

In compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended portions of the Brown Act, Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 (Stay At Home Order issued March 19, 2020), and the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer's Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Blue print for a Safer Economy – Orange Tier Risk Reduction Measures (issued April 2, 2021), members of the Torrance City Council and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference or other electronic means in our continuing effort to practice social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
MAY 3, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Farao, Habel, Kosidlak, Obejas, Suruki, Zander, Chair Thomas

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda under the subject matter of the Traffic Commission. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Please do not use Bluetooth or speaker devices, mute the volume on your television or other electronic devices and speak clearly. Your phone call to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying on the line and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your phone call recorded.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 5, 2021

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

7A. Consideration to Install Centerline Striping on Calle de Arboles from Via Alameda to Via Colusa on a Trial Basis

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. In compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended portions of the Brown Act, Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 (Stay At Home Order issued March 19, 2020), Acting State Public Health Officer Erica Pan's Regional Stay at Home Order (issued December 3, 2020), and the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer's Revised Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order for Control of COVID-19: Tier 1 Substantial Surge Updated Response (issued December 30, 2020), members of the Commission and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference or other electronic means in our continuing effort to practice social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**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, April 5, 2021.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Habel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Kosidlak.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Suruki moved to grant the excused absence of Commissioner Kosidlak from this meeting. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Kosidlak).

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas 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 Kosidlak).

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 1, 2021

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

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

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

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

7a. DISCUSSION OF WESTBOUND LEFT-TURN LANE EXTENSION ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY BETWEEN PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD AND CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS

Deputy Public Works Director Finton provided background and analysis, noting that supplemental correspondence was available. He stated, following direction from City Council,

staff prepared plans and submitted applications for Caltrans permits to remove the Pacific Coast Highway median and to extend the left-turn pocket. He noted a Caltrans permit was secured in March 2020, a contract awarded, and construction scheduled to begin in February 2021. However, before construction began, members of the public raised concerns about the removal of the ficus tree in the median. He added that removal of the median would double the lane capacity from seven to 13 vehicles. He presented staff's recommendation to take public input related to the westbound left-turn lane extension and removal of the median and tree on Pacific Coast Highway between Palos Verdes Boulevard and Camino de las Colinas.

Commissioner Obejas and Chairperson Thomas spoke.

Members of the public spoke.

At 7:54 p.m., Chairperson Thomas closed the public hearing.

Chairperson Thomas received clarification that staff would need to submit a new permit to Caltrans if the proposal is changed.

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

8. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 8:23 p.m., Commissioner Obejas moved to adjourn the meeting to May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval.

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Traffic Commission Meeting
May 3, 2021

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Consideration to Install Centerline Striping on Calle de Arboles from Via Alameda to Via Colusa on a Trial Basis

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission approve installation of yellow centerline traffic striping on Calle de Arboles from Via Alameda to Via Colusa on a trial basis.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, staff has received requests from residents of Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda and Via Pasqual to implement measures to reduce vehicle speeds on this segment of roadway.

On November 19, 2020, a virtual public meeting was conducted with residents and representatives from various City departments and installation of a centerline stripe was suggested to constrain traffic into a delineated lane as a calming measure. 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 after which several residents called the City objecting to the proposed centerline striping. Installation efforts were stopped pending public discussion at the Traffic Commission. Only faint layout markings have been placed along street centerline. No striping has been completed at this time.

On March 1, 2021, staff recommended that the Traffic Commission take public input and recommended that the Commission approve installation of the centerline striping. At the meeting, the majority of the residents who spoke did not support the proposed centerline striping. The Traffic Commission took no action on this item and directed staff to bring the issue back to the Commission for further discussion at the May 3, 2021 Traffic Commission meeting.

