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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
NOVEMBER 1, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. AT 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, Chair Kosidlak, Obejas, Suruki, 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, October 28, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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: OCTOBER 4, 2021

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

7a. Consideration to Change Traffic Commission Meeting Start Time

7b. Discussion of Traffic Conditions at the Intersection of Linda Drive and Sunnyview Street

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

October 4, 2021

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021 in the West Annex meeting room.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Obejas.

Also Present: Deputy Public Works Director Finton,
Associate Engineer Lotus,
Engineering Manager Moun, and
Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

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 City's Website on September 30, 2021.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 2, 2021

MOTION: Commissioner Suruki moved to approve the Traffic Commission meeting minutes of August 2, 2021 as submitted. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Obejas).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. REVIEW OF TRAFFIC DEVICES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Associate Engineer Lotus provided a presentation regarding the inventory of traffic devices that have been installed and are planned for installation on City roadways. She stated the purpose of the devices is to calm traffic, enhance visibility, and improve traffic conditions. With the aid of slides (locations shown in Attachments 1-3), she described Radar Feedback

Signs, Radar Feedback Trailers, Solar Flashing Beacons, Yellow Reflectorized Traffic Signal Backplates to enhance traffic signal indication visibility, and Touchless Pedestrian Push Buttons at Traffic Signals.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton presented information on Capital Improvement Projects for transportation improvements, street rehabilitation, and pedestrian improvement projects, noting project locations are provided in Attachments 4-5. He highlighted and answered Commissioners' questions regarding intersection improvements at Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, intersection improvements at Anza Avenue/Vista Montana/Pacific Coast Highway, operational improvements at I-405 at 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, and Crenshaw Boulevard intersection improvements and 208th Street extension for the Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal.

8. **COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Commission and Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig spoke.

A brief discussion centered on changing the start time of Commission meetings. There was concurrence for staff to look into the possibility and bring back options to the November 1, 2021 Commission meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 9:12 p.m., Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting to November 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval.

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Traffic Commission Meeting
November 1, 2021

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Consideration to Change Traffic Commission Meeting Start Time

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission approve as follows:

Alternative A - Change the start time for regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meetings from 7:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and move that the change be accepted by City Council;

OR Alternatively;

Alternative B - Change the start time for regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meetings from 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and move that the change be accepted by City Council;

OR Alternatively;

Alternative C – Continue to start regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meetings at 7:00 P.M.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

On October 4, 2021, the Traffic Commission requested that staff return with an item to consider changing the start time for regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meetings. The recommendations above provide alternatives to change start times to 6:30 P.M., 6:00 P.M. or to make no change and continue to start meetings at 7:00 P.M. Any change in the meeting start time requires acceptance by City Council. If the Traffic Commission approves a change to meeting start times, staff will request acceptance by City Council at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The change in meeting time would take affect the second Traffic Commission meeting after approval by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 

Steve Finton
Deputy Public Works Director/ City Engineer

Agenda Item No. 7b

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Discussion of Traffic Conditions at the Intersection of Linda Drive and Sunnyview Street

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission obtain public input regarding traffic conditions at the intersection of Linda Drive and Sunnyview Street.

BACKGROUND

In February and August 2021, the City received reports from residents about vehicles speeding through the intersection of Linda Drive and Sunnyview Street. Public Works Department Staff is requesting public input regarding traffic conditions at the intersection to identify problems and develop solutions.

ANALYSIS

Existing Conditions

The intersection of Linda Drive and Sunnyview Street is a T-intersection located on local streets serving single family residential properties in the Seaside neighborhood (See Vicinity Map, Attachment 1). Linda Drive is 33 feet wide with double yellow centerline striping. Sunnyview Street is 34 feet wide with no centerline striping. Parking is allowed and sidewalks exist on both sides of both streets. There is an existing crosswalk on the west leg of the intersection only. There are existing STOP signs in the northbound and southbound directions at every intersection on Linda Drive from Milne Drive to Robert Road, except at Sunnyview Street (See Existing Conditions Map, Attachment 2).

