

Traffic Commission Meeting of  
April 4, 2022

**SUPPLEMENTAL #1**

**TO:** Traffic Commission  
**FROM:** Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Supplemental Material for Agenda Item No. 7a**

Attached is email correspondence received after the agenda item was posted.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Moun  
Engineering Manager

Attachments:  
15 emails from Residents.

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**From:** Christopher Eggleston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2022 9:10 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** proposed parking restriction described on Paseo de la Playa

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Hello,

Regarding a proposed parking restriction described on Paseo de la Playa that would limit overnight parking between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera:

I oppose any new limitation. Working people need those places to park overnight. Overnight parking is valuable for those living on this street and nearby. Limiting overnight parking would just force those who park there now onto adjacent streets, which are already constrained.

This issue is already handled by street sweeping. If people don't move their vehicles they will get parking tickets.

Please do not further constrain parking in the Torrance Beach area.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 03, 2022 12:44 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed Overnight Parking Restrictions on Paseo de la Playa Between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera

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Thank you for taking public input regarding proposed overnight parking restrictions on Paseo del la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera. Due to the fact there are no parking restrictions (except for Street Sweeping) there are a number of people who chose to live in the vehicles/vans for extended periods of time only to move the vehicle on street sweeping days - and they usually move to the Torrance Beach Parking lot on Tuesdays between 9am-11am. There is also a 1973 VW bus that promotes "van living" on Airbnb that is parked on Paseo de la Playa -for \$125 a night you can live in the van to experience "van living".

I understand there are Torrance residents who live in the apartments/condos on Paseo de la Playa who park on Paseo de la Playa - I would propose Resident Parking Permit Signage similar to the signage on Ave G and Ave F for the Redondo Beach residents stating NO - similar to the photos attached.





Best Regards,

Debbie Sannes  
Torrance Resident  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Doug Hoffman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 02, 2022 8:27 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed Overnight Restriction on Paseo de la Playa

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To: City of Torrance,

I support this proposal for no overnight parking on Paseo de la Playa. As a 22 year resident on Paseo de la Playa, we have seen an increase of non residents parking on the street. They are sleeping and living in their vehicles day and night. The campers, vans, cars and conversions line the street and leave little to no parking for the residents of the street.

This has also added additional problems of trash, garbage, broken glass, defecation and urination on the sidewalk and street.

It is also a safety issue to walk on the sidewalk as many of these vehicles doors open to the west. The vans and campers have make shift drapes, blankets, cardboard and beach towels giving them some privacy from the walking traffic on the sidewalk as they are living in the vehicles day and night. It is only a matter of time before a serious issue could occur.

The sidewalks are broken, uneven causing an additional problem of safety of someone falling and tripping. The ice plant is over grown and not maintained. The street sweeping does not take place often on Tuesdays.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me should you need additional information.

Regards,

Doug  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jessica Borello [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2022 12:25 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic; Mini Croissant; Susan Butler  
**Subject:** Proposed overnight parking restriction on Paseo De La Playa  
**Attachments:** Video.mov; ATT00001.txt; image0.jpeg; image10.jpeg; image1.png; image4.png; image3.jpeg; image9.jpeg; ATT00002.txt

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Good evening Torrance Traffic Commission and fellow residents. My name is Jessica Borello and I have lived across the street from Torrance Beach with my family for 4 years. Parking has always been a problem in the [REDACTED] Paseo De La Playa, especially because my family has two cars with only one parking spot on the property we live. Since 2019, we have all seen the displacement of homeless into our neighborhoods. Due to no street lights, Paseo De La Playa has attracted many people sleeping in their vehicles/trucks and RV trailers. I understand it is not a crime to sleep in your car, however these people defecate, urinate, throw up, and leave behind used condoms and dirty diapers which is a hazmat condition. I no longer can walk my dog along the ice plants or the side walk due to the human feces and other excrements that these people leave behind. Many of the people occupying these vehicles do not just sleep once on our street and leave. Paseo De La Playa is their campground and they remain even during street sweeping hours. Some occupants wait for the ticket enforcement to arrive (if they happen to have enough people working that day for enforcement) then drive around the block and re-park in the same spot.