ANALYSIS

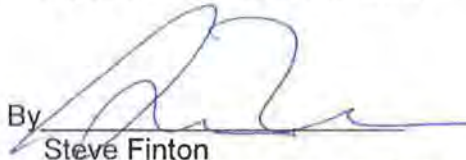
Staff recommends that the Traffic Commission approve a trial installation of centerline striping along Calle de Arboles for approximately one year. Doing so would provide staff and the neighborhood time to evaluate the efficacy of the centerline striping. Staff would return to the

Traffic Commission in 2022 to determine if the striping should remain in place or be removed. The City plans to slurry seal Calle de Arboles in 2022 and the striping could be removed at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

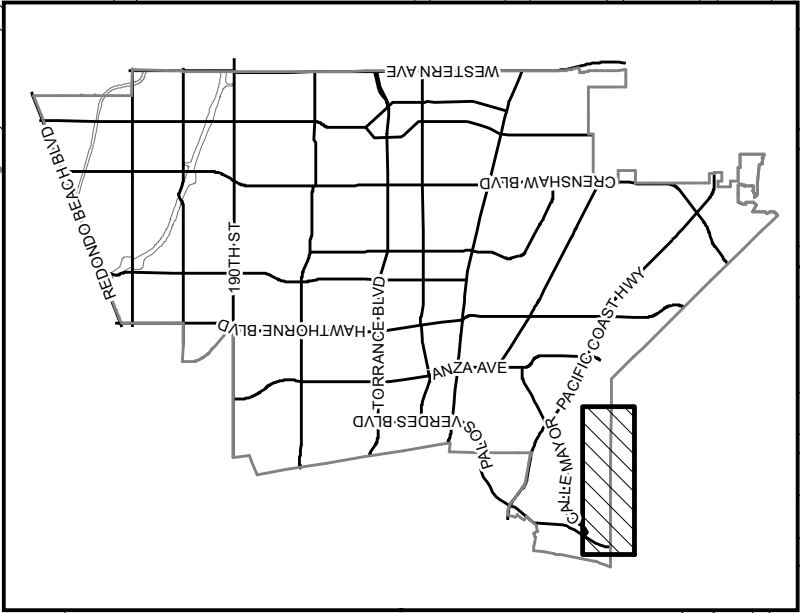
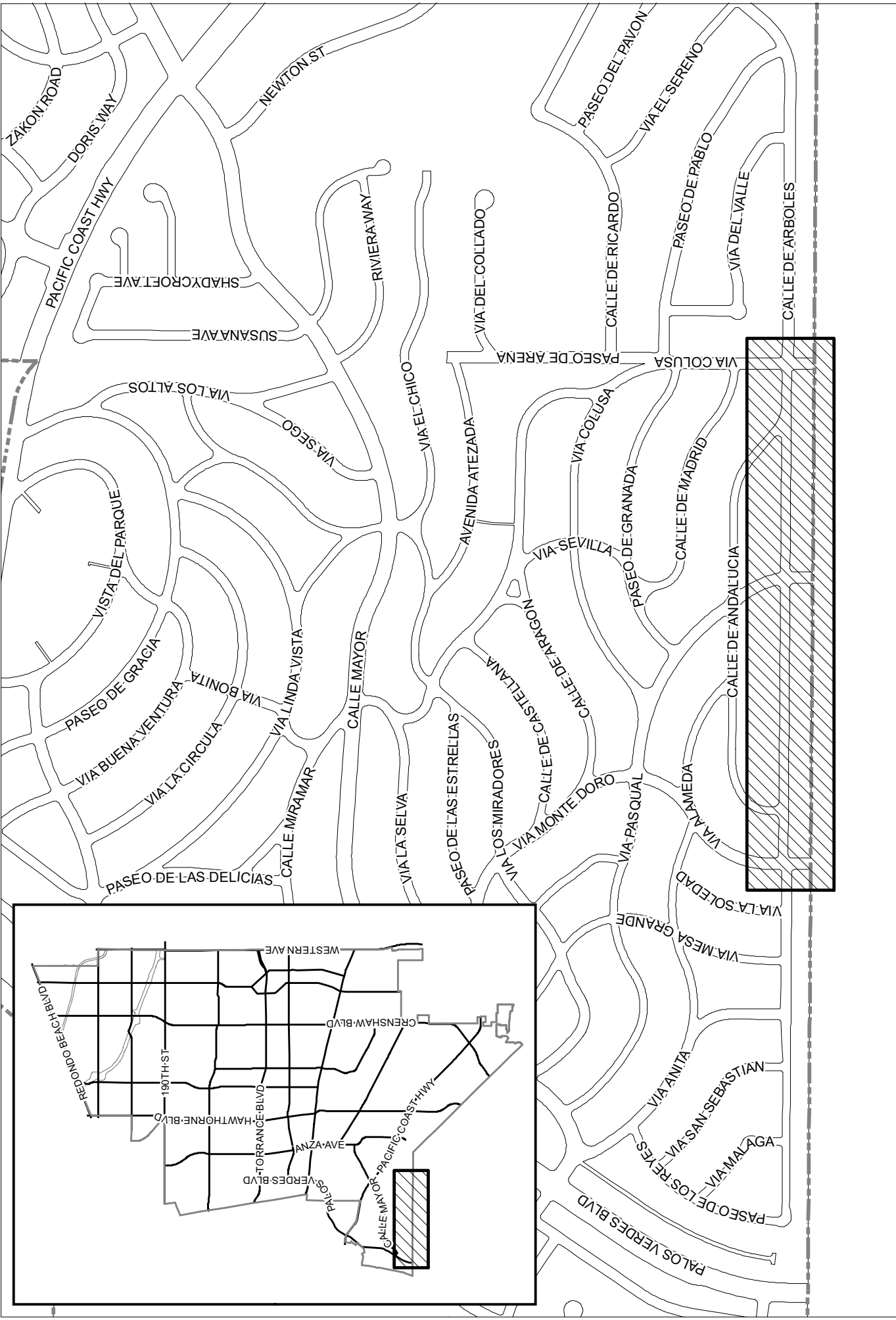
By



