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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
MARCH 7, 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, Habel, Chair Kosidlak, 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, March 3, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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: DECEMBER 6, 2021

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

7A. Proposed STOP Sign Installations on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St Andrews Place.

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, April 4, 2022 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 at 7:08 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Farao, Gibson, Obejas, and Thomas.

Absent: Commissioners Habel and Suruki, Chairperson Kosidlak.

Also Present: Deputy Public Works Director Finton, Associate Engineer Lotus, Engineering Manager Moun, and Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Obejas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Deputy Public Works Director Finton reported the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd. and on the City's Website on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Deputy Public Works Director Finton announced there was one supplemental item for Agenda Item 7B.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Public Works Director Finton stated that Commissioners Habel, Chairperson Kosidlak, and Suruki requested excused absences this evening, Monday, December 6, 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas moved to excuse Commissioners Habel, Chairperson Kosidlak, and Suruki. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (absent Commissioners Habel and Suruki, and Chairperson Kosidlak).

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 1, 2021

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected motion failed (Commissioners Gibson and Thomas abstained, Commissioners Habel, Suruki, and Chairperson Kosidlak absent). Approval of Minutes deferred to the next meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas moved to defer the minute's approval to the next meeting in February. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (with Commissioners Habel, Suruki, and Chairperson Kosidlak absent).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CONSIDERATION TO CHANGE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING START TIME

Deputy Public Works Director Finton presented a consideration that came before the body in November regarding changing the start time from 7:00 p.m. to either 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. to align with the 6:30 p.m. City Council meetings.

Commissioner Obejas stated that he did not see a reason to change the start time, as there is nothing that ties the Traffic Commission to the City Council. Commissioner Obejas requested consideration for working individuals.

Commissioner Farao stated that he preferred the starting time to remain the same at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gibson stated that he agreed with Commissioner Obejas and Farao; it would be harder for the public to attend meetings with an earlier start time. Commissioner Gibson preferred the starting time to remain the same at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Thomas stated that he did not have a problem with the change but did not see a need to make the change in start time.

MOTION: Commissioner Obejas moved to keep the commission meetings at 7:00 p.m. start time. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval with Commissioners Habel, Suruki, and Chairperson Kosidlak absent.

7B. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS

Deputy Public Works Director Finton gave a presentation. The presentation covered projects and funding Public Works are working on. He discussed how Public Works funds projects and operations. Public Works funds their projects through tax measures and propositions; Metropolitan Transportation Commission collects the funds and the City receives the funds through local returns, which pay for paving and transportation projects.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton discussed SB-1, a layered fuel tax, which contributed to street improvements, and Measure W, which contributes to storm water related improvements.

In response to Commissioner Thomas inquiry about Measure W and if funds received would contribute to street sweeping and gutter clearance; Deputy Public Works Director Finton responded it could be but is currently geared toward storm water improvement.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton stated applications were submitted for installation of dedicated right turn lanes at Hawthorne and Lomita and Hawthorne and 92nd Street to remove conflict between right turning vehicles and pedestrians. Three additional local projects under the Transportation System and Mobility Improvement Program include the City of Torrance Fiber Network and Traffic Signal Optimization project which will look at installing fiber networks and fully optimizing the traffic coordination signals; City of Torrance Touchless Pedestrian Push Improvements which will look at installing 960 touchless motion / audio detecting pedestrian sensors; and the Torrance School Safety and Accessibility Program, Phase II which will cover six schools in North Torrance. The Clean California Program, a state project, looks for improvements to beautify the city; Deputy Public Works Director Finton and his team submitted applications to beautify Caltrans on / off-ramps, specifically the Crenshaw off-ramp, Artesia, Prairie, and the off-ramp off 190th and Western to make it less susceptible to trash collection and camping.

