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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
OCTOBER 7, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Endo-Roberts, Gibson, Nichols, Schwartz, Sharma, Suruki, Thoma

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE 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 3, 2024.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission 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. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

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. Approve Commission Minutes: August 5, 2024

6B. Accept and File the FY2023-2024 Traffic Commission Annual Report

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Continued Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, in the West Annex Commission Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Nichols, Schwartz, Suruki, Thoma, and Chair Sharma

Absent: Commissioner Gibson

Also Present: Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun, Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa, and Police Services Supervisor John Newman

MOTION: Commissioner Suruki moved to excuse the Monday, June 3, 2024, absence of Commissioner Endo-Roberts. Commissioner Thoma seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Gibson absent).

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Gibson. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Gibson absent).

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led The Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

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

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun reported that (1) Supplemental Item was posted Monday, August 5, 2024.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Thoma moved to approve the June 3, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 3-0 approval (Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Nichols, and Schwartz abstained, and Commissioner Gibson absent).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. APPOINTMENTS OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun presented Item 7A:

Commissioner Suruki nominated Commissioner Sharma as Chair.

Commissioner Sharma nominated Commissioner Thoma as Vice Chair.

MOTION: Motion made by Suruki to approve the appointment of Commissioner Sharma as Chair and Commissioner Thoma as Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Sharma. Motion carried unanimously.

7B. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL DISSOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE GARDENS PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun presented Item 7B:

- The City of Torrance has (4) established Permit Parking Districts.
- The Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District was created January 1996 [Ordinance Number 3420] to address parking concerns that developed due to overflow on-street parking from industrial businesses on the north side of Maricopa, as well as visitors to the courthouse on Maple Avenue.
- In 2005, uses of the property on the north side of Maricopa changed as industrial uses were replaced by the Belmar, a residential community.
- In 2017, an Item was brought before the Commission to remove the parking restrictions on the north side of Maricopa to provide alternative parking to Belmar to reduce parking impacts in the Torrance Gardens neighborhood. This, along with the changed characteristic of the neighborhood, parking incursions in the Torrance Gardens area diminished significantly.
- Residents within the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District apply for parking permits through the Community Development Department, but there is no cost recovery in place for staff's oversight of the district.
- Should the Commission concur with staff's recommendation, staff will prepare a future Item to City Council to amend Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.6.32 to remove the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.

Commissioner Suruki disclosed that she lives south of Torrance Gardens and visited the area.

Commissioner Suruki inquired on the objective of the Item. Public Works Engineering Manager Moun replied that recommendation of removal of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District is based on staff's observation that there is ample parking within the area. The original reason why a Permit Parking District was established was due to overflow of employee parking in the neighborhood from the industrial on the north side of Maricopa, but now that the industrial use area has been taken over by Belmar, there is no longer an issue of overflow parking. There is ample parking in the area.

Commissioner Schwartz disclosed that she drove the Torrance Gardens neighborhood and would base decisions on facts presented.

Commissioner Schwartz requested information on parking permits enforcement in the community and how much a fine would be for a violation. Police Services Supervisor Newman replied that the fine is \$43 and that zero violations have been issued in the Torrance Gardens area.

Members of the public spoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Nichols moved to concur with staff's recommendation to prepare a future item requesting Council to amend the Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.6.32 to remove the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-2 with Commissioner Gibson absent.

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun stated that based on previous years, the Commission went dark in January, July, and September to observe holidays, and presented (4) dates that are scheduled as dark nights in the 2024-2025 fiscal year: September 2, 2024; January 6, 2025; April 7, 2025; and July 7, 2025.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa reported that Vista Montana has been reopened as of Monday, July 29, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:04 p.m. Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Gibson absent).

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Agenda Item No. 6a

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Accept and File the FY2023-2024 Traffic Commission Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission accept and file the Traffic Commission Annual Report for fiscal year 2023-24, and request staff present it to the City Council.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

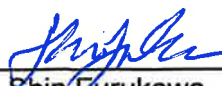
The Traffic Commission functions as an advisory body to the City Council for issues pertaining to traffic engineering and conditions throughout the City. Traffic Engineering includes items related to vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, traffic signals, signs, colored curb markings, pavement markings and striping, and on-street parking for all City streets. Traffic Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, excluding holidays, and a total of 8 meetings were held during fiscal year 2023-24.

Section 13.10.7(d) of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) states that "The Commission shall make an annual report to the City Council of its activities for the previous year and shall make such other reports as it shall deem necessary or proper."

The Traffic Commission Annual Report for July 2023 through June 2024 (Attachment 1) summarizes the activities of the Commission during fiscal year 2023-24. The annual report will be provided to the City Council in November.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment 1: Traffic Commission Annual Report

CITY OF TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2023 THROUGH JUNE 2024

Purpose of the Commission

The Traffic Commission is a seven-member advisory body to the Torrance City Council on traffic policy matters. The Commission makes recommendations regarding street and traffic improvements and means of improving traffic conditions, operations, and safety.