Steve Finton

Deputy Public Works Director - City Engineer

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- Attachment 2: Existing Condition
- Attachment 3: Proposed Improvement
- Attachment 4: Public Notice
- Attachment 5: Notification Area

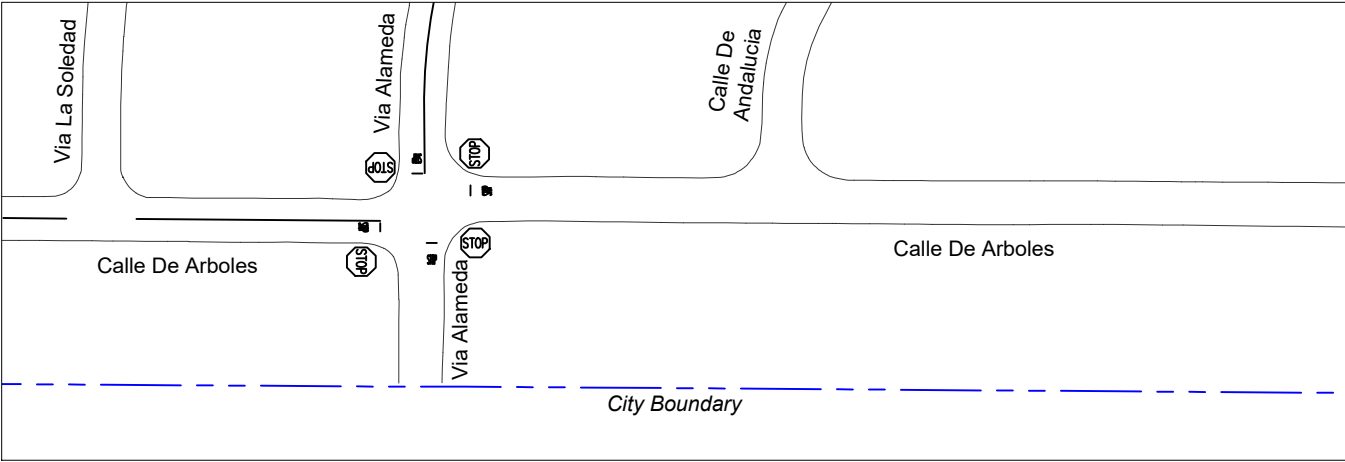


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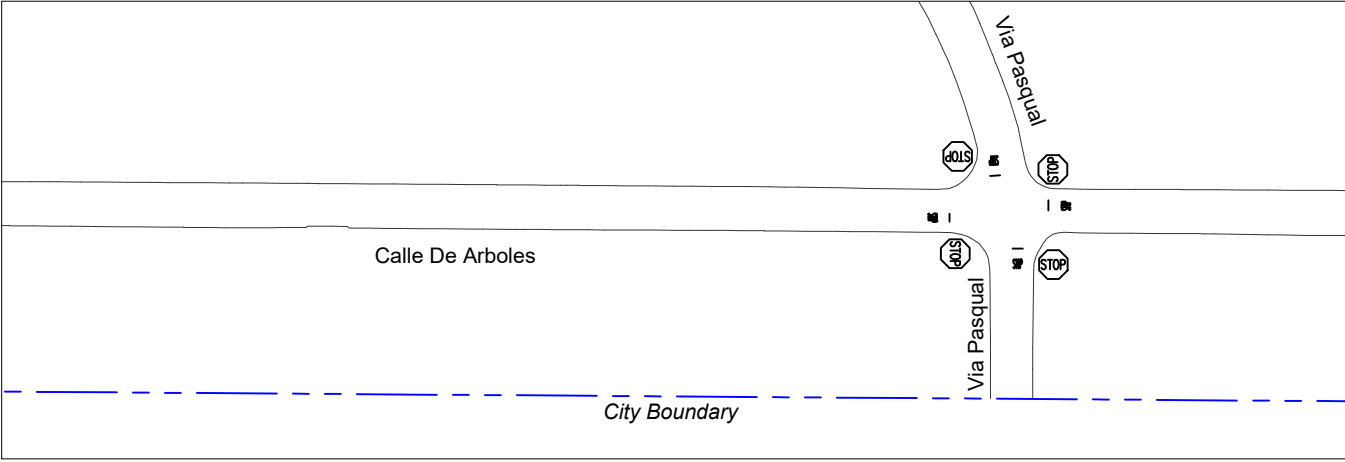
Calle De Arboles (Via Alameda to Via Colusa)