I have called the police and parking enforcement several times regarding loud music, the revving of a vehicle engine which wakes my family up at odd hours, as well as the lack of street cleaning.

One night I contacted the non emergency dispatch line and was told by an officer that the police would not make contact with anyone in their vehicle unless they were doing something illegal. I've provide the police with expired license plates over 6 months (tow authority) as well as made noise complaints for one subject who revved his engine every night on the hour to keep his car from stalling. During this particular non emergency call I placed, I advised the officer that I too was a police officer and the issue was what we called a Quality of Life issue that I was willing to sign a citation or be contacted if needed. I also advised this officer that I do the same job he does everyday in a neighboring city and WE make contact with these individuals daily. My conversation with this officer stopped once he stated, "what if we get in a police shooting upon contact?" I responded, welcome to the duties of a police officer and respectfully ended the phone call.

Knowing I was in my own, I decided to do my job off-duty and contact the vehicle occupant myself. The occupant appeared high (through my training and experience), however listened to my concern and stopped revving his engine for the night. It should be noted this person was arrested about 6 months later inside his vehicle outside of my house for an unknown reason. I have not seen him since.

In conclusion, I am respectfully requesting you make the west side of Paseo De La Playa a Permit Only parking area for residents. I'm tired of looking outside my front windows and seeing a sea wall of trailers and RVs blocking my view of the ocean as well as dealing with their garbage and human waste they leave behind.

Thank you for your time and consideration into this matter.

Respectfully,  
Jessica Borello

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**From:** Keith Arnold [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 02, 2022 12:02 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Monday, April 4, 2022 meeting at 7:00 pm

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Comment.

I very strongly object to people sleeping in a parked vehicle of any sort on the street Paseo de la Playa (as per notice), overnight. Also certainly no long term parking. Whether overflow sedan cars from local residents should be allowed to park overnight maybe okay but not during the day on cleaning days.

On Paseo de la Concha cars have parked on cleaning day Tuesday for the past four weeks outside 163. I think they should be fined. There are places for six cars and only one needs to be there to prevent proper sweeping.

Keith Arnold MD.

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**From:** Liz Keran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2022 11:55 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Parking - Paseo de la Playa

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Traffic Commission,

I was extremely pleased to get requesting input on the current parking situation on Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera. As a homeowner living on Paseo Miramar just around the corner from the location in question I daily see at least 5-6 vehicles (cars and vans) that have people camping overnight. The majority of these vehicles are not even self-contained which makes me wonder where people staying in these vehicles use the bathroom at night?

I have even seen a blue Volkswagen camper van that advertises nightly stays on there website and AirBNB. Camping for profit on a public street? As a homeowner it is very important to maintain our beautiful community: safety, sanitation and property values are all at risk if action is not taken quickly. I am definitely in favor of Resident Permit Parking at night is implemented not only on Paseo de la Playa but on Via Rivera.

Thank you for taking action on this serious problem in our neighborhood.

Best regards,

Elizabeth Keran  
[REDACTED]



Mary Jo Cittadino



TO: [PWTraffic@TorranceCA.Gov](mailto:PWTraffic@TorranceCA.Gov)

DA: March 31, 2022

RE: Proposed Overnight Parking Restriction on Paseo de la Playa between  
Calle Miramar and Via Riviera

I am writing to express my support for parking restrictions in this area for the following reasons:

Prevent overnight and long term camping to eliminate resulting trash from ending up on the streets, beachside sidewalk, and the ocean. These discarded items (cans, bottles, tops, plastics, paper goods, uneaten food, straws, napkins, etc.) eventually end up in the ocean endangering sea life.

I know this because I pick up this trash regularly to prevent just such occurrences and easily fill a 13-gallon trash bag each time.

As I write this, I can see trash that has been discarded onto the street that I have not yet had an opportunity to pick up.

A VW van is used as an overnight "hotel". Are they assessed a tax or fee to cover costs to Torrance? Their patrons use the restrooms and showers on the beach below.

There is nighttime noise that emanates at times from the beach itself as well as the street, most especially on weekends. Police patrols could peacefully disperse these people, but their patrols need to be regularly conducted and maintained over time.



