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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA  
AUGUST 2, 2021  
7:00 P.M.  
WEST ANNEX COMMISSION ROOM  
CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD  
TORRANCE, CA CALIFORNIA 90503**

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

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members Farao, Gibson, Habel, Kosidlak, Obejas, Suruki, 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, July 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**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: JUNE 7, 2021**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

7A. Appointment of Traffic Commission Chair and Vice Chair

7B. Review of Traffic Data and Public Comment Related to the Trial Southbound Closure of Flagler Lane from Beryl Street to Towers Street

**8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a meeting via teleconference or other electronic means at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021. Due to the absence of Chairperson Thomas, Vice-Chairperson Kosidlak led the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Chairperson Thomas.

Also Present: Deputy Public Works Director Finton.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Obejas moved to approve the excused absence of Chairperson Thomas for the June 7, 2021 Traffic Commission meeting. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Habel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Deputy Public Works Director Finton reported the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board and on the City's Website on June 3, 2021.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Deputy Public Works Director Finton announced that supplemental material was available online for Item 7A.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Julie Dojiri spoke.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 3, 2021**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Obejas moved to approve the Traffic Commission meeting minutes of May 3, 2021 as submitted. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Chairperson Thomas).

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7a. **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED MEDIAN AND TREE REMOVAL RELATED TO THE WESTBOUND LEFT-TURN LANE EXTENSION PROJECT ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY BETWEEN PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD AND CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS**

Deputy Public Works Director Finton provided history on the item, from July 26, 2016 to April 5, 2021, related to mitigating cut-through traffic in the neighborhood south of Pacific Coast Highway and east of Palos Verdes Boulevard. He noted staff has performed several traffic observations, traffic counts, and license plate surveys, and the issue has been discussed five times at the Traffic Commission and once at City Council. He discussed other alternatives considered by staff but stated ultimately staff recommends removal of the median and tree to mitigate cut-through traffic.

From 7:33 p.m. to 7:49 p.m. the Commission took input from members of the public.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton presented staff's recommendation:

- 1) Improve the living environment for Torrance residents living in the neighborhood south of Pacific Coast Highway;
- 2) Extend the westbound to southbound movements and reduce incentive for cut-through traffic on Camino de las Colinas and Paseo de las Delicias; and
- 3) Remove raised center median and tree to accommodate left-turn lane extension.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Obejas moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Chairperson Thomas).

8. **COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy Public Works Director Finton spoke.

Commissioners Obejas, Suruki, Habel, and Kosidlak spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 8:14 p.m., Commissioner Suruki moved to adjourn the meeting to August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Obejas seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval.

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Traffic Commission Meeting  
August 2, 2021

**Agenda Item No. 7a**

TO: Traffic Commission  
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director  
SUBJECT: Appointments of Traffic Commission Chair and Vice Chair

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission:

1. Appoint a Chairperson for the term beginning immediately and ending upon appointment of a new Chair at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022; and,
2. Appoint a Vice Chairperson for the term beginning immediately and ending upon appointment of a new Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Below is the Torrance Municipal Code Section governing the appointment of Chair.

**Torrance Municipal Code Section 13.9.5 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

*At the first meeting of the Commission in every fiscal year, the members shall appoint one (1) of their number as Chairman who shall hold office for one (1) year and until his successor is appointed.*

On October 5, 2020, the Traffic Commission reappointed Commissioner Thomas as Chairperson and Commissioner Kosidlak as Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning on October 5, 2020 and ending upon appointment of a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. Due to the suspension of Traffic Commission meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, October 5, 2020 was the first Traffic Commission meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission appoint a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson effective immediately and ending upon appointment of a new Chair at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
Public Works Director

By 

Steven Finton  
Deputy Public Works Director  
City Engineer

**Agenda Item No. 7b**

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Review of Traffic Data and Public Comment Related to the Trial Southbound Closure of Flagler Lane from Beryl Street to Towers Street

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission review traffic data and take public comment related to the trial southbound closure of Flagler Lane from Beryl Street to Towers Street.

**BACKGROUND**

Cut-through traffic and speeding have been longstanding issues in the Pacific South Bay neighborhood. For years, the City of Torrance has been working to mitigate cut-through traffic in the neighborhood and staff responded by installing additional stop signs and striping at several intersections in the neighborhood. See Existing Conditions (Attachment 1). Cut-through traffic, however, continues to exist in the neighborhood and staff continues to consider measures to address it. To that end, the Traffic Commission took public input on this issue on four occasions: March 2, 2020, October 5, 2020, December 7, 2020, and February 1, 2021.

