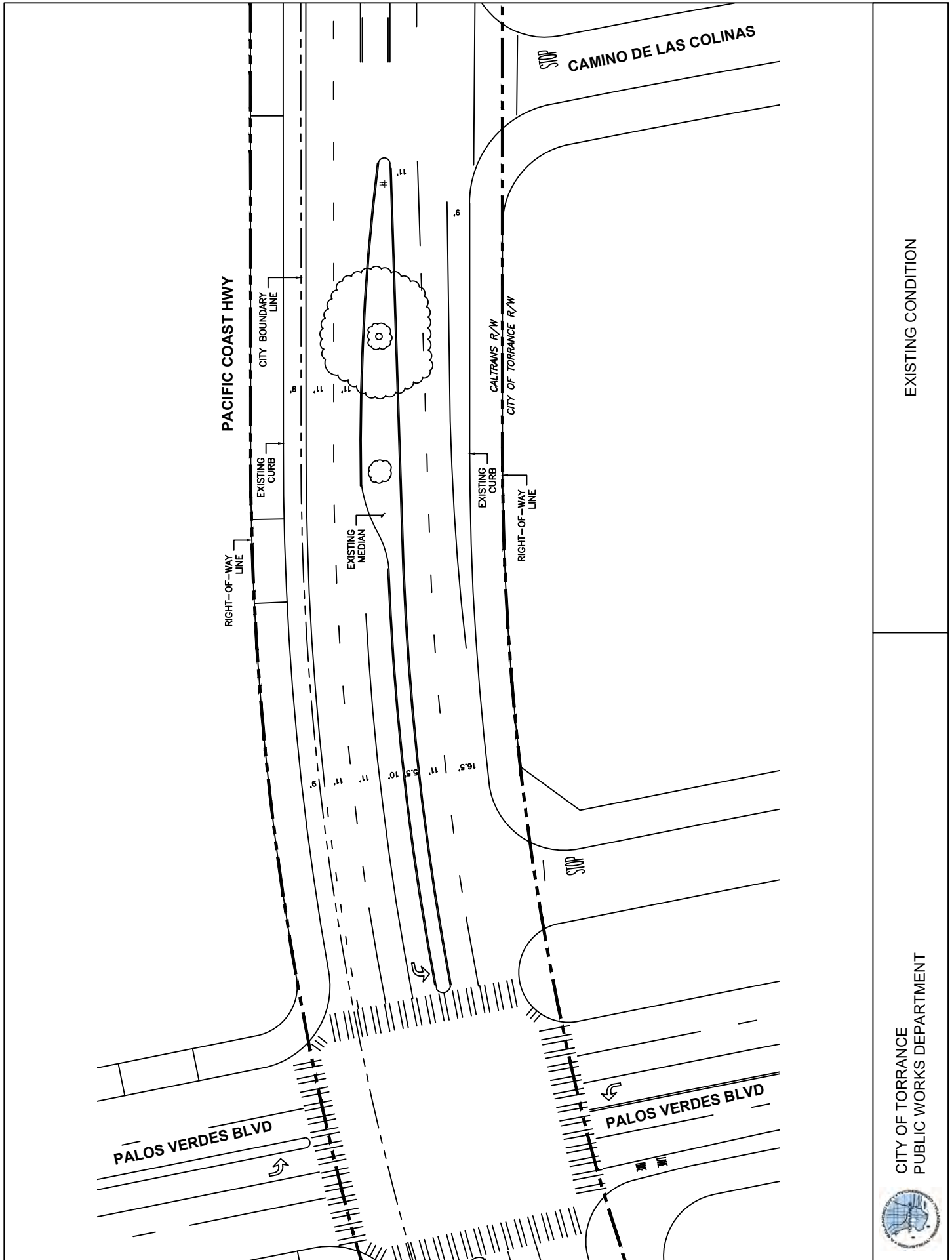
1. Location Map
2. Existing Condition
3. Proposed Improvements
4. Public Notice
5. Notification Area