Commissioner Obejas inquired about the monument sign that used to be on Pacific Coast Highway, East of Prospect, and asked if another monument would replace it. Deputy Public Works Director Finton stated the matter is under review.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton continued with federal projects, South High Storm Drain Channel project and the Torrance Airport Storm Water Basin project. The South High storm drain channel built in the 1950's by the school with the objective to let the city take over; this did not happen and never made it in the city's inventory to manage. With no upkeep, the walls for the storm drain have collapsed into a channel. Public Works built a temporary retaining structure and requested funds from the federal government to conduct a hydrology study to run piping below grade. The Torrance Airport Water Basin project will investigate building a large underground retention to retain water and pump into the sewer; the water will dilute the sewers, go into a sanitization plant where the water will be treated and injected back into the aquifer.

8. COMMISSION & STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Gibson inquired about the missing sign on Lomita Boulevard and its replacement. Deputy Public Works Director Finton stated that it is in the process of being ordered.

Commissioner Thomas mentioned his concern about the dedicated bike lanes next to the roads and the trash accumulation that has been present due to street sweepers not having access.

In response to Commissioner Thomas inquiry, Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig stated that Traffic Division will start part-time at the Christmas Lights at PCH and Robert Road Friday, December 10, 2021, through Sunday, December 12, 2021, and will continue full-time the following weekend.

Deputy Public Works Director Finton stated No Parking signs will be put up throughout the neighborhood of the Christmas lights and will be effective Thursday, December 16, 2021, and noted that signs directing traffic will also be put up.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission meeting to Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: At 8:15 p.m., Commissioner Obejas moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission meeting room. Commissioner Farao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (with Commissioners Habel, Suruki, and Chairperson Kosidlak absent).

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Traffic Commission Meeting
March 7, 2022

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Proposed STOP Sign Installations on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St Andrews Place

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission obtain public input related to the proposed STOP sign installations on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St Andrews Place.

BACKGROUND

On November 2, 2020, a Traffic Commission meeting was held via Zoom to take public input regarding a proposed all-way STOP sign installation at the intersection of 186th Street and Dorman Avenue. This was in response to resident requests to reduce vehicle speeds on 186th Street between Van Ness Avenue and Western Avenue. The majority of speakers opposed the proposed stop sign location at the intersection due to the proximity of an existing cross gutter one block east of the intersection at St Andrews Place that was already slowing down vehicles. Residents requested that alternative intersections be considered for the STOP sign installations on 186th Street.

186th Street is a residential collector street with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. La Carretera Park is situated on the south side of 186th Street west of Gramercy Place. Presently, there are no STOP signs on 186th Street between Van Ness Avenue and Western Avenue. This allows vehicles to travel on 186th Street from Van Ness Avenue to Western without stopping. All side streets are equipped with stop signs requiring vehicles to stop and yield before entering 186th Street (Attachment 2 – Existing Conditions Map). The roadway of 186th Street is relatively flat and straight with the exception of a curve between Haas Avenue and Wilton Place, and cross gutters at St Andrews Place.

This meeting is in response to the resident requests to install all-way STOP signs at alternative locations on 186th Street to mitigate traffic concerns. City staff proposes installation of all-way STOPs at 186th Street at Wilton Place and 186th Street at St Andrews Place.

These intersections were selected because both Wilton Place and St Andrews extend north all the way to 182nd Street and they break the segment of 186th Street roughly into thirds. Creating an all-way STOP at these selected intersections would assist with right-of-way assignment. In addition, staff took into consideration the existing two drainage gutters crossing 186th Street at St Andrews Place which shows evidence of vehicle damage due to

excessive speed. Staff is bringing this issue back to the Traffic Commission to provide residents an opportunity to comment on the revised proposal.

ANALYSIS

On February 15-17, 2022, staff took traffic counts at the intersection of 186th Street and Wilton Place, and 186th Street and St Andrews Place during the morning and afternoon peak periods of 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. respectively (Attachment 3). The dominant movement observed during both peak periods were the eastbound and westbound movements. Although state warrants for an all-way STOP are not met, staff recommends the installation of the STOP signs on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St Andrews Place to facilitate right-of-way assignment and divided the stretch of 186th Street between Van Ness Avenue and Western Avenue into three smaller segments.

