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TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA

JUNE 6, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS

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, June 2, 2022.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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: MAY 2, 2022

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

7A. City of Torrance Traffic Signal Communication Network

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 members of the Traffic Commission and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference or other electronic means.

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular session at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022, via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun reported the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd. and on the City's Website.

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas moved to approve the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

– None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

– None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 4, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the April 4, 2022, minutes as presented. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. SECOND MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTION ON PASEO DE LA PLAYA

Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun gave a second presentation pertaining to the proposed overnight parking restriction on Paseo De La Playa. The April 4, 2022 meeting covered the City's proposal of implementation for overnight parking restrictions on the West side of Paseo De La Playa from 9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. Staff investigated permit parking in the City of Redondo Beach and presented their findings.

Members of the public spoke.

Commissioner Thomas commended Staff for their outreach efforts and acknowledged the Coastal Commission comment made by Philip, a member of the public, agreeing that having a short-term solution in place is ideal. Commissioner Thomas inquired if the Coastal Commission had been reached out to recently. Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun replied and confirmed.

Commissioner Obejas inquired how vehicles would be monitored to avoid overnight parking. Torrance Police Sergeant David Koenig replied that a beat unit would manage the monitoring, helping to address RV parking, overnight parking, and criminal activity. Commissioner Obejas inquired to Staff if the 1:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. restriction would be permanent. Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun replied and confirmed that the restriction would be permanent; Staff will monitor and revisit if any issues arise.

Commissioner Gibson inquired if reaching out to the Coastal Commission would be a viable pursuit. Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun replied that Staff had presented the case to the Coastal Commission and that a Coastal Commission representative stated permit parking would be unlikely.

Commissioner Suruki inquired what kind of staffing would be available to enforce complacency for the new 1:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. restriction. Torrance Police Sergeant David Koenig replied that no additional staff would be dedicated; with the new time restriction there would be an education process that would be put in place followed by the issuing of citations.

Commissioner Thomas inquired about the notification and implementation process of the new restrictions. Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun replied that residents would be notified about the new signage and that the new restrictions would take time to implement. Commissioner Thomas inquired if the new restrictions would be implemented before July 4, 2022; Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun replied that new restrictions would be implemented after July 4, 2022.

Commissioner Obejas stated that it's imperative to let residents know the permits are not traditional permits; the permits pertain to an additional right to extend one's parking time.

Chairperson Kosidlak inquired about placements of the new signage. Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun replied that signage would be added to the existing signage displayed.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION

MOTION: Commissioner Thomas moved to excuse the April 4, 2022 absence of Commissioner Suruki. Commissioner Obejas seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Commissioner Obejas inquired about the work on PCH and Hawthorne. Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun replied that the project is in its phase one stages which will be completed end of May 2022. Commissioner Obejas inquired if fiber optics was being installed. Deputy Public Works Director Steve Finton replied and confirmed.

Commissioner Gibson inquired when in-person meetings would return. Deputy Public Works Director Steve Finton replied that the City Council has had discussions, but Zoom will continue to be the format for Commission meetings.

Additional members of the Commission spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 7:52 p.m., Commissioner Suruki moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Subject to Approval

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: City of Torrance Traffic Signal Communication Network

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission receive a presentation regarding the City's traffic signal communication network.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City maintains 124 signalized intersections throughout the city and a traffic signal control room located in the Public Works Maintenance Facility. The City's traffic signal communication network consists of a mix of approximately 18 miles of copper interconnect, approximately 4.5 miles of fiber interconnect, and Ethernet radio systems at 42 intersections.

The City is currently working to improve communications between the control room and each traffic signal through implementation of the following:

1. Ethernet Switches Installation
The existing communication network uses unmanaged Ethernet switches. The increased data demands of the system requires the installation of managed Ethernet switches. These switches will allow communication through multiple network layers and addresses the logical management of data transfer throughout the network.
2. Radio Communications
Radio communication is currently used to communicate with traffic signals with no hard wire interconnect. The City is currently installing several additional radios to bypass problem hardware interconnect and to provide redundancy.
3. Fiber Optic Interconnection Installation
In order to maximize the benefits of the managed traffic network, the City is seeking grant funding from Measure M Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program to enhance the traffic signal communications and upgrade the intersections to support new technology. The proposed project would include installation of an additional fiber backbone and installation of 12-strand fiber optic communication at intersections along completed fiber optic interconnect. Establishing a fiber backbone increases the capacity of the City's interconnect system and establishes dependable communications to each traffic signal.

Staff is providing an overview tonight of the existing conditions, improvement methodologies, and grant funding opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Brenda Moun
Engineering Manager