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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
AUGUST 1, 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, 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, July 28, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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: June 6, 2022

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

- 7A. Appointments of Traffic Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- 7B. Proposed Traffic Signal Installation on Hawthorne Boulevard at 238th Street

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, August 8, 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 7:04 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Thomas.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Habel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun reported the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd. and on the City's Website on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

– None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

– None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 2, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas moved to approve the May 2, 2022 minutes as amended. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Thomas).

MOTION: Commissioner Suruki moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Thomas. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Thomas).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CITY OF TORRANCE TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Public Works Director Finton stated that the City of Torrance maintains 124 traffic signals citywide. In exception to remote traffic signals, each traffic signal is connected to the Traffic

Management Center; communication between each intersection and the Traffic Management Center has been disrupted with the increase in data, affecting the Econolite Centracs System. Staff is looking to improve the communications system.

Associate Engineer Que presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding traffic signal communications:

- There are three types of connections that provide a link between intersections: copper cables, wireless antennas, and fiber optic cables.
- The current network has a flat configuration allowing networks to communicate via broadcasting. The network is prone to data-storms making communication unreliable.
- Operations Staff drive throughout the City checking for intersection setup issues due to lack of intersection communication.
- Ongoing project involves management switches at each intersection; each switch allows virtual local area networks. Intersections are grouped into five zones, each with a hub. Intersections at each zone communicate with their own hub. Hubs communicate with the Traffic Management Center making information transfer centralized.
- Another layer was created to group devices together; having multiple layers will eliminate data-storms and manage data transfers throughout the network.
- Reliability issues are due to old copper interconnect lines and outdated ethernet radios.
- A Measure M Grant application was submitted to design and install a fiber backbone for the City.

Commissioner Suruki inquired what problems are predicted during the transition. Deputy Public Works Director Finton replied that the current system cannot tell what time of day it is, this prompts crews to be sent out to input time of day. Times are set based on volume and offset.

Chair Kosidlak inquired if the fiber optics would be integrated with the South Bay Council Government's Project. Associate Engineer Que replied that there are no plans to integrate the fiber optics at this time.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton stated that Staff is trying to install conduit with three innerducts, providing scalability. The central computer system allows communication with the County of Los Angeles, sharing data with adjacent agencies and enhancing coordination across jurisdictional boundaries.

Additional members of the Commission spoke.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Habel stated that after 8 years on the Commission, this will be his last meeting; Commissioner Habel thanked Staff and the Commission.

Chair Kosidlak stated that after 4 years he will be moving on to other opportunities; Chair Kosidlak thanked Staff and the Commission.

Commissioner Suruki stated thanked Chair Kosidlak and Commissioner Habel for their leadership.

Commissioner Obejas thanked Chair Kosidlak and Commissioner Habel and commended their contributions.

Steve Finton thanked Chair Kosidlak and Commissioner Habel for their service.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 7:48 p.m., Commissioner Suruki moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, August 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Thomas).

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Traffic Commission Meeting
August 1, 2022

Agenda Item No. 7a

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

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, 2023; 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, 2023.

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 August 2, 2021, the Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Kosidlak as Chairperson and Commissioner Suruki as Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning on August 2, 2021 and ending upon appointment of a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

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, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
Public Works Director

By  _____
Brenda Moun
Engineering Manager

Traffic Commission Meeting
August 1, 2022

Agenda Item No. 7b

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Proposed Traffic Signal Installation on Hawthorne Boulevard at 238th Street

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission obtain public input regarding a proposal by Caltrans to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and West 238th Street.

BACKGROUND

Hawthorne Boulevard is a state highway under Caltrans jurisdiction. It is a major commercial and transportation corridor in Torrance. Presently, there is no traffic signal on Hawthorne Boulevard at 238th Street which allows vehicles to continuously travel on Hawthorne Boulevard Street between Skypark Drive and Pacific Coast Highway and requires motorists on 238th Street to stop and yield to oncoming traffic (Attachment 2 – Existing Conditions Map).

In September 2019, the City of Torrance received a request from a resident for a traffic signal installation on Hawthorne Boulevard at 238th Street to facilitate left-turn movements from eastbound 238th Street to northbound Hawthorne Boulevard. The email was forwarded to Caltrans for investigation.

Caltrans will present their findings and subsequent proposal of a traffic signal installation at the intersection at this meeting. Staff is bringing this issue to Traffic Commission to provide residents an opportunity to comment on this proposal.