The proposed plan (Attachment 4) would install a total of four new STOP signs on 186th Street eastbound and westbound at Wilton Place and St Andrews Place to create all-way STOP configurations, as well as install new RED curb zones (20' long) in conjunction with each new STOP sign. The proposal would impact adjacent residents; therefore, it is recommended that the Traffic Commission obtain public input.

Staff has reviewed the collision data for the intersections of 186th Street and Wilton Place and 186th Street and St Andrews Place, and no collisions have occurred over the past 5-years (2017-2021).

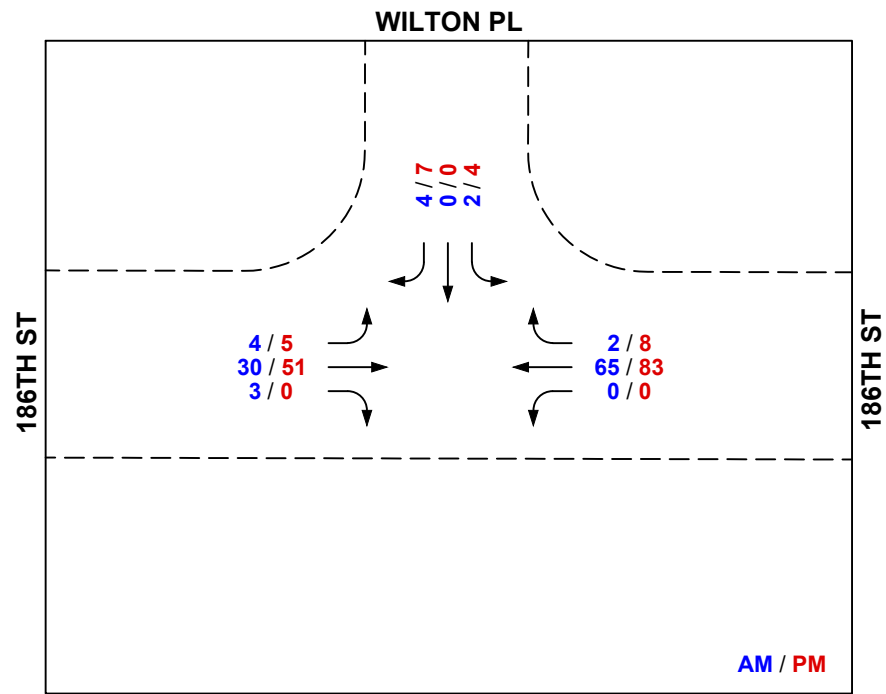
A public notice notifying residents of tonight's meeting (Attachment 5) was mailed to 371 parcels in the area bordered by Van Ness Avenue, West 182nd Street, Western Avenue, and I-405 Freeway. The public notification area is shown in Attachment 6.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Brenda Moun
Engineering Manager

- Attachment 1: Project Vicinity Map
- Attachment 2: Existing Condition Map
- Attachment 3: Traffic Counts
- Attachment 4: Proposed Plan
- Attachment 5: Public Notice
- Attachment 6: Notification Area



TRAFFIC COUNTS					
INTERSECTION	DATE OBSERVED	TIME	*#VEHICLES ON 186TH ST	**#VEHICLES ON WILTON PL	TOTAL VEHICLES
WILTON PL / 186TH ST	02/16/2022	8:00AM – 9:00AM	104	6	110
WILTON PL / 186TH ST	02/15/2022	4:30PM – 5:30PM	147	11	158

