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Irene Kurata, Vice-Chair  
John Carmody, Commissioner  
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**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- a. Call Meeting to Order
- b. Flag Salute
- c. Roll Call

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

*Persons wishing to speak on items or subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. Please state your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a 3-minute time limit per person has been established. Government Code Section 54954.2 prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on a specific item unless it appears on a posted agenda.*

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2024**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the minutes.

**4. SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- a. **REPORT ON 247<sup>TH</sup> STREET AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
(Informational only)

*Presented by Interim Public Works Director Hernandez*

- b. **“FOLLOW ME, I’M GANG AND DRUG FREE” WALK UPDATE** (Informational only, no staff report)

*Presented by Deputy City Clerk Abbott*

c. **SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

d. **STAFF UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

**5. OTHER MATTERS**

a. **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

b. **COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesday, August 6, 2024, and Tuesday, August 20, 2024

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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Date Posted: July 10, 2024



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Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024**

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- a. The regular meeting of the Lomita Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Ballard at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in the Commission Conference Room at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.
- b. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission led the salute to the flag.
- c. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Dillon, Traffic Advisor Dykstra (via Zoom), Management Analyst Vida, and Deputy City Clerk Abbott

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Ballard announced the time for Oral Communications.

Ernest Unland, Lomita resident, shared various traffic and parking concerns, and expressed interest in participating in Neighborhood Watch.

As there were no further requests from the public to speak, Chair Ballard closed Oral Communications.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 21, 2024**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the minutes.

Commissioner Carmody made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pace, to approve the recommended action.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

#### 4. SCHEDULED MATTERS

##### a. REPORT ON ASSEMBLY BILL 413, CROSSWALK VISIBILITY (Informational only)

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material. Also known as the “daylighting bill,” AB 413 amends the California Vehicle Code to prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of any vehicle within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, or 15 feet where a curb extension (bulbout) is present. Daylighting intersections provides valuable safety benefits to people driving, biking, and walking, and this type of parking prohibition is already in force in 43 other states.

After a brief Commission discussion, Chair Ballard invited a motion.

Vice-Chair Kurata made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino, to receive and file the report.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

##### b. UPDATE ON THE 2024-29 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Informational only)

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material. A study and report are required every four years to retain the City’s Prop C funding. One outcome of the study is a PCI (pavement condition index) which rates each street and the City as a whole on a scale of 0-100. A PCI comparison between 2011 to 2024 was shared, which showed significant improvement over that time. This year, the consultant included alleys that were historically overlooked. The City received an overall rating of 74.8, a 2.3% increase since 2021. 75% of the pavement in Lomita is rated as good or better.

After a brief Commission discussion, Chair Ballard invited a motion.

Commissioner Pace made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carmody, to receive and file the update.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

##### c. “FOLLOW ME, I’M GANG AND DRUG FREE” WALK UPDATE (Informational only, no staff report) *\*Poster contest judging to take place immediately following adjournment*

Deputy City Clerk Abbott provided the update on the event.

**d. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

None.

**e. STAFF UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

Director Dillon had nothing to report.

**5. OTHER MATTERS**

**a. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Commissioner Cozzolino stated that at a March City Council meeting, complaints were heard relative to Athens Services picking up trash as early as 6:00 a.m.

Commissioner Carmody commented on the following from the March City Council meetings:

- Garbage collection complaints
- Monies put aside for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks enforcement
- Baseball field discussion
- South Bay Local Travel Network

He also shared traffic concerns.

Director Dillon stated that there is a project in the works to look into traffic signal coordination on Western Avenue.

**b. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Commissioner Cozzolino will attend the Tuesday, May 7, 2024, City Council meeting; Vice-Chair Kurata will attend the Tuesday, May 21, 2024, City Council meeting.

**c. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2024-2025**

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pace, to nominate Chair Ballard as Chair.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard  
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pace, to nominate Vice-Chair Kurata as Vice-Chair.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned, in memory of Lomita Station Deputy Daniel Okamoto, at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk



## CITY OF LOMITA COMMISSION REPORT

**TO:** Public Safety & Traffic Commission **Item No. 4a**

**FROM:** Lina Hernandez, Interim Public Works Director

**MEETING DATE:** July 17, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Report on 247<sup>th</sup> Street Area Water Main Replacement Project

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Informational Only.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Lomita owns and operates a State-regulated water system consisting of 41 miles of underground piping ranging from 2-inches to 16-inches in diameter with approximately 797 valves, 470 hydrants, and 55 flushing points. Approximately 70% of the city's water distribution system was constructed between 1928 and 1970.

The current water mains in the project area were constructed in 1928 and are prone to breaks and leaks due to their age (96 years). If a major break were to occur in this area due to the weak pipes or a natural disaster such as an earthquake, 12 private properties with 15 residential units could potentially be impacted by flooding and water damage. One of the water mains identified in the project runs through multiple private properties instead of the preferred and more accessible public street. If this water main were to break, significant flooding could occur to the backyards and homes located on these properties. Repairing a main break within private property would likely take longer due to difficulties in accessing the worksite, which could potentially increase the level of damage caused by flooding. Furthermore, the current 4-inch diameter pipes are undersized which restricts the fire flow demand in case of an emergency.

### **DISCUSSION**

The project aims to mitigate this potential hazard by permanently abandoning the water main running north and south through private properties crossing 246<sup>th</sup> Street, 247<sup>th</sup> Street, 247<sup>th</sup> Place and 248<sup>th</sup> Street. The new water main will extend from 246<sup>th</sup> Street beyond City boundaries, loop within the City of Los Angeles right-of-way along Western Avenue (which is Caltrans' right of way), and reconnect with the City of Lomita along 247<sup>th</sup> Street, 247<sup>th</sup> Place, 248<sup>th</sup> Street and Lomita Blvd. This project includes the construction of approximately 3,300 linear feet of 6-inch PVC water pipeline, along with necessary additions such as fire hydrants, valves, services and fittings.

With this project, the new water mains will reduce the risk of breaks and leaks and improve fire flow conditions. This will help decrease water damage and fire hazards which can save lives, property, infrastructure and improve public safety in the city. Street rehabilitation in the project area will be completed in phases as funding is secured (Zone G Street Rehabilitation Project).

The project is slated to begin this month and will continue until March 2025. The city will use its available outreach mediums including the website, newsletters, and social media platforms to update residents, drivers, local businesses and nearby schools of street closures required for this project. For everyone's safety, it is advisable to consider alternative driving and parking options.

The total project cost is estimated at \$2.5 million and will be partially funded through a FEMA Mitigation Assistance Grant.

**OPTIONS**

1. Discussion Only.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None, receive and file.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Map of Project Area

Prepared by:



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Lina Hernandez  
Interim Public Works Director





# **LOCATION MAP**

NOT TO SCALE