The Traffic Commission is regularly scheduled to meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. All meetings are open to the public. The meetings for July 2023 to June 2024 were held in the West Annex. City staff in attendance generally include Brenda Moun, Public Works Engineering Manager; Shin Furukawa, Deputy Public Works Director/ City Engineer; David Koenig, Torrance Police Sergeant; and John Newman, Police Services Supervisor.

Membership of the Commission

The following Commission members served on the Traffic Commission between July 2023 to June 2024:

MEMBER	OFFICE	APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT
Mario Obejas	Chair	2020
Arohi Sharma	Vice Chair	2022
Kathryn Endo-Roberts	Member	2023
Nester Farao	Member	2023
Michael Gibson	Member	2021
Ginny Suruki	Member	2023
Lucas Thoma	Member	2022

Meetings

In FY2023-24, the Traffic Commission met on the following dates:

August 7, 2023	November 6, 2023	December 4, 2023	February 5, 2024
March 4, 2024	April 1, 2024	May 6, 2024	June 3, 2024

Summary of Annual Activities

The major topics discussed by the Traffic Commission were as follows:

Proposed All-Way STOP and East-West Pedestrian Crossing at Ocean Avenue and 227th Street
 At the November 6, 2023 meeting, staff conducted a follow-up meeting regarding the proposal to install an all-way STOP at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and 227th Street adjacent to Arnold Elementary School. The Commission concurred with staff's recommendation to install a new east-

west marked pedestrian crossing and two new STOP signs on Ocean Avenue to create an all-way STOP at the intersection of 227th Street.

Assembly Bill 413

At the February 5, 2024 meeting, staff made a presentation on State Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413) which amends the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22500 to prohibit parking within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk to increase the safety of pedestrians. The practice called "Daylighting" is the technique of restricting parked cars adjacent to pedestrian crossings results in a wider driver sight triangle that allows drivers to see pedestrians and other vehicles sooner as they approach intersections.

Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street Traffic Signal Installation)

At the March 4, 2024 meeting, staff reported that the City successfully received Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant funding to construct a new traffic signal at the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Madison Street. The project includes protected left-turn phasing for Lomita Boulevard; a new marked crosswalk on Lomita Boulevard on the east side of the intersection; and reconstruction of curb ramps, sidewalk, and curb and gutter. Additional improvements include pedestrian push buttons with the "touchless" feature and traffic signal heads with yellow reflectorized borders for enhanced visibility. The project is currently in design.

Traffic Conditions Adjacent to Calle Mayor Middle School on Mayor Drive and Juan Avenue

At the April 1, 2024 meeting, staff reported on findings of an investigation of congestion on Mayor Drive between Calle Mayor and Juan Avenue adjacent to Calle Mayor Middle School caused by two-way traffic on the narrow street during student drop-off and pick-up times. The Commission took public input to better understand the experiences of affected residents, representatives from Calle Mayor Middle School, and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) members. Staff will take into consideration the public input received and perform further analysis of potential modifications.

Traffic Conditions Adjacent to Edison Elementary School on 182nd Street and Doty Avenue

At the May 6, 2024 meeting, staff reported on findings of an investigation of the intersection of 182nd Street and Doty Avenue pertaining to the visibility of the crosswalk, location of existing signage, and speeding on 182nd Street during student drop-off and pick-up times at Edison Elementary School. Torrance Police Department also provided a briefing of their response to traffic concerns in the area. Staff then took public input to better understand the experiences of affected residents, representatives from Edison Elementary School, and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) members. Staff will take into consideration the public input received and perform further analysis of potential improvements.

I-405 at 182nd Street/Crenshaw Boulevard Operational Improvements, T-155

At the June 3, 2024 meeting, staff reported on the I-405 at 182nd Street/Crenshaw Blvd Operational Improvements, T-155 project including the goals to alleviate congestion, improve safety and enhance traffic flow and operational conditions on the I-405 mainline at the Crenshaw Boulevard/182nd Street Interchange, its on-and-off-ramps, and interfacing local arterials in the City of Torrance.

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Continued Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission take additional public comment regarding the potential dissolution of the existing Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.

BACKGROUND

The City of Torrance has four established permit parking districts within the City. The Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District contained within the area bounded by Maricopa Street to the north, Torrance Boulevard to the south, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east and Maple Avenue to the west (Attachment 1) was created in January 1996 via Ordinance No. 3420 to address parking concerns that developed because of overflow on-street parking on Maricopa Street and in the Torrance Gardens neighborhood from certain industrial businesses on the north side of Maricopa Street and by visitors to the Court House on Maple Avenue. The overflow parking resulted in limited on-street parking for residents in front of their homes and increased the danger of traffic collisions.

The Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District included the posting of signs on each street within the District that restricted on-street parking to a 2-HOUR period from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Excluded from the 2-HOUR parking restriction are vehicles displaying a parking permit issued by the City of Torrance. Only residents who reside within the Permit Parking District are eligible to receive parking permits.