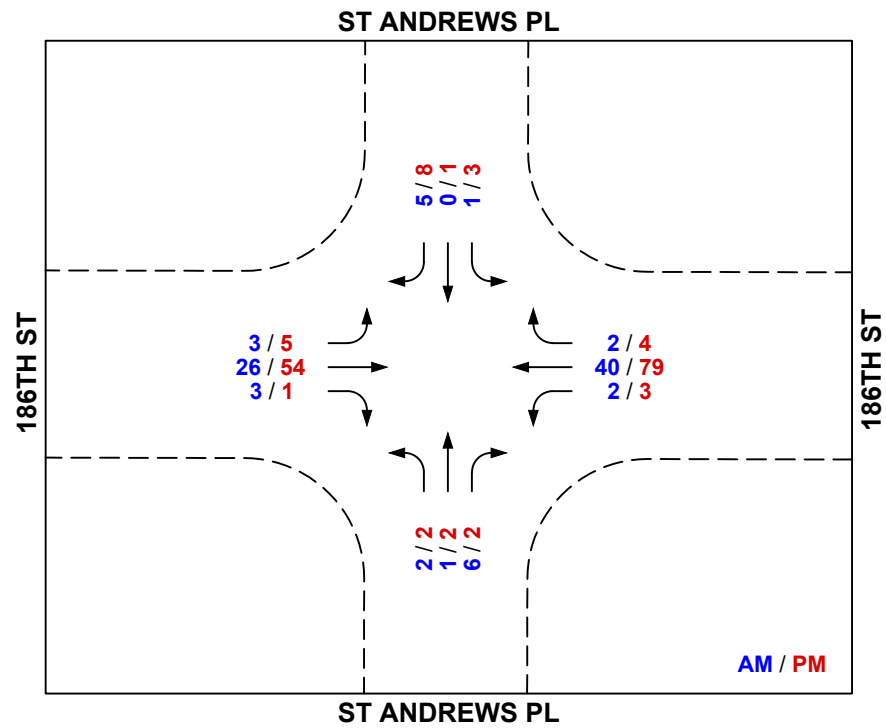
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ST ANDREWS PL / 186TH ST	02/17/2022	8:00AM – 9:00AM	76	15	91
ST ANDREWS PL / 186TH ST	02/17/2022	4:30PM – 5:30PM	146	18	164