PROJECT AREA



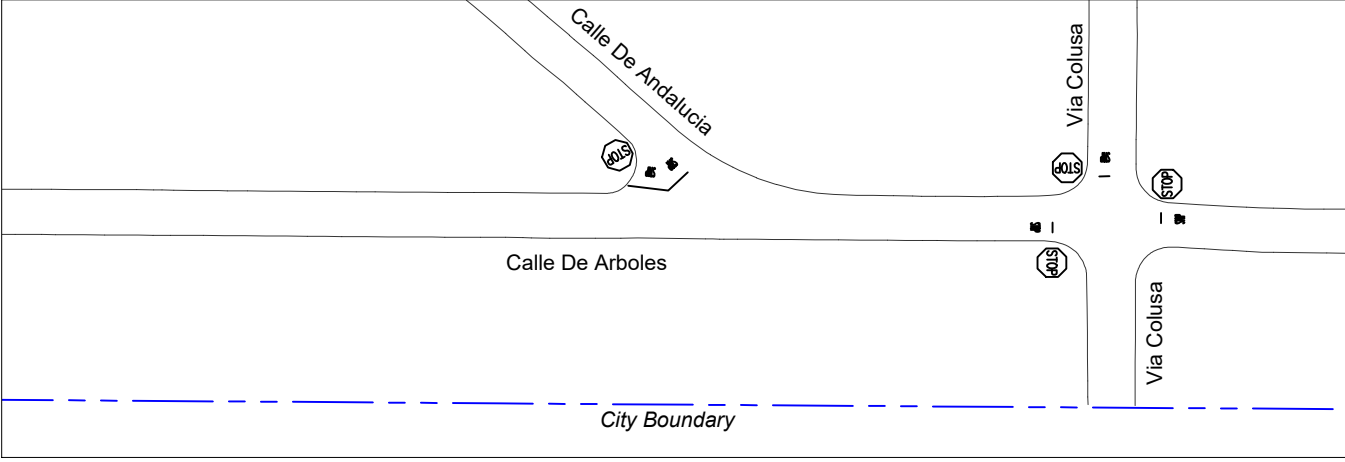


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