Since 1996, uses of some properties on the north side of Maricopa Street between Hawaii Avenue and Alaska Avenue have changed due to redevelopment. Industrial uses have been replaced by residential or less dense commercial/industrial uses. In addition to the Belmar townhome development constructed in 2005 which provides adequate on-site parking to residents, the parking restrictions on the north side of Maricopa Avenue from Maple Avenue to approximately 1000 feet east of Hawaii Avenue was removed. As a result, the need for non-resident parking in the Torrance Gardens area has significantly decreased.

On August 5, 2024, the Traffic Commission took public input and discussed the potential dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District (Attachment 2). During the public comment portion of the item, seven residents spoke in favor of keeping the Torrance Gardens permit parking district and one resident was indifferent. The City also received 39 email responses in favor of keeping the permit parking district.

ANALYSIS

Tonight's meeting will provide additional information and options in response to questions raised and statements made during the August 2024 Traffic Commission meeting. A public notice (Attachment 3) was mailed to all parcels within the District notifying residents of tonight's meeting.

Parking Requirements for Future Development

Assembly Bill 2097 as passed in 2022 prohibits a public agency from imposing any minimum automobile parking requirements on developments located with one-half mile of public transit, with certain exceptions. Based on the proximity of the Torrance Gardens neighborhood to the Mary K. Giordano Torrance Transit Center (within half mile of public transit), the City would be unable to impose minimum automobile parking requirements on nearby development projects, such as those that may be constructed within the City’s Housing Corridor Overlay. This may potentially exacerbate parking demand in the Torrance Gardens neighborhood. Therefore, one option is to keep the existing District as-is and make no changes.

Modification of District Boundaries

Another option to consider is to maintain the parking district but modify the district boundaries to a smaller footprint. Based on the changed land uses and associated reduction in parking demand, some of the original conditions necessitating the formation of the parking district no longer exist. Therefore, one alternative is to maintain the parking district but shift the westerly boundary to Hickory Avenue. This option would maintain parking restrictions on streets where existing industrial uses remain on the north side of Maricopa Street. Another reduced district boundary option is to reduce the District to only the north half of the neighborhood, from Maricopa Street to approximately 600 feet south for all streets.

Permit Parking Signs

There are a total of 116 existing permit parking signs in the Torrance Gardens neighborhood. Based on recent investigation, 88 of the signs are damaged and/or faded. If the District is to remain, all the signs should all be replaced.

Permit Fees

Currently, residents within the existing permit parking district apply for the parking permit through the Community Development Department at no charge. There is no cost recovery mechanism currently in place for staff oversight and management of the district, including but not limited to: administrative costs to furnish and issue permits and maintain records; parking enforcement; and labor and material costs to install and maintain signs and posts. If directed by City management, the City may consider a fee study to implement a cost recovery mechanism in the future. User and regulatory fees are established by the City Council based on a fee study and are set according to the estimated reasonable cost of service and should bear a fair and reasonable relationship to the payer’s burdens on, or benefits received from the activities and/or services provided by the City.

Additional information regarding the Permit Parking Districts can be found at <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/community-development/transportation-traffic/permit-parking-districts>