On February 1, 2021, staff presented to the Traffic Commission traffic counts illustrating the extent of cut-through traffic in the neighborhood. The traffic data was obtained from a license plate survey. The data shows that cut-through traffic was highest between the intersections of Beryl Street at Flagler Lane and Redbeam Avenue at Del Amo Boulevard and ranged from 31% to 47% during peak periods. The Traffic Commission approved of the closure of Flagler Lane to southbound traffic from Beryl Street to Towers Street for a temporary trial period.

During the three-week trial closure, the southbound lane on Flagler Lane from Beryl Street to Towers Street was blocked off by barricades, signs, and delineators. Only northbound traffic was allowed on Flagler Lane.

## ANALYSIS

The City took traffic counts before and during the southbound Flagler Lane closure at 13 locations (Attachment 4) to evaluate how traffic circulation was affected by the southbound closure. Traffic Counts were taken during the periods and at the locations listed below:

### Count Periods:

Week 1) Monday, May 3, 2021 – Sunday, May 9, 2021 (before trial)

Week 2) Saturday, May 22, 2021 – Friday, May 28, 2021 (during trial)

### Traffic Count Locations (also see Attachment 4):

- (1) Beryl Street & Prospect Avenue
- (2) Beryl Street & Flagler Lane
- (3) Beryl Street & 190<sup>th</sup> Street
- (4) Entradero Avenue, south of 190<sup>th</sup> Street
- (5) Towers Street, west of Entradero Avenue
- (6) Halison Street, west of Entradero Avenue
- (7) Norton Street, west of Entradero Avenue
- (8) Wilma Street, west of Entradero Avenue
- (9) Carmelynn Street, east of Entradero Avenue
- (10) Entradero Avenue & Del Amo Boulevard
- (11) Del Amo Boulevard & Prospect Avenue
- (12) Redbeam Avenue, north of Del Amo Boulevard
- (13) Del Amo Boulevard, north of Del Amo Boulevard

The trial closure period was selected such that traffic data before and during the closure were comparable. School operations were similar during both count periods and although traffic levels were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the affect was similar during both count periods.

### Traffic Diversion Expectations vs Actual

Northbound Flagler Lane was not restricted, therefore, it was expected that traffic circulation for traffic exiting the neighborhood at Flagler Lane would not be affected. There was an unexpected reduction in traffic (-9%, 176 vehicles) traveling northbound on Flagler at Beryl Street. It is possible this is a natural variation in traffic or drivers avoided the area due to the advanced closure notice provided by the City.

With the closure of southbound Flagler Lane at Beryl Street, it was expected that traffic returning to the neighborhood from destinations to the northwest would take alternative routes (see Attachment 5). Possible routes would be Beryl Street/Prospect Avenue/Del Amo Boulevard (Alternative Route A) OR Beryl Street/190<sup>th</sup> Street/Entradero Avenue (Alternative Route B). The traffic data indicates that was true particularly on Redbeam Avenue Entradero Avenue and Halison Street. Redbeam Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Norton Street encountered the greatest change.

Overall, traffic in the neighborhood bounded by Beryl Street, 190<sup>th</sup> Street, Entradero Avenue, Del Amo Boulevard, and the west City limits reduced by 2,671 vehicles or 16% during the trial closure.

During the closure period, electronic message boards were placed informing of the Trial Closure and providing the City's phone number if the public had comments or questions. Several calls were received all in opposition to the closure. It is recommended that the Traffic Commission take public input on the trial closure. Staff would take the input and consider

future actions, if any, that may be taken.

A public notice (Attachment 2) was mailed to 710 parcels notifying residents of tonight's meeting and encouraging attendance and input. The public notification area is shown in Attachment 3.

