

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.
VARIOUS TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS**

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Call Meeting to Order

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Kurata at 6:04 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

b. Roll Call

The following Commissioners responded to the roll call by Deputy City Clerk Abbott: Commissioners Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata. Also present were Public Works Director Dillon, Sheriff Deputy Despot, and L.A. County Traffic Engineer Guilmette

Present: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Carmody, and Kurata

Absent: Commissioners: None

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 19, 2020 minutes

Commissioner Ballard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino to approve the minutes.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Carmody, and Kurata

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSE: None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

4. REQUEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON 250TH STREET AND WOODWARD AVENUE

Traffic Advisor Guilmette presented the staff report (noting that her observations had taken place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown) as per the agenda material.

Commissioner Ballard stated that drivers might approach the intersection more cautiously, especially during events at the Railroad Museum, if a crosswalk were placed there. In response, Traffic Advisor Guilmette stated that special events normally take place on weekends when there is less traffic.

In response to a question from Chair Kurata, Deputy Despot said there have been no reports regarding speeding at the intersection.

Chair Kurata stated that the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium utilizes crossing guards during events. Commissioner Ballard stated that perhaps volunteer crossing guards could be used at this intersection during Railroad Museum events.

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sloane to replace the existing Pedestrian Crossing warning sign (W11-2) and "AHEAD" sign (W16-9p) with new signs with a fluorescent yellow-green background on the north side of 250th Street at a point 250 feet east of Woodward Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata
NOES: Commissioner: Ballard
ABSENT: None
RECUSE: None

5. REQUEST FOR A RED CURB AT 25925 NARBONNE AVENUE

Traffic Advisor Guilmette presented the staff report as per the agenda material.

Deputy Despot stated that there is no ambiguity regarding parking in red zones, and the Sheriff's Department actively enforces such violations.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino that the Public Safety Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council to approve the following:

1. Removal of two segments of red curb from the frontage of 25925 Narbonne Avenue (as shown in the report), and
2. Installation of 25 feet of red curb on the west side of Narbonne Avenue south of the driveway at 25925.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSE: None

6. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT ESHELMAN AVENUE AND 255TH STREET

Traffic Advisor Guilmette presented the staff report as per the agenda material.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino to approve the following:

1. Replacement of each "STOP" sign (R1-1) at the north, south and west approaches with the newer retroreflective signs at the intersection of Eshelman Avenue at 255th Street,
2. Installation of an "ALL WAY" plaque (R1-3P) below each "STOP" sign (R1-1) at the north, south and west approaches at the intersection of Eshelman Avenue at 255th Street,
3. Evaluation of the intersection for a crossing guard once schools are back to normal conditions, and
4. Continuation of Lomita Sheriff's directed speed enforcement along Eshelman Avenue near 255th Street.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSE: None

7. DISCUSSION OF REVISED TRAFFIC CONTROL POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Director Dillon presented the staff report as per the agenda material.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sloane to recommend to City Council to approve the revised Traffic Control Policy.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSE: None

8. UPDATE ON PROPOSED CIP PROJECTS FOR FY 2020-2021

Director Dillon presented the staff report as per the agenda material.

In response to a question from Vice-Chair Carmody, Director Dillon stated that all water in the City is currently supplied by the Metropolitan Water District. She added that the City received a \$2 million grant toward the Cypress Water Production Facility – Granular Activated Carbon Filtration Treatment Project. The benzene source has still not been identified.

9. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES - Informational only, no staff report.

Deputy Despot stated that many inmates have been released from local jails due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and offenders are often merely booked and released for lesser crimes at this time.

10. UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL ANTI-GANG AND DRUG FREE WALK

Deputy City Clerk Abbott stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant school closures, the City cancelled the annual Anti-Gang/Drug-Free Walk. As an alternative, LAUSD is putting on a virtual event called “Lomita Students Say No to Drugs” on Tuesday, May 26 at 10 a.m., with both City Council Member Segawa and Deputy Despot participating.

Deputy Despot stated that he is planning a remote demonstration with a Sheriff canine, and he expressed his disappointment that The Walk had to be cancelled.

OTHER MATTERS

11. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice-Chair Carmody asked about new “No Parking” signs northbound on Palos Verdes Drive North. Director Dillon stated that to her knowledge the City did not install the signs, but there is a contractor doing work on behalf of a developer in San Pedro, and the signs may be related to that project.

Commissioner Ballard stated that he had recently sent Public Works a picture of a dangerous sidewalk situation at 1718 247th Street, and asked if that location is in fact in the City of Lomita. Director Dillon stated that she would look into the situation.

12. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – Chair Kurata

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – Commissioner Cozzolino

13. STAFF ITEMS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Abbott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda E. Abbott, Deputy City Clerk