I emphasize that if restrictions are voted in that it is essential that they be enforced by regular police patrols. Otherwise, the restrictions are for naught.

Please note that people also park on Paseo de la Concha and the same issues apply.

Sincerely,

*Mary Jo Cittadino*

Mary Jo Cittadino

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2022 2:26 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Cc:** Judy Lombard  
**Subject:** Overnight Parking - Paseo de la Playa

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To: Torrance Government – Public works

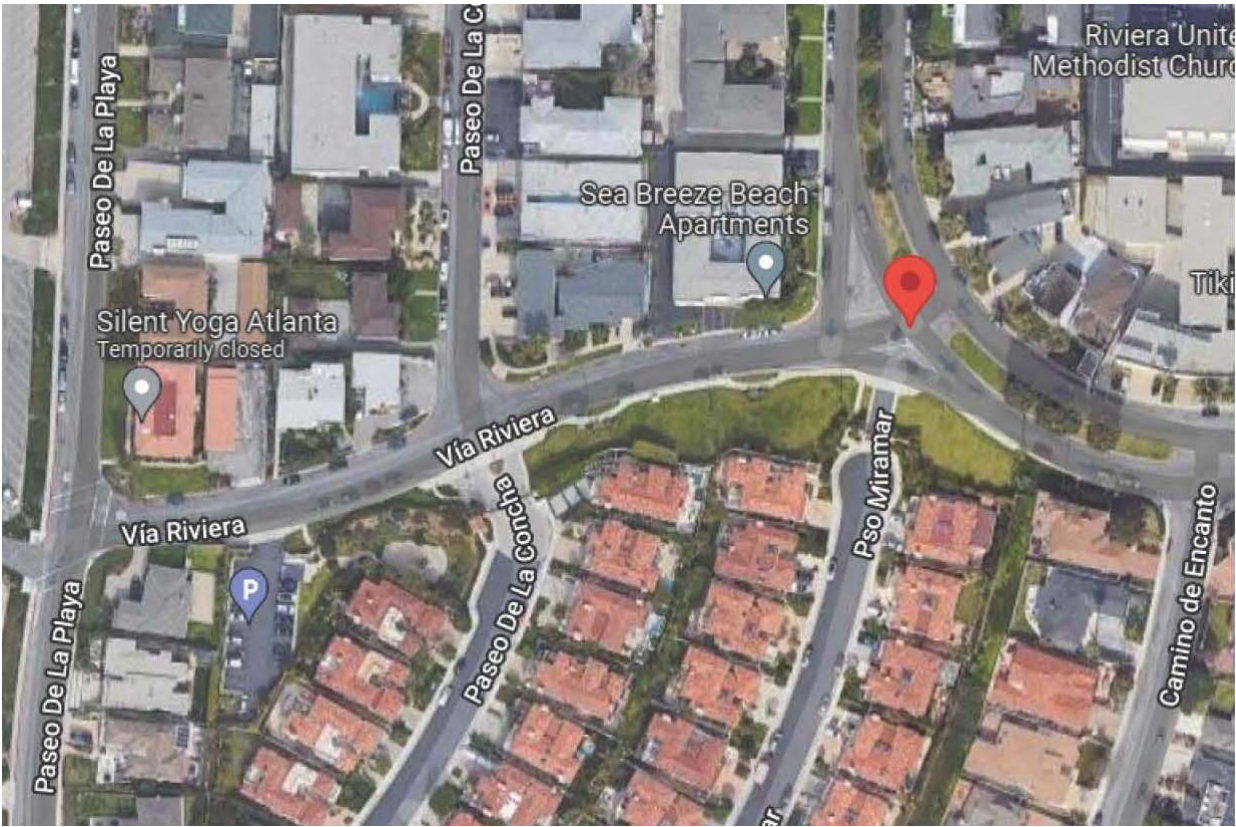
RE: Proposed Overnight Parking Restriction on Paseo de la Playa

We make the following comment to the proposed ban on overnight parking on Paseo de la Playa. I represent Riviera Beach Colony Homeowners Association in the capacity as President.

See the photograph below: Riviera Beach Colony is accordance with California Coastal Commission Permit No. 5-91-480, issued February 18, 1992, operates, and maintains a “Public Park” extending from approximately 100 Via Riviera and into Calle Miramar.