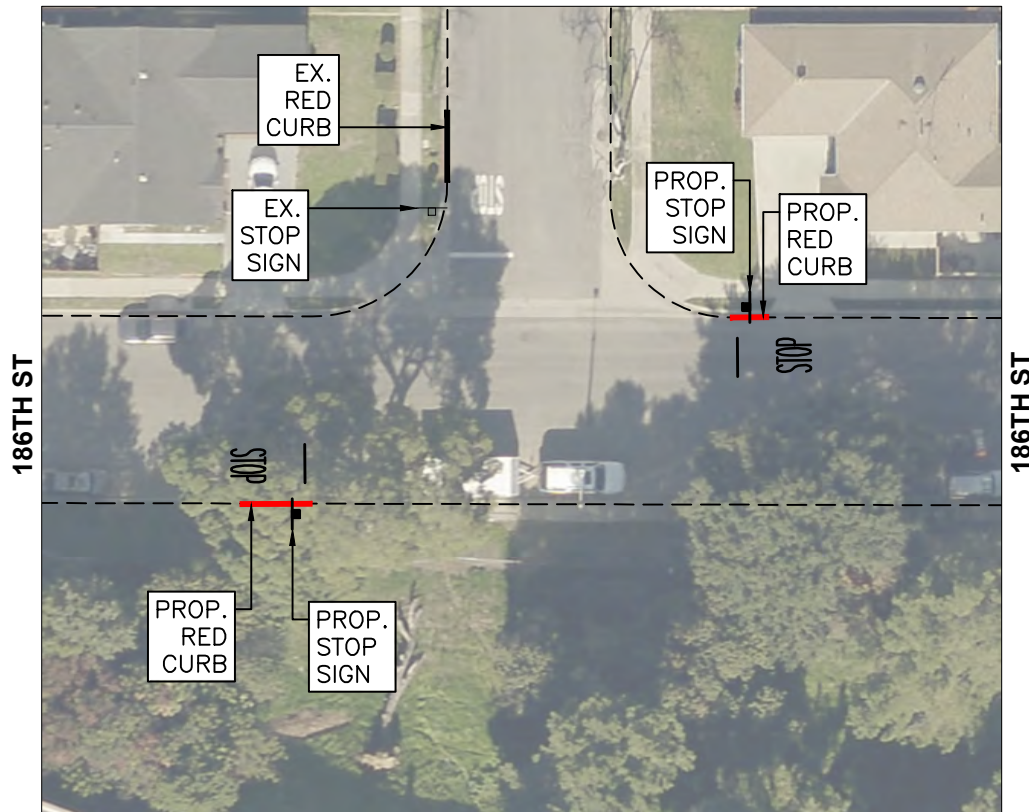
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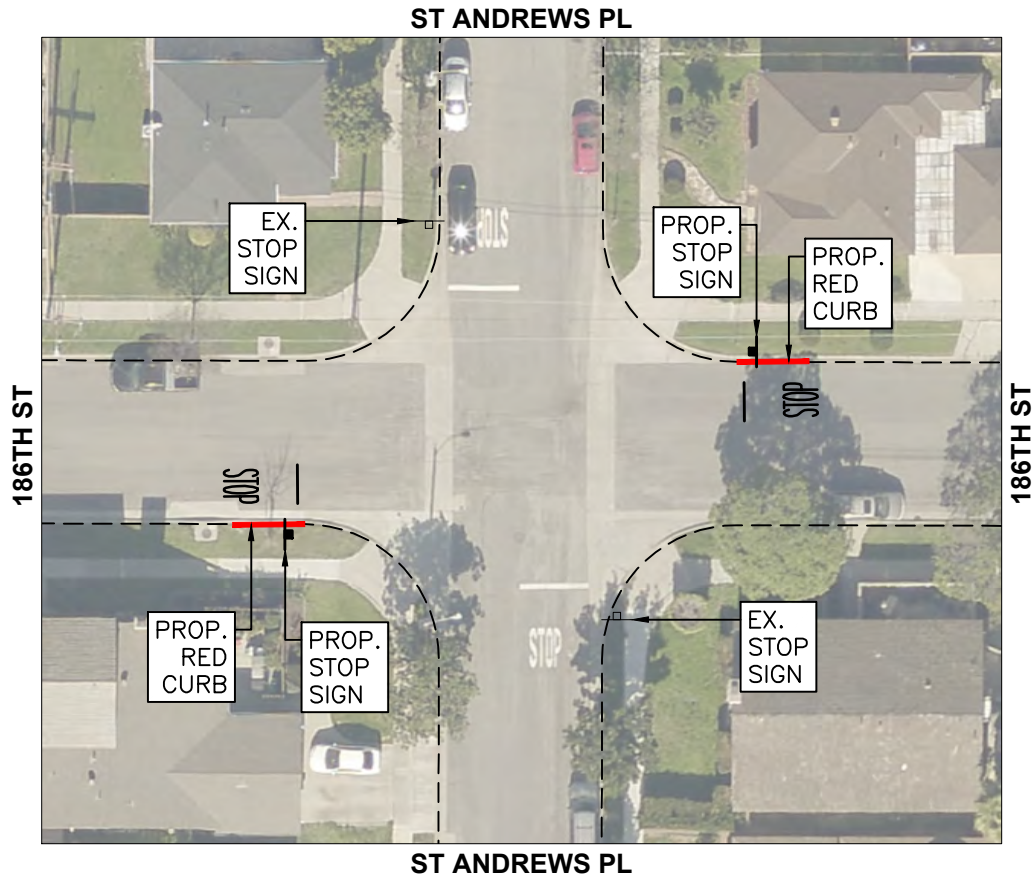
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**PROPOSED STOP SIGN INSTALLATION ON 186TH STREET
AT WILTON PLACE AND ST ANDREWS PLACE**



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NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Proposed Stop Sign Installation at the
Intersections of Wilton Place/ 186th Street
and St Andrews Place/ 186th Street**

Monday, March 7, 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, March 7, 2022 at 7 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will take public input regarding the proposed STOP sign installation on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St Andrews Place to create an All-Way Stop at the intersections.

We invite you to attend and provide input regarding this issue 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.