Visibility

Linda Drive slopes upward to the south with the highest point approximately 120 feet south of the intersection. The vertical curvature of the roadway limits visibility in the northbound and southbound directions. Stopping sight distance would be considered by staff before any traffic measure is implemented.

Traffic Counts

Traffic counts were collected in October 2021 (Attachment 3). Northbound Linda Drive is the dominant movement in the morning and afternoon weekday peak periods with the morning peak being heavier.

Stop Sign Warrants

Traffic volumes at the intersection are not sufficient to meet state-established traffic warrants for an all-way STOP at the intersection; however, an all-way stop can still be considered if needed to enhance right-of-way assignment, facilitate turning movements or to be consistent with neighborhood traffic controls. Visibility is a primary concern and would be carefully considered before any decision is made. If installed, the stop signs would be equipped with advanced warning signs and pavement legends ("STOP AHEAD") such that northbound drives are aware of the stop sign at Sunnyview Drive.

Speed Humps

The City has received several requests for speed humps to mitigate speeds on Linda Drive. Currently, the City of Torrance does not allow or approve of the installation of speed bumps, speed humps or speed cushions on any street. Although there are several contributing factors, the primary reasons are: 1) speed bumps, humps and cushions can cause an increase in the response time for emergency vehicles; and, 2) speed bumps, humps and cushions can cause a diversion of traffic to other nearby roadways. Speed humps are therefore not an option for Linda Drive.

Accident History

There were no reported collisions at the intersection during the past 5-years (2015-2019).


Alternatives

Staff has considered several possible measures to improve traffic conditions in the area such as installation of stop signs, installation of advanced warning signs and/or placement of radar feedback speed signs. Tonight's discussion will help staff determine the best alternative.

A public notice (Attachment 4) was mailed to 39 parcels notifying residents of tonight's meeting. The public notification area is shown in Attachment 5.