While we favor overnight parking restrictions along Paseo de la Playa, we voice our concern these persons and vehicles will move around the corner and overnight park along the Public Park extending along Via Riviera. Parking along Via Riviera is currently populated by vehicles owned to Tenants living in apartment building on Paseo de la Concha and Via Riviera. The Riviera Beach Colony Public Park is used by families and children residing in the general area. This Park will be an attractive to overnight offending vehicle owners should they be evicted from overnight parking along Paseo de la Playa.

We respectfully request Torrance Public Works and Torrance City Council consider that overnight vehicles currently parking along Paseo de la Playa will move their overnight domicile to the closest available area being the Via Riviera (along Riviera Beach Colony Public Park); and should the City of Torrance ban parking along Paseo de la Playa they extend this ban to Via Riviera curb along the Riviera Beach Colony Public Park. To accommodate homeowners, we recommend a “permit” system like the system used by Redondo Beach.



Again, we favor plans to remove overnight persons sleeping in their vehicles along Paseo de la Playa, and respectfully request this ordinance be extended to include the street parking along the Riviera Beach Colony Public Park. Having these vehicles and their inhabitants parked along Via Riviera would infringe, jeopardize, and endanger residents (adults and children) who regularly use the Park.

Faithfully yours,

Michael Lombard – President  
Riviera Beach Colony HOA



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**From:** Pamela Gorecki [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 4:03 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Overnight Parking on Paseo de la Playa

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I received an invitation to the zoom meeting regarding the issue of overnight parking on Paseo de la Playa.

I would support an overnight ban on parking in this area as I have personally witnessed behavior not acceptable in any neighborhood or residential area occurring along this stretch of road by people in cars parked at night. The majority of this has been drug use.

In general it wouldn't hurt to ban parking completely along this stretch of Paseo de la Playa. Perhaps create some loading/unloading zones.

There is excessive trash at all times left by the cars that park here.

Pamela Gorecki

**From:** Philip Jay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2022 11:46 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Public Comment Item 7A (4-1-22)  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1704.jpg; IMG\_1687.jpg; IMG\_1688.jpg; IMG\_1691.jpg; IMG\_1692.jpg; IMG\_1690.jpg; IMG\_1695.jpg; IMG\_1696.jpg; IMG\_1699.jpg; IMG\_1698.jpg; IMG\_1700.jpg; IMG\_1705.jpg

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I live at [REDACTED]. Our family has lived here since the 1960s. I STRONGLY URGE THE COMMISSION ENACT AND ENFORCE OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON NON-RESIDENT VEHICLES.

Over the last couple of years, more and more transients and campers have been camping out on Paseo De La Playa opposite the Torrance Beach parking lot. Most recently, I have noted about 12 such vehicles parked there day and night. Many of them only leave on street sweeping days. Several of them have out of state license plates. The numbers are increasing every week. They are there late at night and are there early in the morning. I walk the area daily and also drive by regularly at night.

There are also a few vehicles which are clearly used for business purposes. One in particular is a camper van being advertised for rent. This vehicle is parked in the same place pretty much 365 days a year and rarely is moved.

I strongly urge you to place overnight parking restrictions on these non- resident, transient vehicles and on vehicles advertised for hire. This is needed for the following reasons:

1. The condition of most of these vehicles is getting more and more run down. Many are dilapidated and appear to be barely operational. Some look like they are being used for storage sheds. This is a blight on an otherwise beautiful neighborhood.
2. The number of transient vehicles is increasing. The word is out because there is no parking restriction. This needs to stop now. We do not want our neighborhood to become like Venice or Santa Monica where dilapidated vehicles are parked everywhere and people dump sewage from their campers in front of people's houses. Paseo de la Playa is a residential street. It was never intended to be a transient camp ground for junk vehicles. This is blighting the area.
3. Parking in the area is already at a premium, especially in the summer months. These long-term campers and transients are needlessly depriving residents of adequate parking, which adversely affects quality of life.

I have attached pictures of some of the vehicles I see every morning on my walks. They are the same ones, parked in the same spaces everyday, and they rarely move. Others come and go and stay for weeks and months.