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Patrick J. Furey

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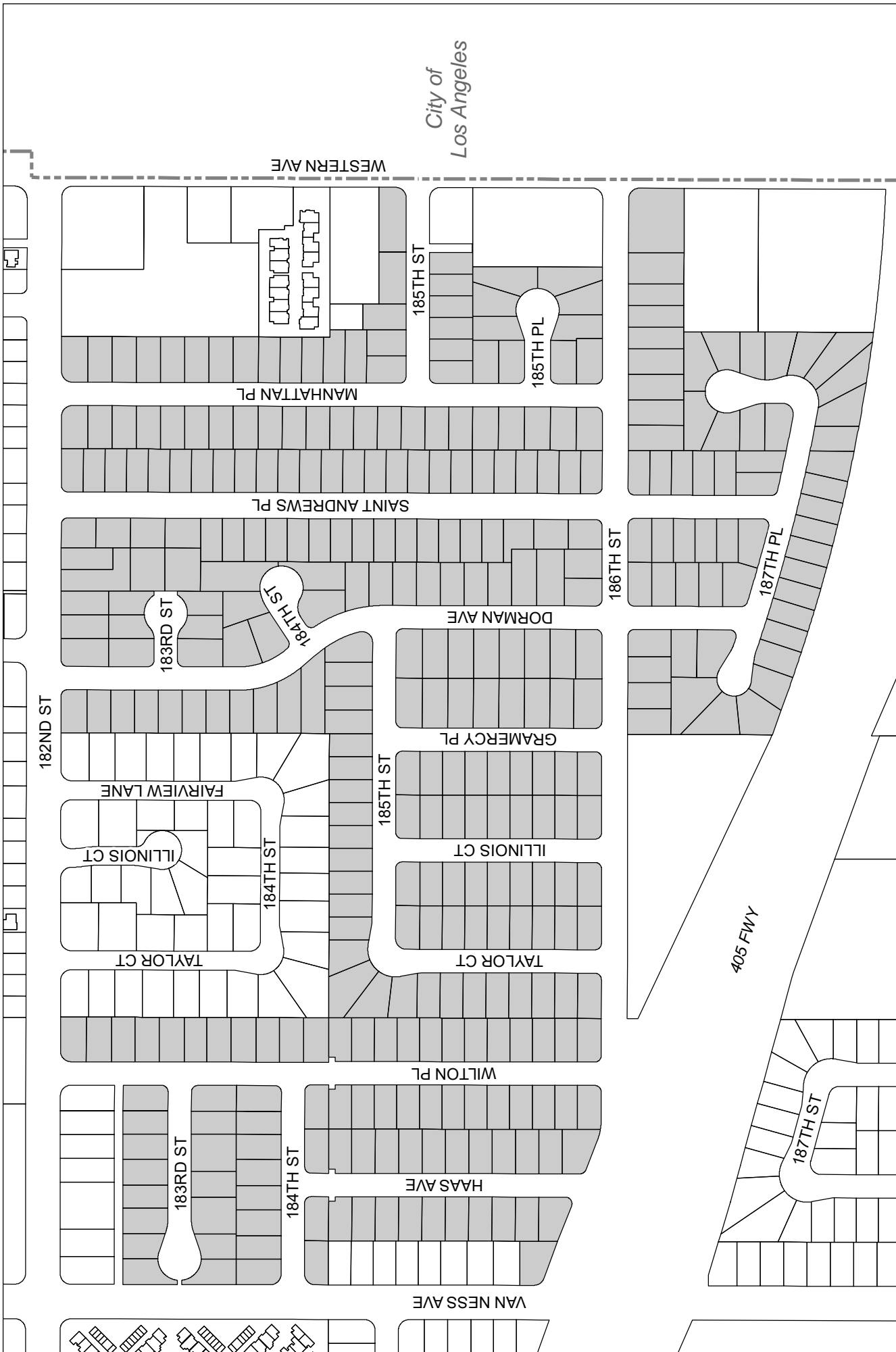
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Notification Area