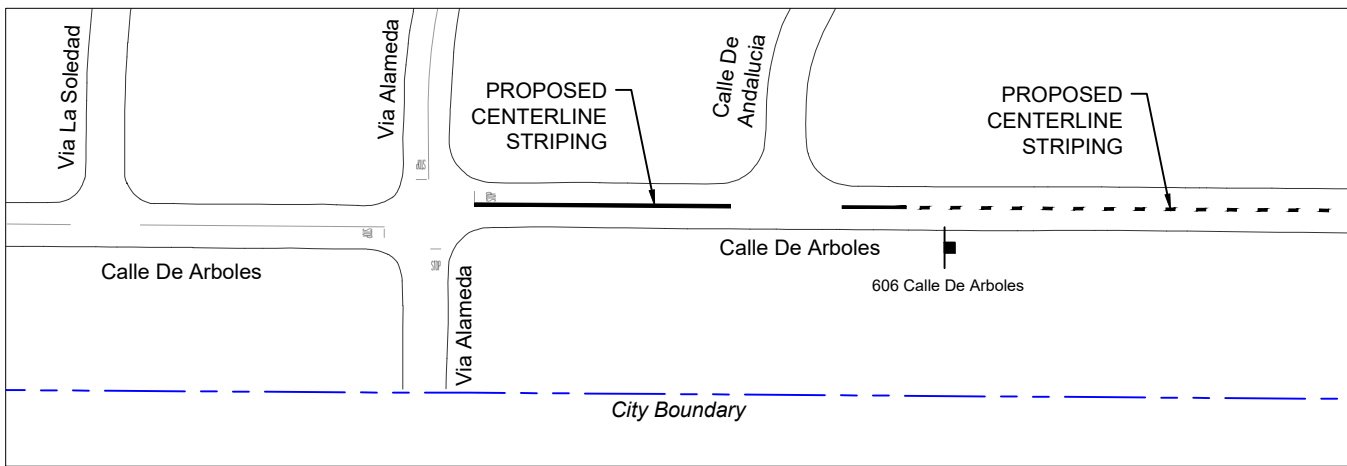
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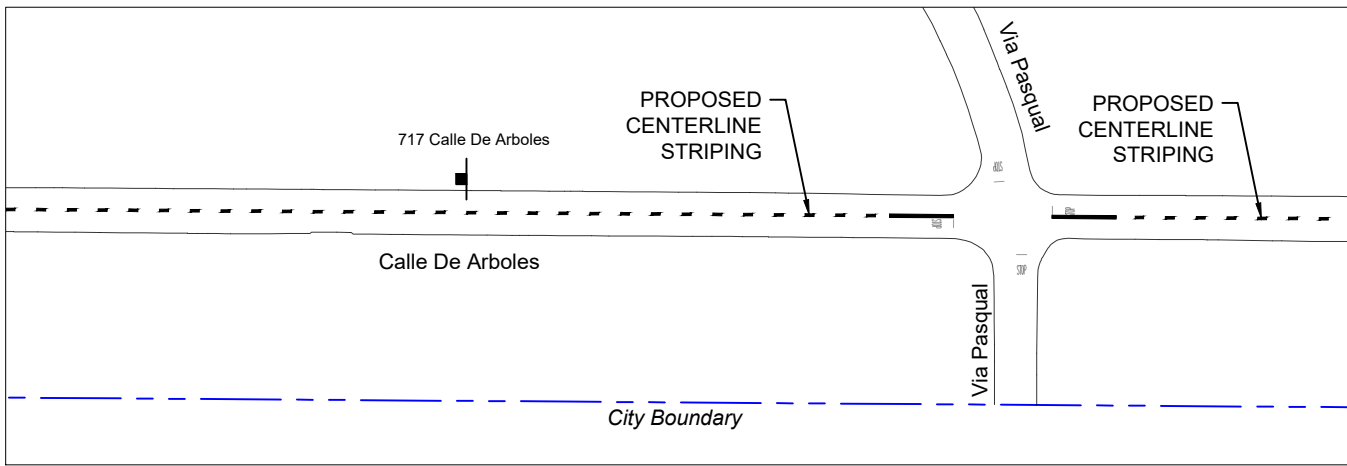