Location Map

Project Area

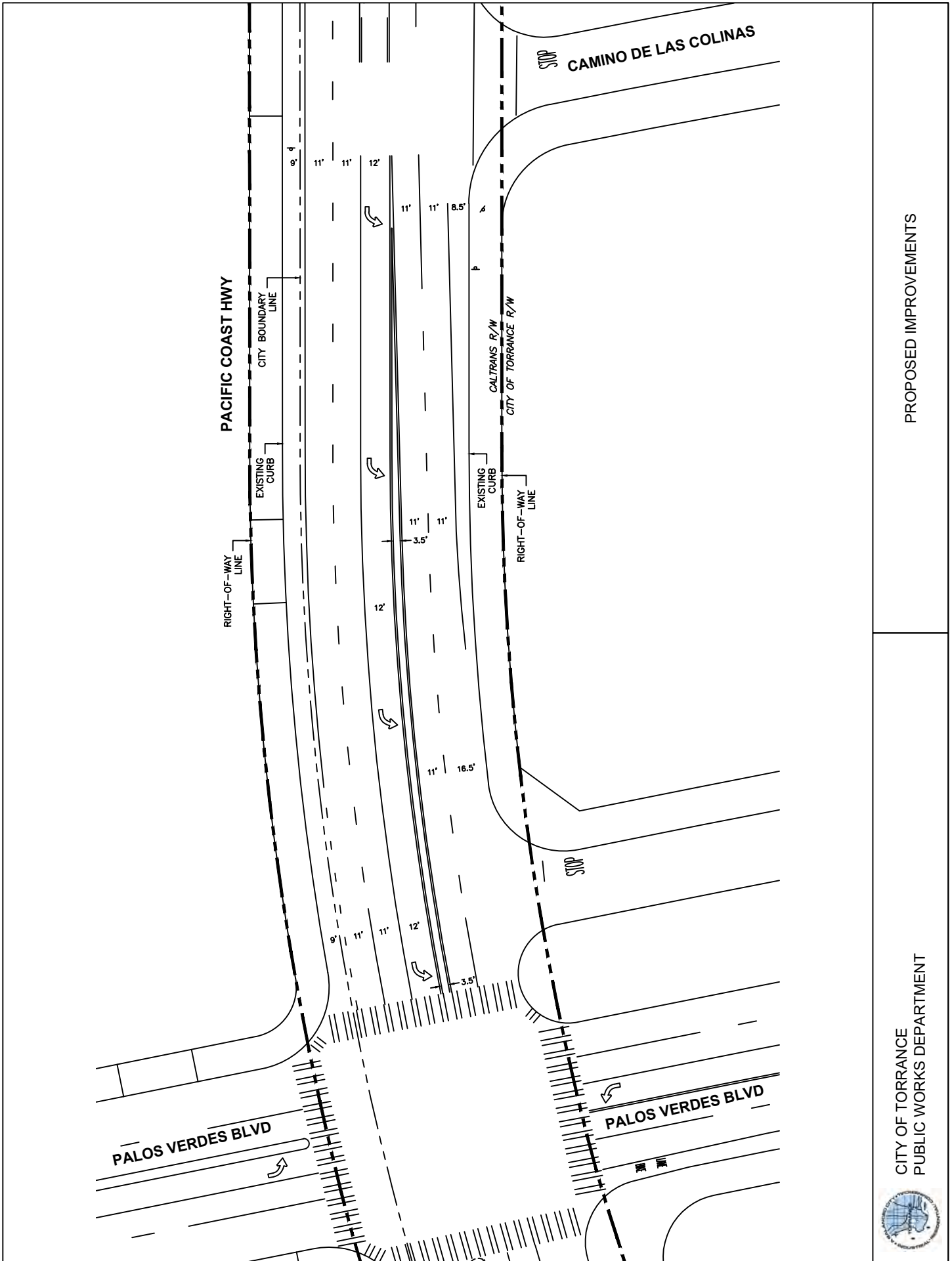
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EXISTING CONDITION

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT





PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

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**DISCUSSION OF WESTBOUND LEFT-TURN LANE EXTENSION
ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY BETWEEN
PALOS VERDES BLVD AND CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS**



CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Discussion of Westbound Left-Turn Lane Extension
on Pacific Coast Highway between Palos Verdes Blvd and Camino De Las Colinas**

Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Via Teleconference (Zoom Meeting)
Access details will be posted on April 1, 2021 in the Agenda
on Traffic Commission website at:**

www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission

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

On **Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will hold a discussion regarding the proposed extension of the westbound left-turn lane on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) between Palos Verdes Blvd (PV Blvd) and Camino de las Colinas. The goal of the lane extension is to increase westbound left-turn capacity at PCH & PV Blvd to reduce cut-through traffic currently experienced in the neighborhood south of PCH. After a 2-year effort by City staff to secure State construction permits, construction was scheduled to begin in February 2021 but was postponed pending further public discussion related to median and tree removal. At this meeting, the Traffic Commission will take public input on this matter.