Respectfully submitted,

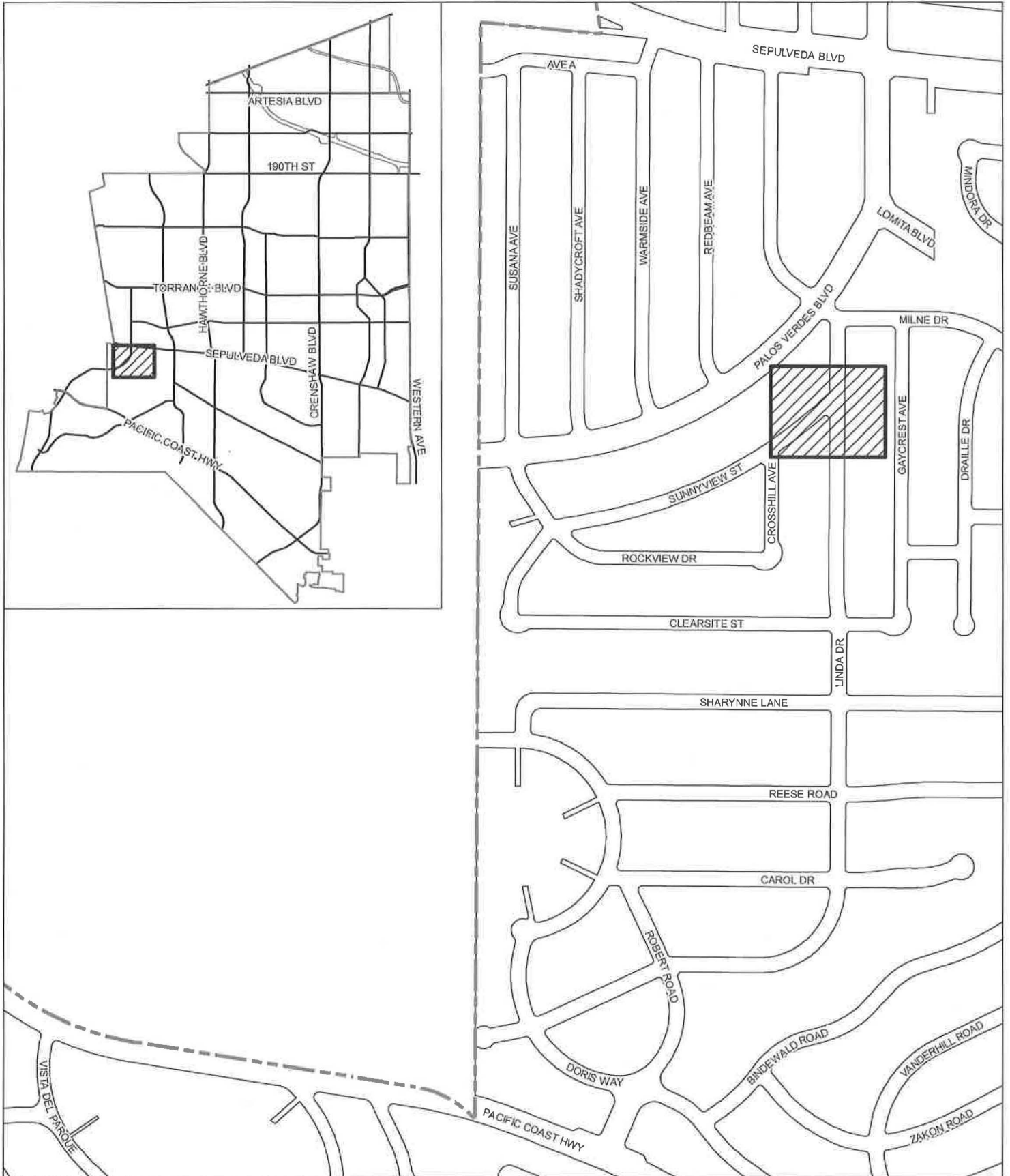
CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 

Steve Finton

Deputy Public Works Director/ City Engineer

- Attachment 1: Vicinity Map
- Attachment 2: Existing Condition Map
- Attachment 3: Traffic Counts
- Attachment 4: Public Notice
- Attachment 5: Notification Area