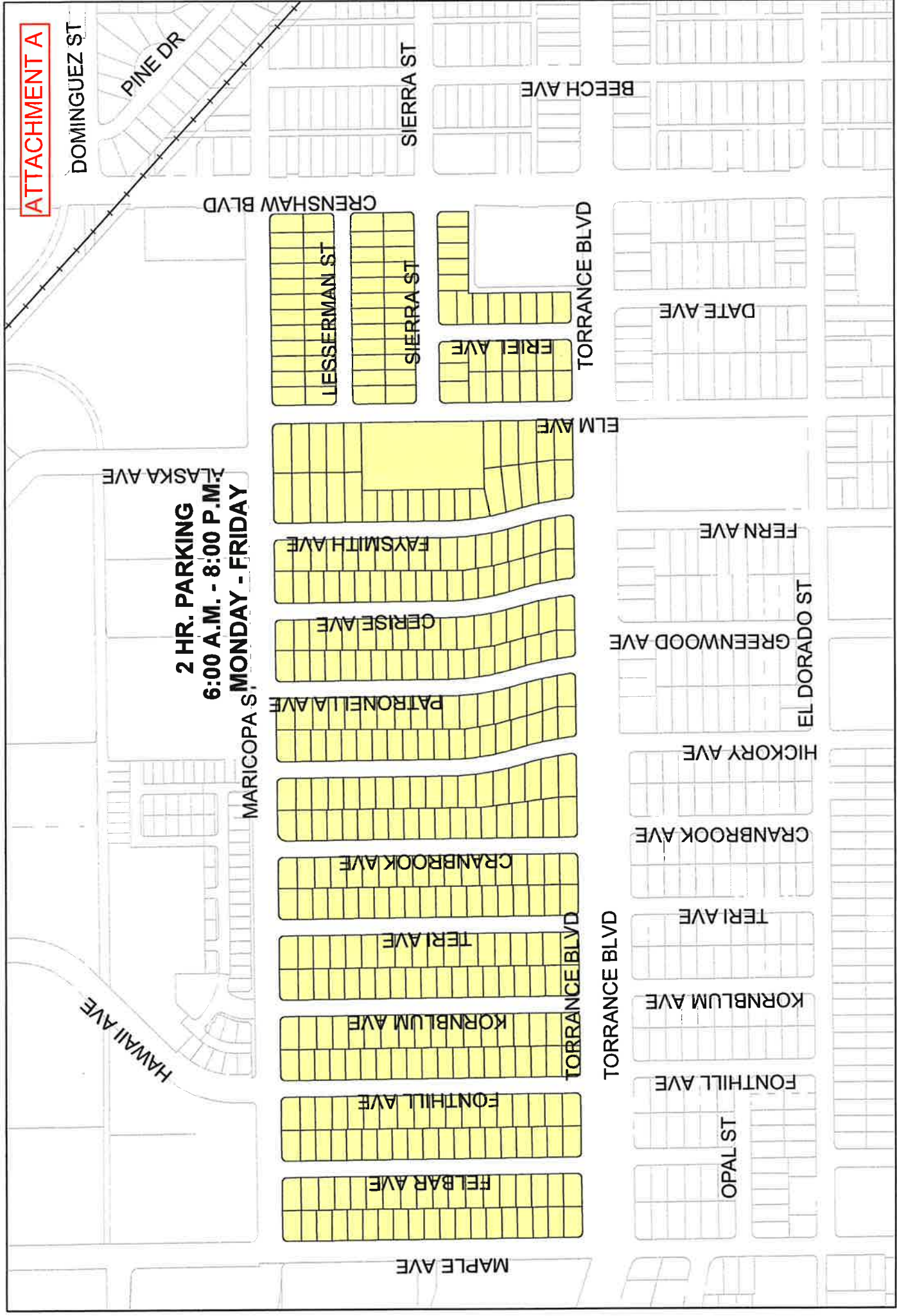
Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

- Attachment A: Vicinity Map
- Attachment B: August 5, 2024 Commission Report
- Attachment C: Public Notice
- Attachment D: Modified Boundaries Map

ATTACHMENT A



2 HR. PARKING
6:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
MONDAY - FRIDAY

City of Torrance
Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District
Vicinity Map

Traffic Commission Meeting
August 5, 2024

Agenda Item No. 7b

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission obtain public input and discuss the potential dissolution of the existing Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District bounded by Maricopa Street to the north, Torrance Boulevard to the south, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, and Maple Avenue to the west.

BACKGROUND

The City of Torrance has four established permit parking districts within the City. This item is to specifically discuss the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District which is contained within the area bounded by Maricopa Street to the north, Torrance Boulevard to the south, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east and Maple Avenue to the west (Attachment 1).

The Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District was created in January 1996 via Ordinance No. 3420 (Attachment 2) to address parking concerns that developed because of overflow on-street parking on Maricopa Street and in the Torrance Gardens neighborhood from certain industrial businesses on the north side of Maricopa Street and by visitors to the Court House on Maple Avenue. The overflow parking resulted in limited on-street parking for residents in front of their homes and increased the danger of traffic collisions.

The Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District included the posting of signs on each street within the District that restricted on-street parking to a 2-HOUR period from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Excluded from the 2-HOUR parking restriction are vehicles displaying a parking permit issued by the City of Torrance. Only residents who reside within the Permit Parking District are eligible to receive parking permits.

Since 1996, uses of properties on the north side of Maricopa Street have changed. Industrial uses have been replaced by residential or less dense commercial/industrial uses. As a result, parking incursions into the Torrance Gardens have diminished significantly. Additionally, parking incursions related to the Belmar townhome development constructed in 2005 were mitigated by removing parking restrictions on the north side of Maricopa Street in 2017.

ANALYSIS

Based on the changed characteristics of the neighborhood, staff is recommending the dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District to eliminate permit parking. Currently, residents within the permit parking district apply for the parking permit through the Community Development Department; however, there is no cost recovery mechanism in place for staff oversight of the

District. The dissolution of the permit parking district would allow removal of existing signs that are faded and will improve neighborhood aesthetics. Should the Traffic Commission concur with staff's recommendation, staff will prepare a future item to the City Council to amend the Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.6.32 to remove the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.

Public input is an important part of the City's decision-making process. A public notice (Attachment 3) was mailed to 437 parcels notifying residents of tonight's meeting. Attachment 4 provides correspondence related to this item received prior to the posting of the agenda.