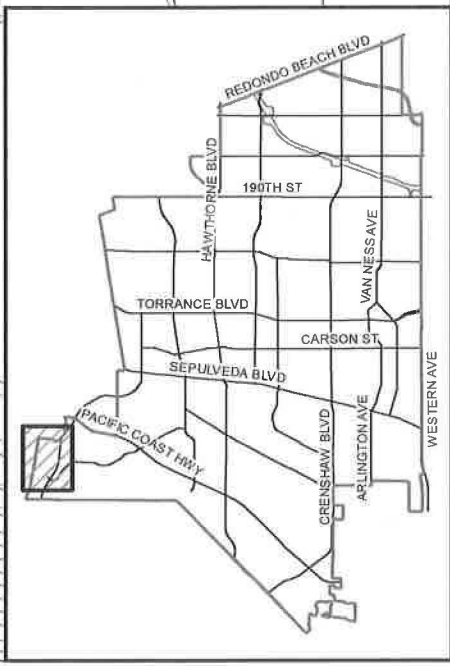
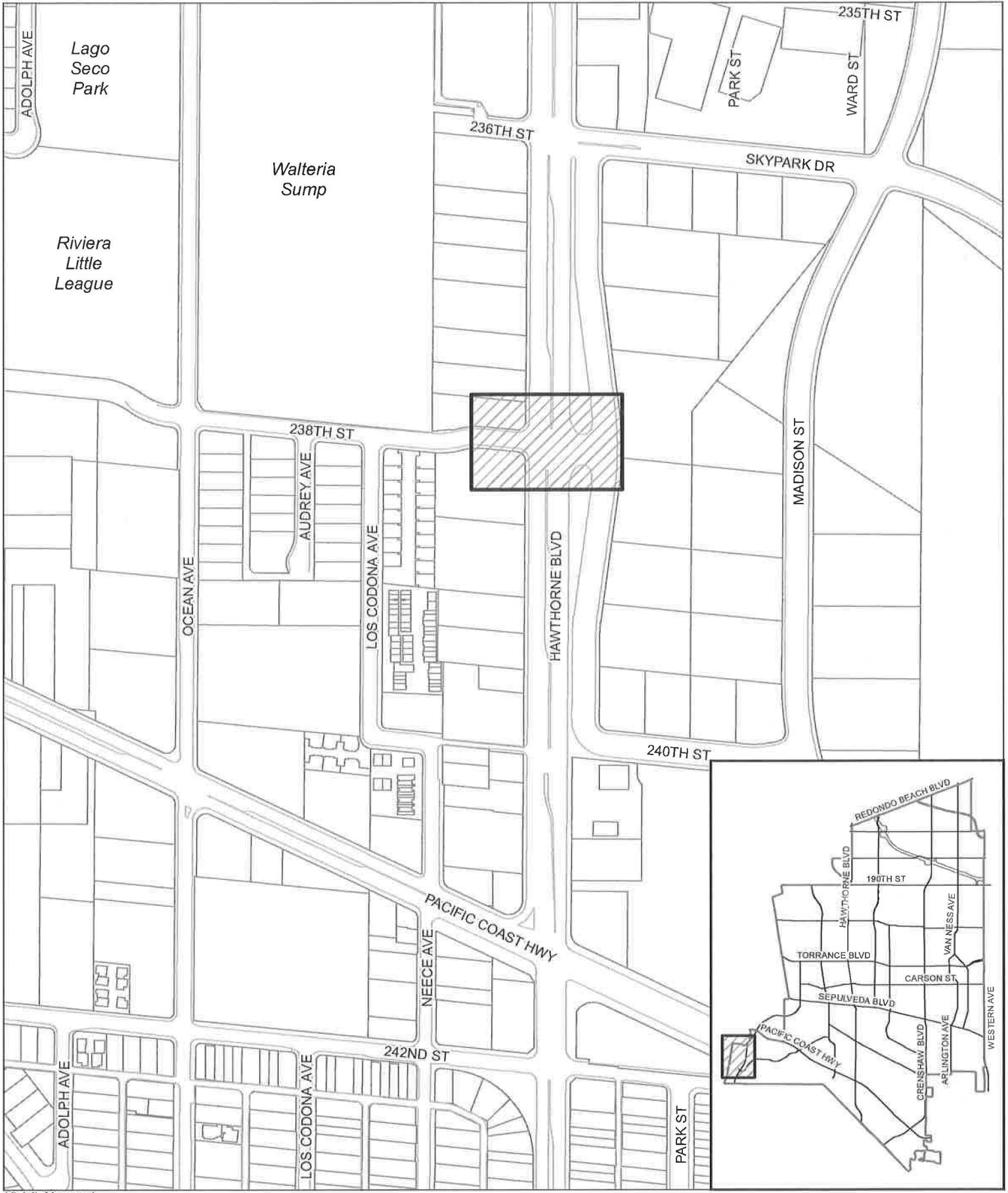
A public notice notifying residents of this meeting (Attachment 5) was mailed to 456 parcels in the area bordered by Ocean Avenue, 238th Street, Skypark Drive, Madison Street, and Pacific Coast Highway.