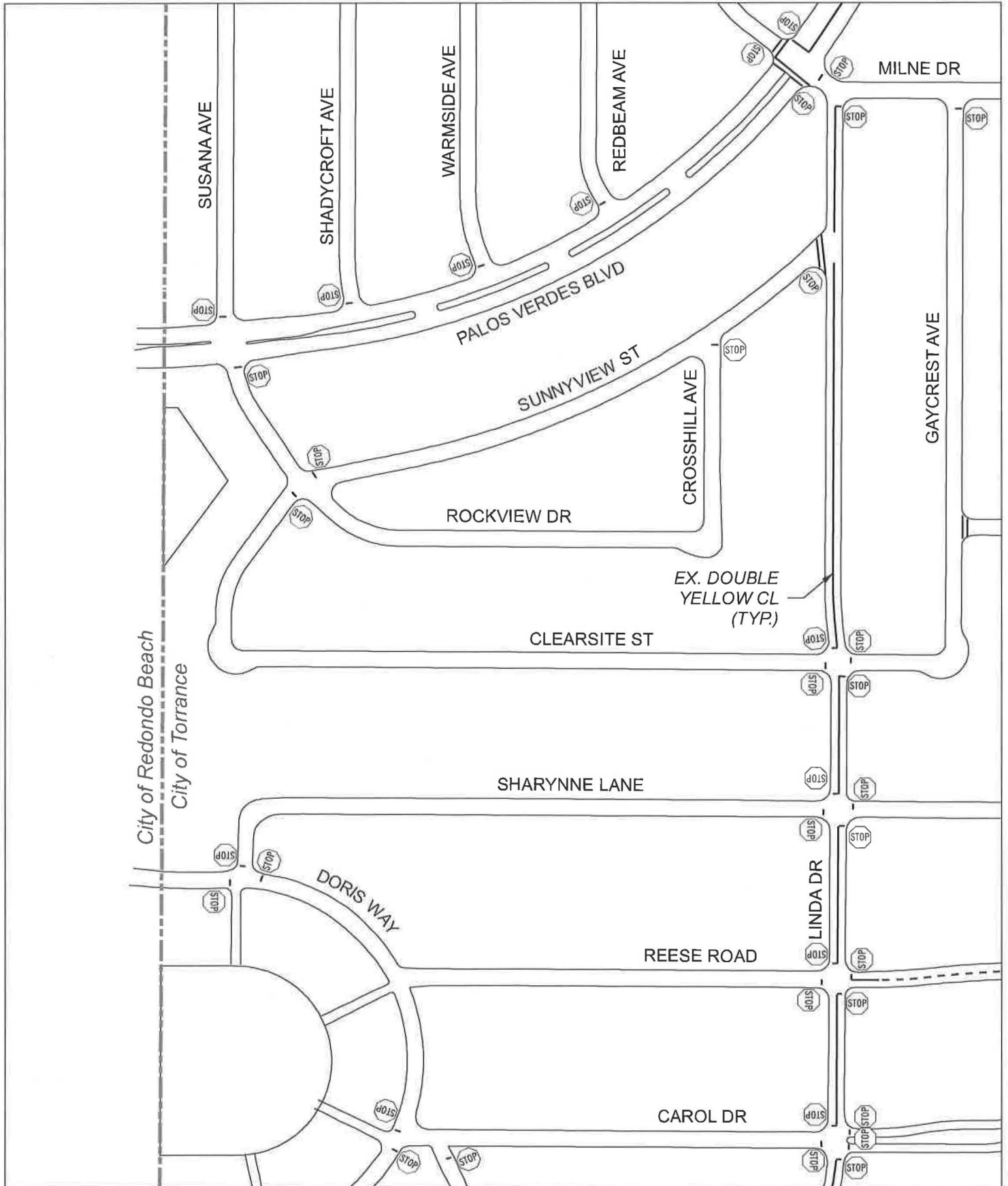


Attachment1-VicinityMap

Project Vicinity Map
Linda Dr and Sunnyview St

 Project Area





Attachment2-ExistingConditionMap

LEGEND



EXISTING STOP SIGN

Existing Condition Map





TRAFFIC COUNTS

INTERSECTION	DATE OBSERVED	TIME	*#VEHICLES ON LINDA DR	**#VEHICLES ON SUNNYVIEW ST	TOTAL VEHICLES
LINDA DR / SUNNYVIEW ST	10/19/2021	8:00AM – 9:00AM	160	15	175
LINDA DR / SUNNYVIEW ST	10/19/2021	4:30PM – 5:30PM	125	11	136

- * VEHICLES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND DIRECTIONS
- ** VEHICLES TRAVELING EASTBOUND DIRECTION



CITY OF TORRANCE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC COUNTS

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS AT LINDA DRIVE AND SUNNYVIEW STREET



CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Discussion of Proposed All-Way Stop Signs
at Linda Drive and Sunnyview Street

Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

On **Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will discuss and take public input related to the proposed all-way stop sign installation at the intersection of Linda Drive and Sunnyview Street. Presently, there is a stop sign facing eastbound on Sunnyview Street only. The proposed installation will consist of two new stop signs to create an all-way stop, pavement markings, and red curbs adjacent to the new stop signs. This installation will enhance neighborhood traffic circulation.

The full agenda and staff report will be posted on October 28, 2021 at 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

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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Attachment6-NotificationAreaMap



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Notification Area Map