Additional information regarding the Permit Parking Districts is available on the project website: <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/community-development/transportation-traffic/permit-parking-districts>

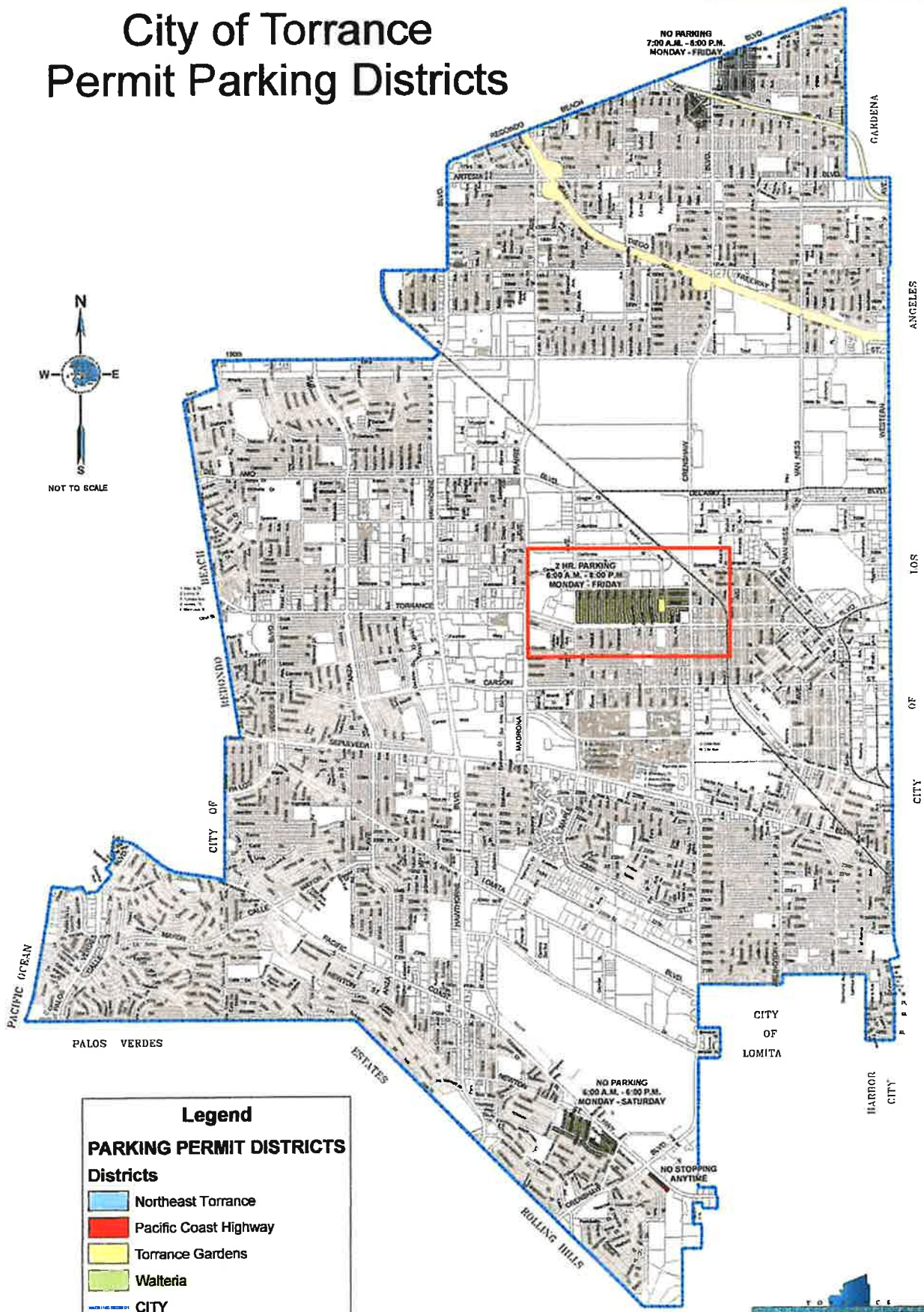
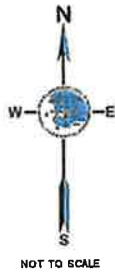
Respectfully submitted,

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 
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Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment 1: Vicinity Map
Attachment 2: Ordinance No. 3420
Attachment 3: Public Notice
Attachment 4: Correspondence Received

City of Torrance Permit Parking Districts



Legend

PARKING PERMIT DISTRICTS

Districts

- Northeast Torrance
- Pacific Coast Highway
- Torrance Gardens
- WALTERIA
- CITY



ORDINANCE NO. 3420 URGENCY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ADDING SECTIONS 61.6.32 AND 61.6.33 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PARKING AND VEHICLE STOPPING IN A DESIGNATED AREA OF THE CITY AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN URGENCY.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

That new Sections 61.6.32 and 61.6.33 shall be added to the Torrance Municipal Code to read in their entirety as follows:

“SECTION 61.6.32 - 2-HOUR PARKING - RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

A limited time parking district is hereby established within the City, composed of those streets bounded by Maple Street on the west, including the east side of Maple Street, Maricopa Street on the north including the south side of Maricopa Street, Crenshaw Blvd. on the east, including the west side of Crenshaw Blvd. and Torrance Blvd. on the south, including both sides of the service road. Within the limited time parking district, there will be 2-hour parking during the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Excepted from this limitation are the vehicles of those residents of the district, or guests, which display a sign, sticker or other identification which has been issued by the City of Torrance.