Respectfully Submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Attachment 1: Project Vicinity Map
Attachment 2: Existing Condition Map
Attachment 3: Public Notice
Attachment 4: Notification Area

By  _____
Brenda Moun
Engineering Manager

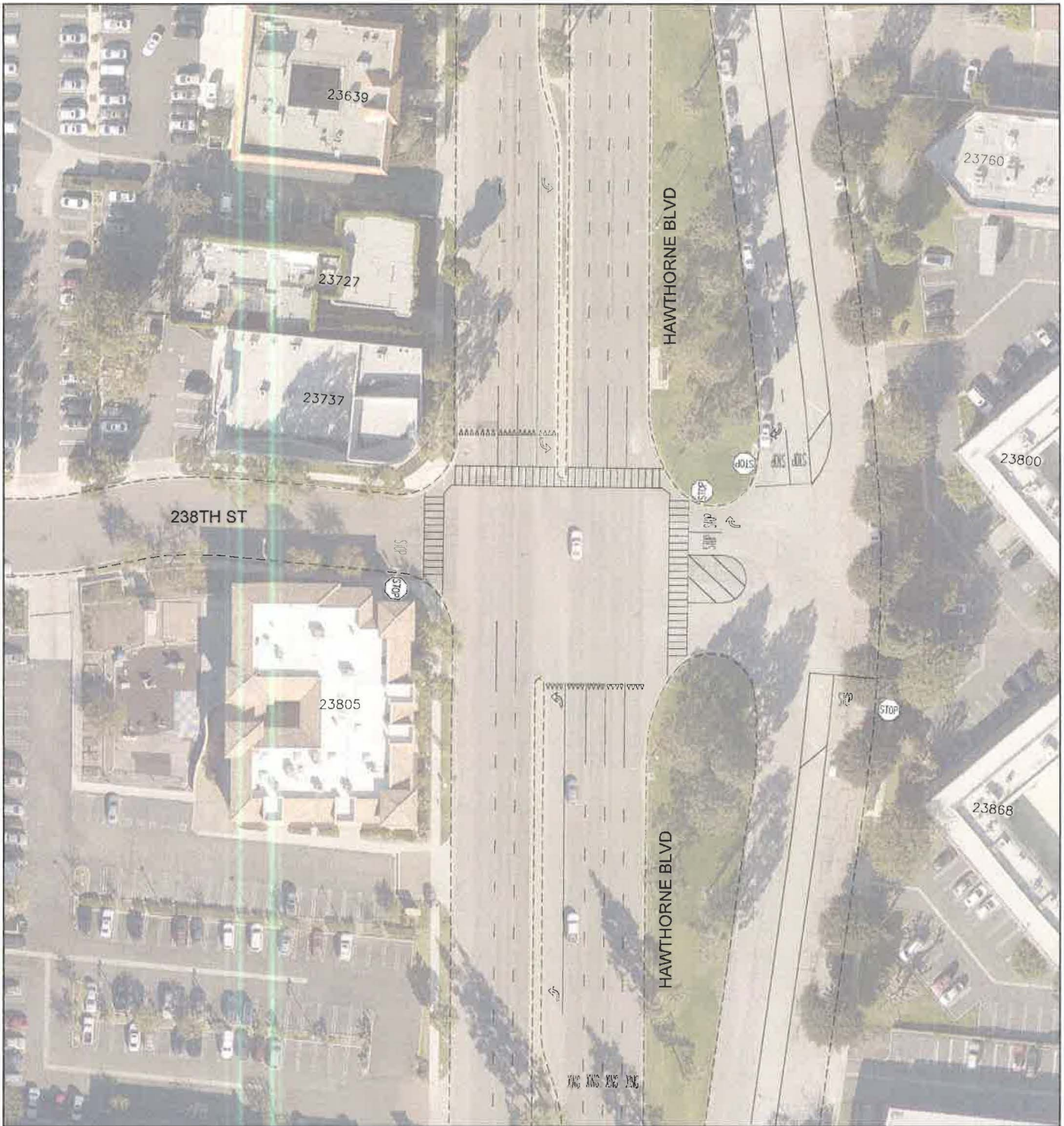


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 PROJECT AREA

Project Vicinity Map
Hawthorne Blvd at 238th St





 EXISTING STOP SIGN



CITY OF TORRANCE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC

EXISTING CONDITION MAP

PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AT WEST 238TH STREET



CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Proposed Traffic Signal Installation
on Hawthorne Boulevard at West 238th Street**

Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7 p.m.