Please do not let Torrance turn into a haven for run down campers and other transients like we unfortunately see in other areas such as Venice, Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Now is the time to nip this in the bud and enact controls.

The solution is to enact, AND ENFORCE, a prohibition on overnight non- resident vehicle parking between 8:30 p.m. and 6:30a.m. which is the same as the Torrance Beach parking lot. This could readily be done with a resident permit sticker system that many cities in the South Bay already have.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Philip M. Jay



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**From:** Robert Amador [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2022 1:19 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed Overnight Parking Restriction on Paseo de la Playa

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I cannot attend tonight's hearing. However, please be informed I completely SUPPORT the proposed restriction.

I live right behind Paseo de la Playa on Camino de Encanto. I can testify that people do park overnight on Paseo regularly as if it was an RV parking lot.

That restricts access to the street and adds congestion and sometimes noise.

Thank you.

**ROBERT S. AMADOR, ESQ.**



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**From:** S Cameron [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 03, 2022 9:36 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Overnight Parking on Paseo de la Playa

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Thank you so much for addressing this problem. My name is Scott Cameron, living on Camino de Encanto. I walk my dogs twice a day walking through the Torrance beach parking lot en rte to the Esplanade, I have notice for at least a year now, numerous eighties type vans parked and obviously living o Paseo de la Playa. This problem has continued to get worse in the last few months. I have been so surprised that something hasn't been done prior to this. I am so happy to see that others must be discusted with this as well. It truly is starting to look like Venice. I guess it must be nice to not pay a penny in local taxes, and be able to live right on the beach with a beautiful ocean view. This is really out of control with the junk vans just moving to a different spot after a day or two. I am sure the graveyard Police Officers know quite well these vans and campers who have decided to live their lives on this street. Please pass this restriction to get a handle in this blight. Thank You members of the commission, Scott Cameron. [REDACTED].

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**From:** Stuart Hemphill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 5:04 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed Overnight Parking Restriction on Paseo de la Playa

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Hello,

We received a notice about an upcoming Traffic Commission Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 4. In this notice, a proposed parking restriction was described on Paseo de la Playa that would limit overnight parking between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera. Also in this notice was an invitation to provide input via email which is what we are providing here.

We oppose any new limitation that is greater than the existing parking limits set for street sweeping. Overnight parking is valuable for those living on this street and nearby. Limiting overnight parking would just force those who park there now onto adjacent streets, which are already constrained.

Those who park on this street now are required to move their vehicles at least once a week for street sweeping. Failure to move vehicles results in parking tickets. This consequence is sufficient to limit any long-term parking. As we walk down this street twice a day, we do not see any long-term parking taking place due to this existing street sweeping regulation.

Please do not further constrain parking in the Torrance Beach area. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Stuart and Karyn Hemphill  
Torrance Residents

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**From:** Susan Butler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2022 11:57 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Paseo de la Playa/proposed overnight parking restriction

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Ms. Angel Lotus,  
I own an apartment complex on Paseo de la Playa. I also live on site. The parking issue has overwhelmed our street! People living in the vehicles (not just RVs) has created both a health & safety issue. Broken glass, trash and litter is a major concern. There are no trash cans. People park in the loading areas- the white paint almost non existent. People parking in the red zones at night.

I walk 3-4 times daily. I have been frightened- passing by the large vans & RVs. There is no street lighting!

Some of these vehicles don't move for 6 days!

I know the City has received numerous calls. I'm glad the issue is being discussed.

My first choice is to restrict night time parking to all RVs, vans on Paseo de L Playa BUT if possible to have a tenant parking permit program added.

Once again Thank You giving this issue your attention.

Sincerely,

Susan Butler.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 11:54 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** April 4 Traffic Commission Meeting

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I live in the neighborhood which is impacted by the overnight parking on Paseo de la Playa which you will be discussing April 4.

I believe only residents in the area should be able to purchase permits for overnight parking (like they do in Redondo Beach at Ave. G&F) in this area.

I am aware that there are several people who live and sleep in their cars and I think this solution will help to prevent that.

Thank you  
Virginia Bredesen  
[REDACTED]