SECTION 61.6.33 - NO STOPPING - MARICOPA STREET

There shall be no stopping any time along the north side of Maricopa Street, for west bound traffic, between Crenshaw Blvd. and Hawaii Ave.”

SECTION 2

Original

The facts upon which this ordinance is declared to be an urgency measure are as follows:

Within the area bounded on the west by Maple Ave., the north by Maricopa Street, the east by Crenshaw Blvd. and the south by Torrance Blvd., a severe parking problem has developed because of overflow parking from certain industries abutting Maricopa St. on the north and by visitors to the Court House on Maple Ave. This has resulted in a great number of cars parked on the streets within the area, thereby depriving the home owners the use of parking spaces in front of their homes and increasing the danger of traffic collisions because of the number of cars parked along Maricopa street, blocking the views from driveways. It is imperative that these measures become effective immediately to protect the health, safety and welfare of the workers and residents alike.

SECTION 3

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4

Any person violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine as provided for in Section 36900 of the California Government Code.

SECTION 5

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately after the passage and adoption thereof, and the City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the Daily Breeze, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 23rd day of January, 1996.

Dee Hardison
Dee Hardison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John L. Fellows III
City Attorney

By William G. Quale
William G. Quale
Assistant City Attorney

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DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL DISSOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE GARDENS PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT

CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

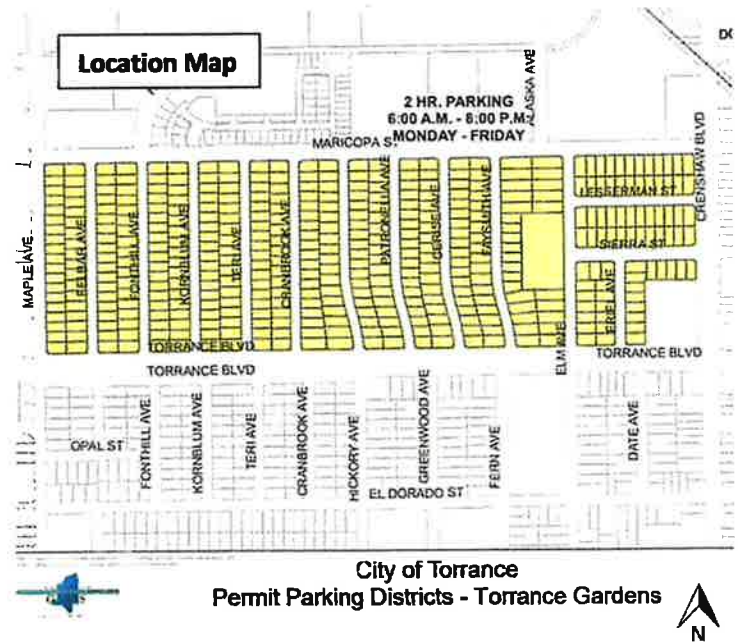
Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Torrance City Hall – West Annex Commission Room
3031 Torrance Boulevard**

On **Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, the City of Torrance Traffic Commission will take public input regarding the potential dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District in the area bounded by Maricopa Street, Torrance Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, and Maple Avenue.

Public input is an important part of the City’s decision-making process. You may provide input by speaking at the meeting or by submitting comments in writing to: TrafficCommission@TorranceCA.Gov by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Information about the subject topic will be included in the Commission Agenda Packet, which will be posted on Thursday, August 1, 2024 on the Traffic Commission website at: <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-clerk/commissions-and-advisory-boards/traffic-commission/agendas-minutes/-folder-5369>



For questions, please contact:

Brenda Moun, Engineering Manager (310) 781-6900

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[REDACTED]

From: Becky Robelotto [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 9:32 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Dissolution of Torrance Gardens permit parking

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Dear Asam Sheikh,

I understand that you were not in attendance at this vote that affected our area. I am not happy that we were not consulted about this and that the matter was voted on at 11 pm. Those of us that live in Torrance Gardens should have been consulted. We do not want to go back to having people park overnight in our neighborhood. Thank you.
The Robelottos Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: dolores vonbiela [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:20 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Permit Parking

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I am a Torrance Garden resident living on Faysmith, I am requesting that the Parking Permit parking REMAIN IN EFFECT.

[REDACTED]

From: diana poe [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 12:17 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Please continue Parking Permits for Torrance Gardens

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Please continue Parking Permits for the Torrance Gardens Area. We are already experiencing parking issues and with the change in zoning on Maricopa and the future plans for the Civic Center remodel this will increase substantially.