**Via Teleconference (Zoom Meeting)
Details will be posted in the Meeting Agenda
on Traffic Commission website at:**

www.TorranceCA.Gov/2022TrafficCommission

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

On **Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will take public input regarding a proposal by Caltrans to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and West 238th Street. Hawthorne Boulevard is within Caltrans jurisdiction and Caltrans will present at the meeting. The proposal will affect traffic circulation in the area. We encourage you to share your comments.

We invite you to attend the Traffic Commission meeting via teleconference and provide input 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.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

George K. Chen

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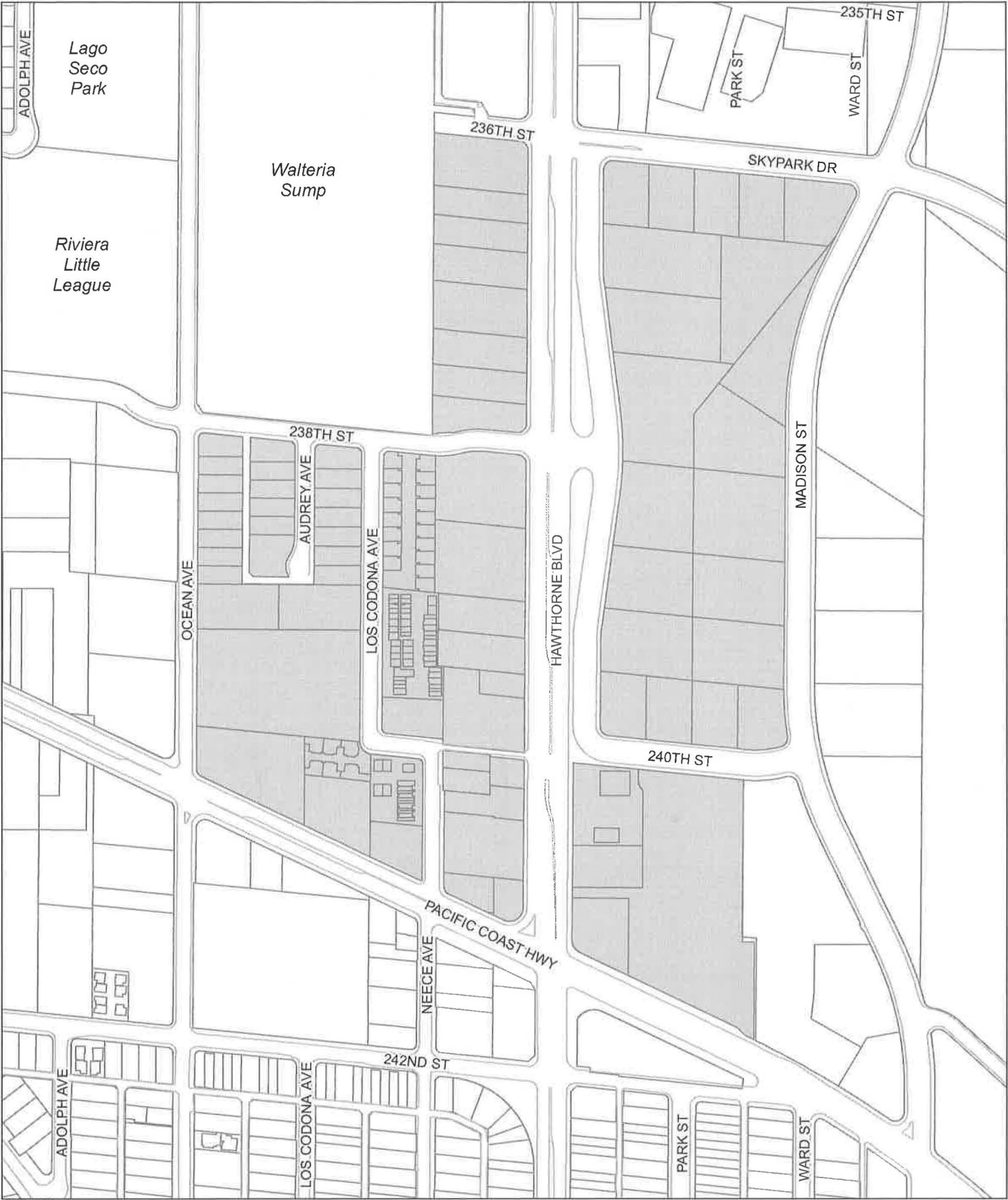
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Notification Area

