

Traffic Commission Meeting of
February 6, 2023


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 posting of the Agenda on February 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Brenda Moun
Engineering Manager

Attachments:
5 emails from Residents.

[REDACTED]

From: Richard Glimp [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 10:25 AM
To: PWTraffic
Subject: Traffic Engineering Request

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Regarding proposed permit parking in the Hollywood Riviera neighborhood I reside at [REDACTED] and regrettably cannot attend your Monday meeting. I would like to voice my support for permit parking in our neighborhood. We have seen an increased number of overnight parking on our street, as well as people dropping off their cars for prolonged periods. My support is predicated on enforcement, since I have heard that the city traffic control is stretched in its capacity right now. As such, I have never seen a car ticketed on this street when illegally parked on street sweeping days. I would be grateful for night permit parking in this neighborhood and am hopeful the City will agree to this.

Thank you.

Richard Glimp

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 3:50 PM
To: PWTraffic
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #7A

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I would like to say I support a proposal to implement **overnight** permit parking in the area west of Palos Verdes Blvd to the West of the City limits.

For over a year I have witnessed the number of vehicles on Paseo de la Playa occupied with people both living in and sleeping in them grow. Many of these vehicles never move. It becomes their own personal "space". Many of these vehicles are with out of state license plates and are using Paseo de la Playa as a free camp site. The blue VW bus is back- which is rented out nightly listed on Airbnb!

Those free spaces were intended for beach goers, residents, and visitors. I do believe posting **no overnight parking signs between 1 and 5 AM and at the same time issuing overnight parking permits to residents only who request them could easily solve this problem.**

Thank you for you time.

Debbie Sannes
The Real Estate Professionals

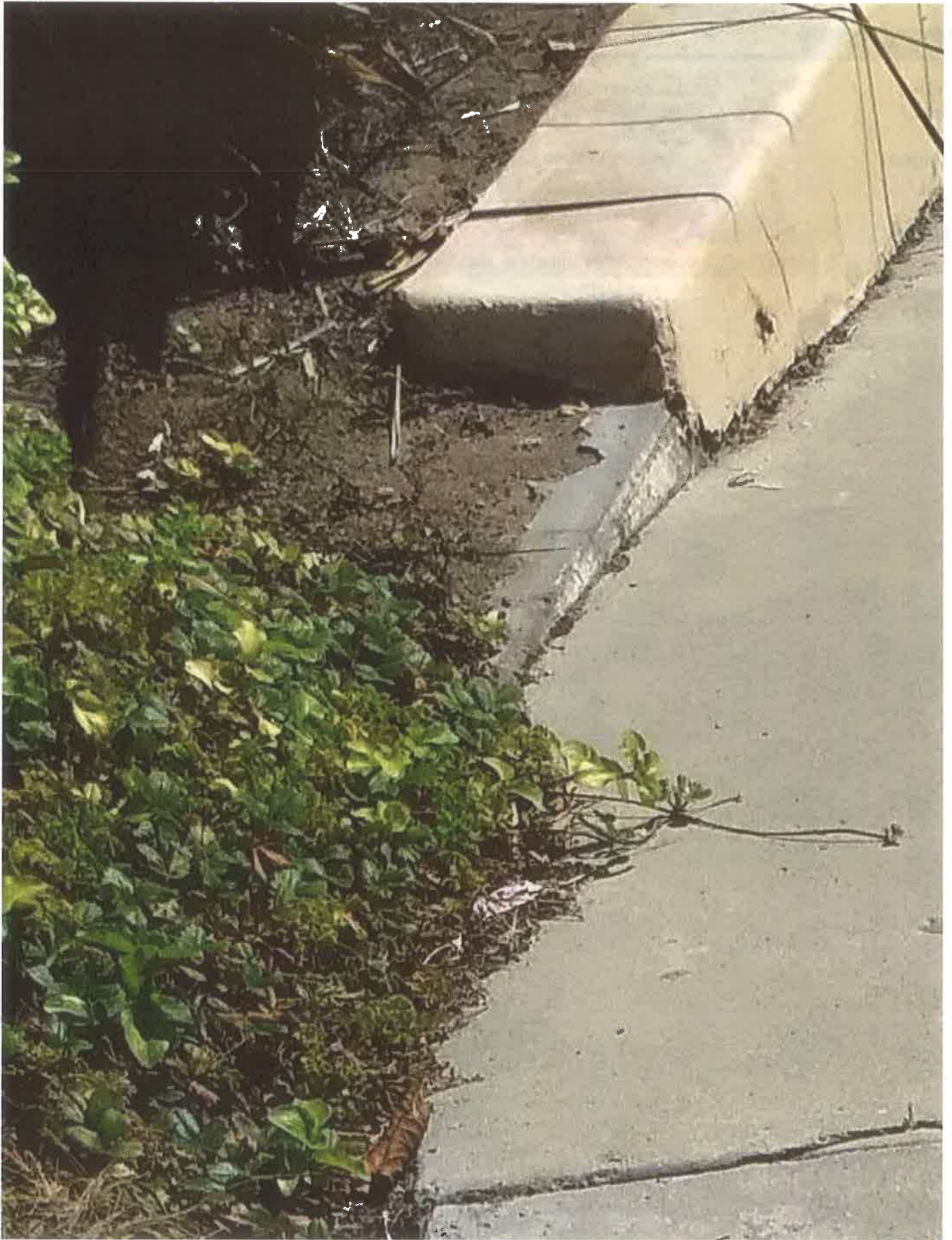
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From: Fereidoon Adli [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:49 PM
To: PWTraffic
Subject: Paseo De La Playa Parking

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Honorable members of Torrance City Council,

My name is Fereidoon Adli. I am a long-time property owner at [REDACTED]. Myself and other members of my family have lived at several addresses on this street for many years. We have always felt there has been an urgent need to address the parking on Paseo De La Playa.