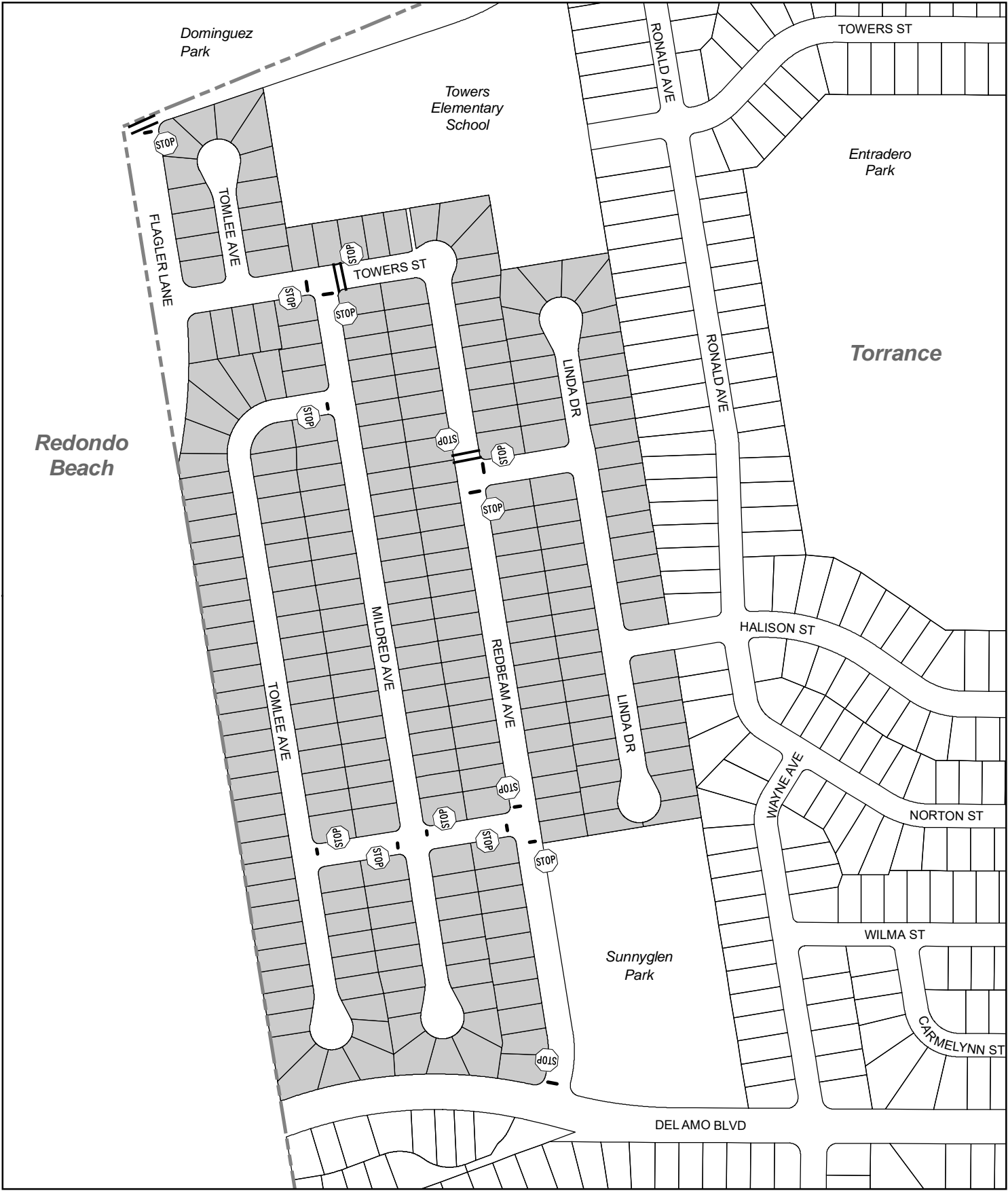
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
CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By   
Steve Finton  
Deputy Public Works Director  
City Engineer

Attachment 1: Existing Condition  
Attachment 2: Public Notice  
Attachment 3: Notification Area  
Attachment 4: Traffic Analysis  
Attachment 5: Alternate Routes





-  EXISTING STOP SIGN
-  EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK

### Existing Condition Map



# REVIEW OF TRAFFIC DATA AND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE SOUTHBOUND FLAGLER LANE TRIAL CLOSURE



CITY OF TORRANCE

## NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

### Review of Traffic Data and Public Comment related to the Trial Southbound Flagler Lane Closure

**Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**West Annex—Commission Meeting Room  
Torrance City Hall  
3031 Torrance Boulevard  
(west of City Council Chambers)**

On **Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will discuss and take public input related to the trial southbound closure of Flagler Lane south of Beryl Street which occurred between May 19, 2021 and June 8, 2021. Staff will present traffic data gathered before and during the trial closure period.

The full agenda and staff report will be posted on July 29, 2021 at [www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/2021TrafficCommission).