You will also need to replace a lot of the current signs that are faded and why we are experiencing additional parking on our residential streets by people that say they didn't see the signs.

Please listen to your constituents.

Concerned Torrance Garden resident

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 7:05 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: No Dissolution Of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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Please keep the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District as it is.

Thank you!

Joe Mancuso
[REDACTED] Faysmith Ave

[REDACTED]

From: Shirley Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Continue Parking Permits

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please continue the Parking Permits for Torrance Gardens. Based on the new residential zoning on Maricopa the impact of the new residential area will overflow into Torrance Gardens impacting the homeowners parking.

Torrance Gardens Resident
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Gina Geibel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

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Hi,

I live in Torrance Gardens, and I would like to keep the Parking Permits.

Thank you,

Gina Geibel

[Redacted]

From: Derek Poole [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Torrance Gardens -Parking Permits

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Derek Poole and I am the home owner at [Redacted] Faysmith Ave. Torrance (Torrance Gardens). It is imperative to keep parking permits in our neighborhood. This email is in reply to your 'Notice of Commission meeting' scheduled for August 5th 2024.

Thank you,

DEREK POOLE
Account Manager

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Kathleen Ringsby [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 10:29 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Fwd: Potential Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

10/29/2024

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Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Potential Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

Torrance Traffic Commission

I reside in Torrance Gardens on Faysmith. This is a wonderful neighborhood that has steadily been making decisions for the "greater good" at the expense of the long time. Voting, tax paying, loyal, residents.

Greater good-removing the beautiful 50 year trees replacing with sticks, installing the homeless encampment within steps of our homes, pushing the metro that this is the last stop with a forced exit in the evening with No place for the homeless riders to go but shop in our yards and crap on the corners, etc. then reduce requirements on our homes to no longer require garages, add ADUs. Changing the plunge, rezoning the acres at Maricopa to SA3 not even requiring a parking spot per apartment (singles) and with a mere 20 points can increase density 25 percent. The H mart has been sold to a bargain market, parking was already on the streets down little Torrance.

Many of the homes including mine have a shared driveway and can only fit one car per home. All of our streets have street cleaning on Tuesday or Wednesday meaning that two days a week only one side available. Many of the family's have become extended since Covid causing multiple driving persons per home.

Based on the above, please maintain the parking permits afforded to us by at least having a place to park in front of our own homes that we love and care for. Vote to NOT dissolve the Torrance Gardens parking permits.

Respectfully a very concerned Torrance Gardens resident.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: sharon genens [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 10:42 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Permitted Parking

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I am a Torrance resident. I live on Faysmith Ave. Please keep permitted parking as it has been. I have lived here long enough to remember the problems with parking that existed before residents brought the issues to the city and parking limits were imposed. There are probably many newer residents in Torrance Gardens who were not here to experience the problems that led to permitted parking.

S. Genens

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL DISSOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE GARDENS PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT

CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Continued Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

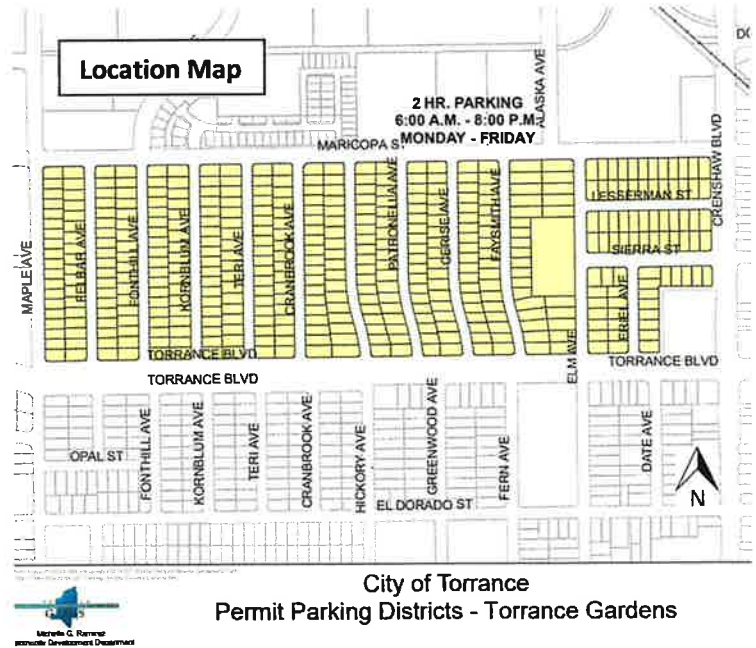
Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Torrance City Hall - West Annex Commission Room
3031 Torrance Boulevard**

On **Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, the City of Torrance Traffic Commission will take additional public input regarding the potential dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District in the area bounded by Maricopa Street, Torrance Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, and Maple Avenue.

This will be the second meeting regarding this topic. Staff will provide additional information to address resident concerns from the previous meeting held on August 5, 2024.