As you are aware of, most of the buildings on this street were built in the 50's & 60's and because of the restrictions of Hillside Overlay, these buildings have not been able to upgrade and/or rebuild to the modern codes & standards. Therefore, most of these buildings are limited to one parking space per unit (the old building code) instead of the required 2 spaces. As a result, most residents rely on the street parking for their daily life.

I speak for many residents of this street, as we feel in frustration, especially with the availability of a large public parking across the street, that a few spaces left on our street should be reserved for the residents. Most drivers grab the free parking on our street rather than paying for public parking a few steps away. This is especially problematic at nights since many younger kids take advantage of our unlit street to engage in drinking, smoking and often even [REDACTED] in the cars right in front of where we live. Even our trash bins are often used by public since there's none available on the street.

Almost all neighboring cities recognize this residents' right to be able to park in front of their own homes and restrict and reserve parking for residents near beach-side or busy business streets.

No Parking signs indicating "Parking By Permit Only" even if not enforced routinely, will keep majority of the street spaces open for residents.

Paseo De La Playa should be the jewel of Torrance. Instead, sidewalks are often times littered with cigarette butts, empty bottles of booze, [REDACTED] and other personal trash

Since the public already have plenty of public parking and easy access right to the beach, we deserve to have the peace, quiet and safety, especially at nights, as any other residential neighborhood.

Our neighboring cities have long recognized that right and all have implemented night time parking restrictions for decades. Examples are Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, Carmel, San Francisco.....

Residents of Paseo De La Playa will be forever Grateful of your consideration and the proper action on this important and long overdue issue.

Sincerely,
Fereidoon Adli

[REDACTED]

From: Robin Geissler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:59 AM
To: PWTraffic
Cc: Ginger
Subject: Traffic Commission Meeting Today, February 6th

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Dear Traffic Commission Staff:

This email is in regards to the upcoming meeting about a proposal to implement overnight permit parking next to Torrance Beach. I am unable to attend the meeting but wanted you to know my thoughts.

1. The homeless parking situation along Paseo de La Playa in front of Torrance Beach has gotten out of hand. Those of us who live in the neighborhood no longer feel safe walking down our street to enjoy the Esplanade, especially in the early morning and at night. My first priority is to stop overnight parking in this area. There should be no overnight parking there between midnight and 6 AM.
2. The exception to overnight parking would be residents who are issued overnight parking permits. I support my neighbors who wish to use the parking spots close to their homes to park at night. Right now they can't do so because motorhomes, cars, and vans of the unhoused stay parked there 24/7.
3. Since we live on the beach side of Paseo de La Playa, we see a number of unhoused people sleeping on the beach, on the cliffs, and sometimes in our backyards. It sets a dangerous safety precedent for these people as well as for our neighbors. Better patrolling of this area is needed in the future.

Thank you for your consideration,
Robin Bacon Geissler
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Philip Jay [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:11 AM
To: PWTraffic
Subject: Permit Parking West of PV Drive

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I live on [REDACTED] and have been in this area for over 60 years.

I completely support implementation of an overnight parking permit system as described in your notice of hearing. It is long overdue and action needs to be taken before the area turns into a fulltime campground for derelict vehicles like we see in other areas of the county.

When the city cancelled the pilot "no overnight parking" measures, the adverse effect resurfaced almost immediately. This includes the following:

* There are several campers, RVs, and derelict vehicles parked on Paseo de la Playa and elsewhere. These are in various states of disrepair and are parked there seven days a week and overnight. The "campers" leave trash and human waste in the street and planters and the derelict vehicles are eyesores. The jewel of Torrance is becoming more of a skid row than an inviting area for families and residents to enjoy the beach.

*Many of the campers are from out of state and have license plates from New York, Arizona, New Jersey and the like. Rather than camp at an authorized location, these people find it cheaper (free) to simply camp in our neighborhood and leave their garbage and waste.

*There are often times when commercial vehicles are simply left parked for days on end, sometimes moved during street sweeping days. One in particular is a VW camper advertised for rent which rarely moves and is actually operated by a business located in Manhattan Beach. Apparently, the owner is not allowed to park in on the street there, so he gives us the burden of yet another eyesore in our neighborhood.

*The longer this goes on, the more the word gets out to other owners of campers, derelicts, etc. and the numbers increase daily. It exacerbates an already difficult overnight parking situation for residents in the area and the congestion spreads through all areas of the neighborhood.

Please do something to remedy this situation. We have been putting up with this long enough and we need a reasonable overnight parking permit system. Other beach cities have managed to implement such programs, there is no reason why Torrance cannot do the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Philip and Trudy Jay