We invite you to attend and provide input regarding this issue 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:**

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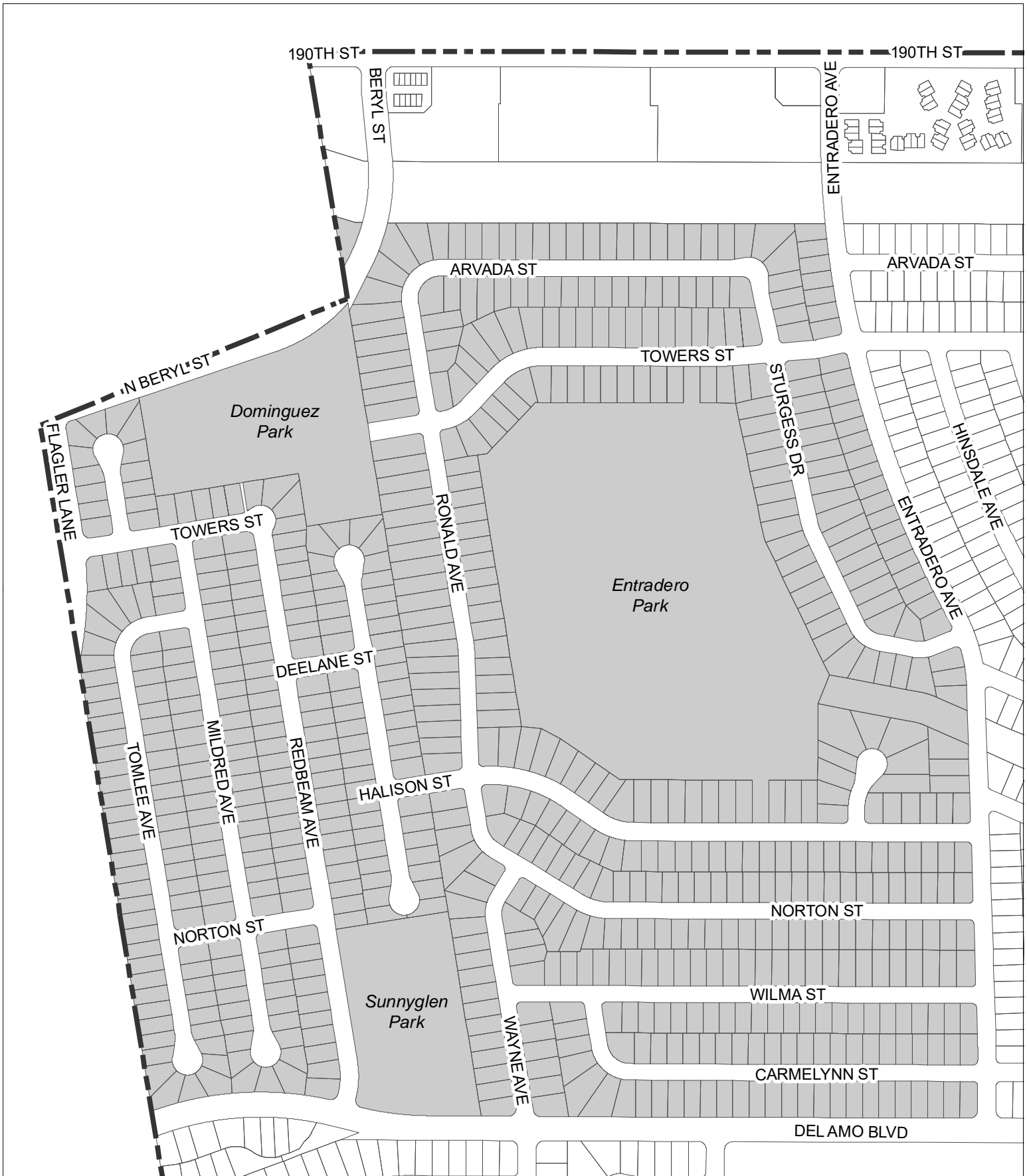
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20500 Madrona Ave., Torrance, CA 90503