The full agenda and staff report will be posted on April 1, 2021 at 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

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

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Patrick J. Furey

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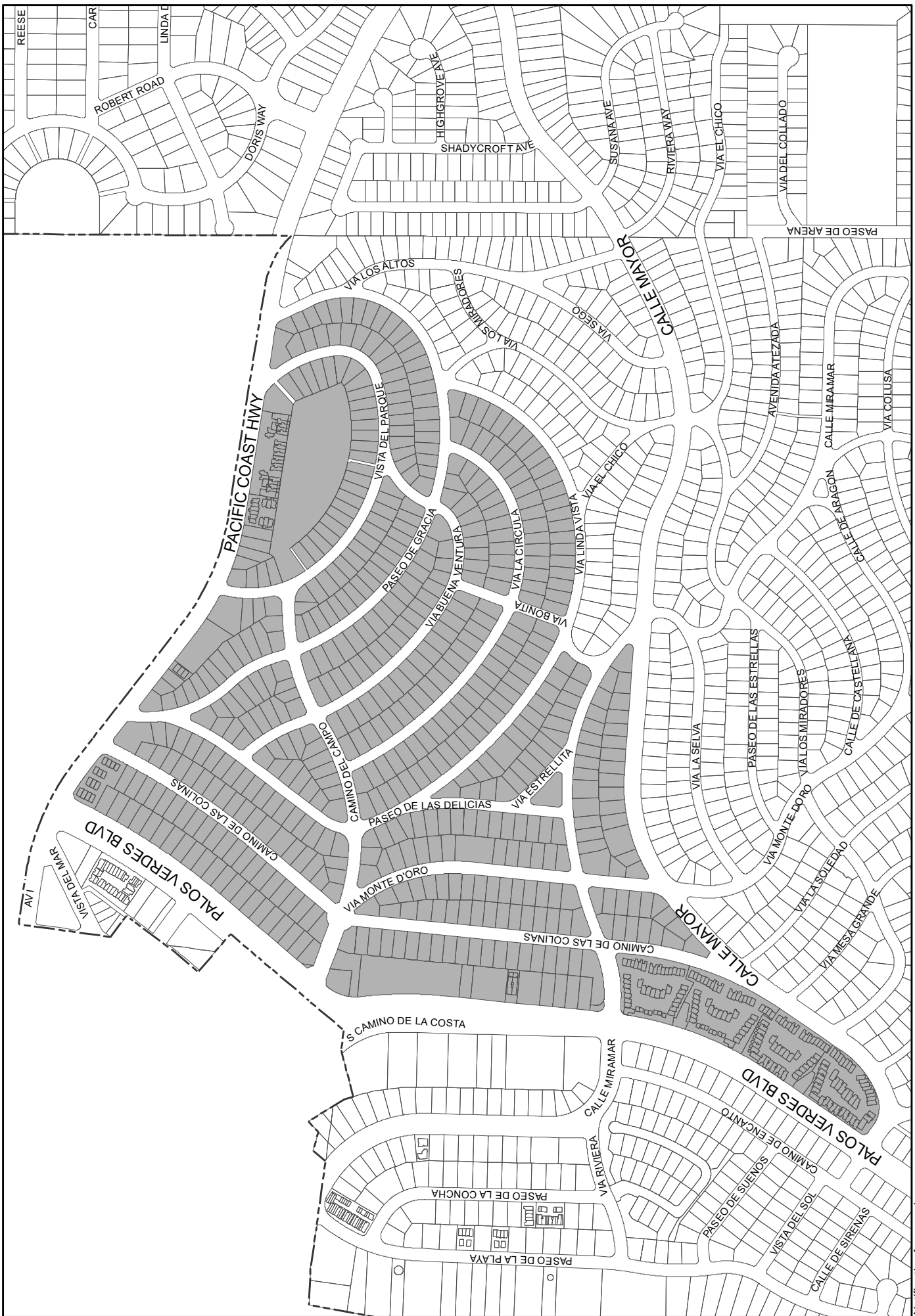
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