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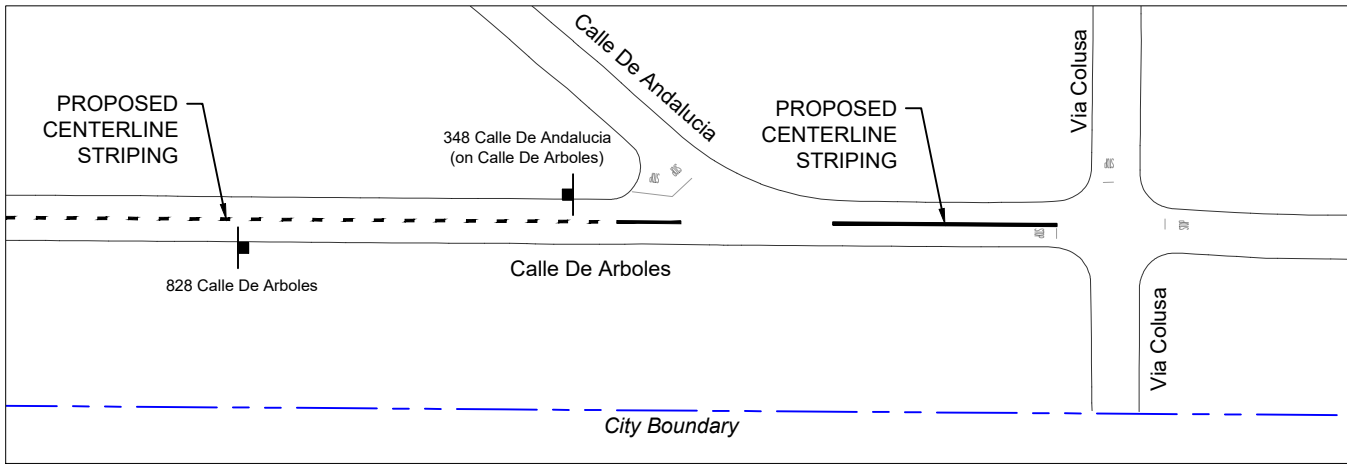


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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

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



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NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

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

Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference (Zoom Meeting)
Access details will be posted on April 29, 2021 in the Agenda
on Traffic Commission website at:
www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission

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

On **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will hold a second discussion regarding traffic conditions and proposed centerline striping on Calle de Arboles. The Commission will consider a trial installation of yellow centerline striping on Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda and Via Colusa in an effort to reduce vehicle speeds. Before and during the trial period, observations would be taken to evaluate the effects of centerline striping installation. Staff would analyze the traffic data and would return to the Traffic Commission for consideration of possible future actions. The centerline striping could be removed by the City in 2022 when this portion of Calle de Arboles is resurfaced; however, removal would not take place until after direction to do so from the Traffic Commission or City Council.

The full agenda and staff report will be posted on April 29, 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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Mayor

Patrick J. Furey

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Notification Area