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City Manager



Notified Parcel

Notification Area



**TRAFFIC ANALYSIS:**  
**Difference in Traffic Volume**  
**(Week 1 vs. Week 2)**

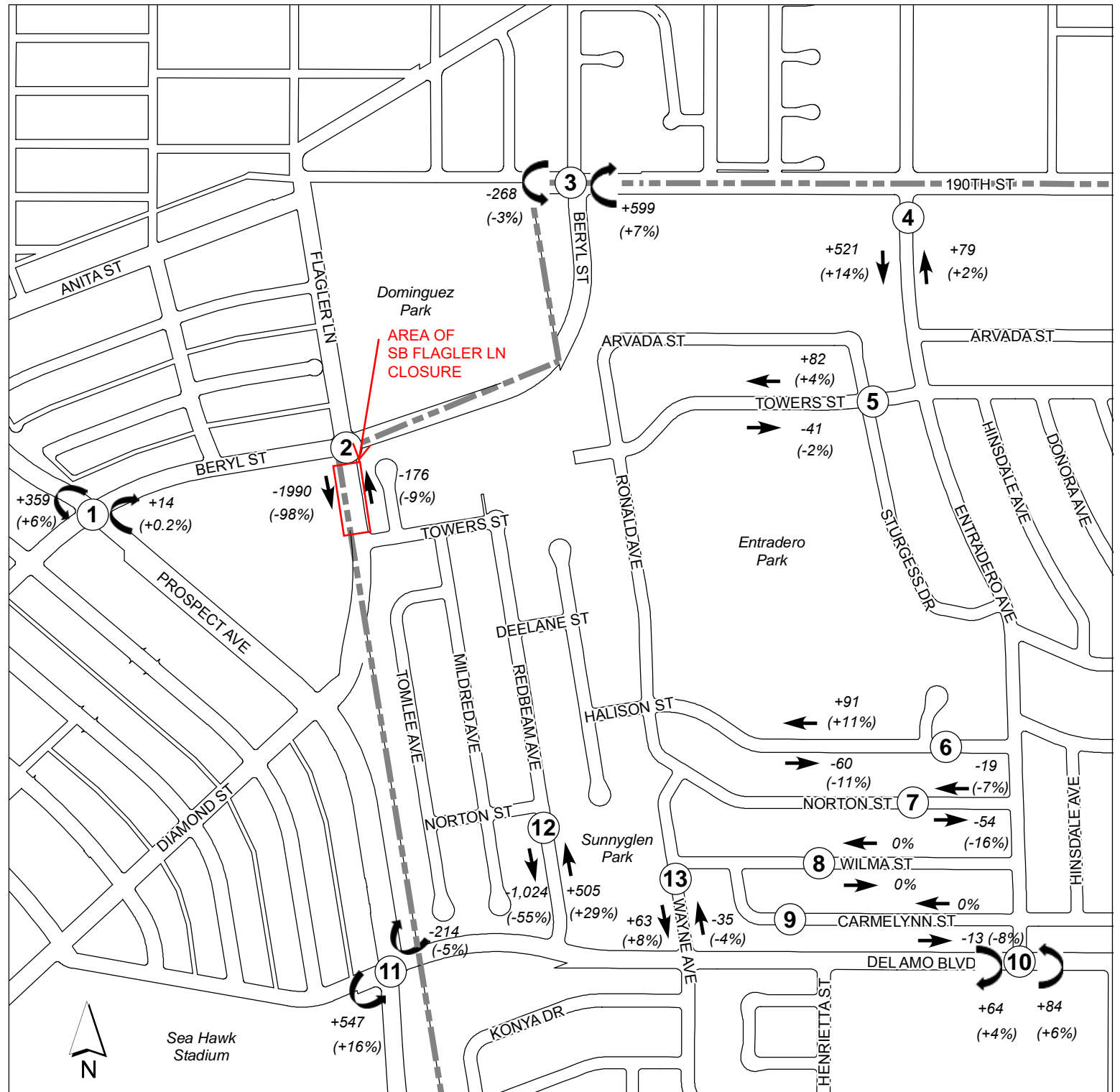
Week 1:  
 05/03/21 - 05/10/21

Week 2:  
 05/22/21 - 5/28/21

Street Closure for  
 SB Flagler Ln:  
 05/19/21 - 06/08/21

**Traffic Count Locations:**

- 1 - Beryl St & Prospect Ave
- 2 - Beryl St & Flagler Ln
- 3 - Beryl St & 190th St
- 4 - Entradero Ave & 190th St
- 5 - Entradero Ave & Towers St
- 6 - Entradero Ave & Halison St
- 7 - Entradero Ave & Norton St
- 8 - Entradero Ave & Wilma St
- 9 - Entradero Ave & Carmelynn St
- 10 - Entradero Ave & Del Amo Blvd
- 11 - Del Amo Blvd & Prospect Ave
- 12 - Del Amo Blvd & Redbeam Ave
- 13 - Del Amo Blvd & Wayne Ave



# Alternate Routes

## Legend:

Route A 

Route B 

## Traffic Count Locations:

- 1 - Beryl St & Prospect Ave
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- 13 - Del Amo Blvd & Wayne Ave