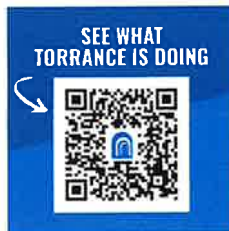
Public input is an important part of the City's decision-making process. You may provide input by speaking at the meeting or by submitting comments in writing to: TrafficCommission@TorranceCA.Gov



Information about the subject topic will be included in the Commission Agenda Packet, which will be posted on Thursday, October 3, 2024 on the Traffic Commission website at: <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-clerk/commissions-and-advisory-boards/traffic-commission/agendas-minutes/-folder-5369>

For questions, please contact:

Brenda Moun, Engineering Manager (310) 781-6900
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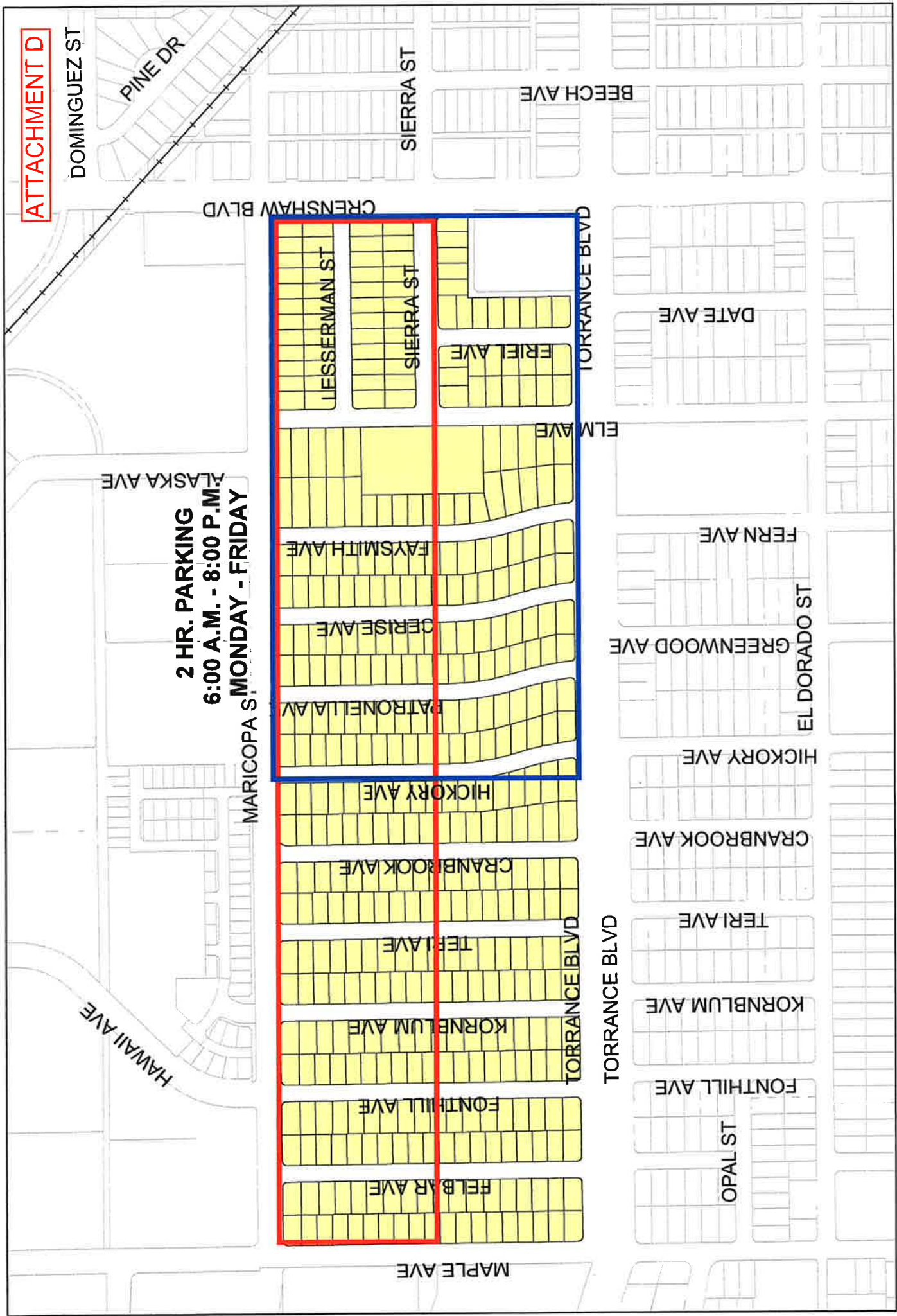
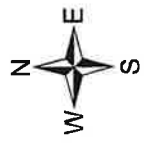
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**City of Torrance
Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District
Modified Boundary Options**

-  Option to shift easterly District limit to Hickory Ave
-  Option to shift southerly District limit to 600' south of Maricopa Ave