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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
JUNE 2, 2025
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, Suruki, Vice-Chair Thoma, Chair Sharma.

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 Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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: May 5, 2025

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Hawthorne Boulevard Right-Turn Lanes at Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street, T-196

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, August 4, 2025 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, May 5, 2025, in the West Annex Commission Room 3031 Torrance Boulevard Torrance, CA 90503

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Gibson, Suruki, Nichols, Thoma, and Chair Sharma.

Absent: Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Schwartz.

Also Present: Engineering Manager Helen Shi, Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa, and Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Suruki led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Commission Nichols arrived at 7:02 p.m.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Engineering Manager Shi reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website on Thursday, May 1, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Engineering Manager Shi reported a Supplemental Item that was posted on the City's site.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition spoke, requesting the preservation of the Redondo Beach Bikeway; documents pertaining to the Redondo Beach Bikeway were submitted to the Commission for reference. Engineering Manager Shi provided a response, stating that the City of Torrance did not have a decision for the Redondo Beach Bikeway and that per her understanding, The City of Torrance is requesting The City of Redondo Beach to conduct more analysis and re-do designs.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES: MARCH 3, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Thoma moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2025. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Schwartz absent).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. INSTALLATION OF ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTION OF MAPLE AVENUE AND MONTEREY STREET

Engineering Manager Shi presented Item 7A, providing a presentation on the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Monterey Street.

Engineering Manager Shi noted that City staff recommends the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Monterey Street to enhance safety and improve intersection operations.

Members of the public provided input, expressed concerns on drivers speeding in the area, and spoke in favor of the stop sign installation.

MOTION: Commissioner Suruki moved to support City staff's recommendation that the Commission support an all-way stop sign installation at Maple Avenue and Monterey Street to enhance safety and improve intersection operations. Commissioner Thoma seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Schwartz absent).

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa announced the final installment of the Kid Engineer Series on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Library.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:53 p.m. Commissioner Thoma moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioner Endo-Roberts and Schwartz absent).

Agenda Item No. 7A

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Hawthorne Boulevard Right-Turn Lanes at Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street, T-196

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission receive and file a report regarding the proposed Hawthorne Boulevard Right-Turn Lanes at Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street, T-196.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Hawthorne Boulevard (SR-107), north of Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) is designated as a Principal Arterial under the jurisdiction of Caltrans. It runs from Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) in the City of Torrance northerly to the I-405 Freeway. This eight-lane divided roadway, with raised center medians, carries an average of 60,000 vehicles per day and serves as a key commuter route to numerous adjacent business districts, including those near the intersections of Hawthorne Boulevard at Lomita Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard at 182nd Street.

Hawthorne Boulevard generally includes left- and right-turn lanes at intersections with adjacent arterial and collector roads to accommodate turning movements and enhance traffic capacity. However, there are currently no dedicated northbound right-turn lanes at the intersections of Hawthorne Boulevard with Lomita Boulevard or with 182nd Street. As a result, northbound through traffic is frequently blocked and delayed when other northbound vehicles making right turns onto Lomita Boulevard or 182nd Street are yielding to pedestrians and bicyclists crossing at these signalized intersections. Introducing dedicated northbound right-turn lanes at these two intersections would reduce vehicle delays and enhance traffic flow for northbound vehicles, and also improve safety and operations for pedestrians and bicyclists. There would also be the additional benefits of reduced air and noise pollution due to fewer northbound through vehicles having to stop and then accelerate.

Previous City traffic studies have identified the most significant delays along the Hawthorne Boulevard corridor occurring on the northbound approaches at the intersections with Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street. The studies concluded that adding dedicated northbound right-turn lanes at these intersections would help alleviate congestion and reduce overall traffic delays along the corridor.

In 2021, the City applied for and was awarded \$1,000,000 in Measure M grant funding, supplemented by a \$100,000 local match, to support the engineering design and construction of the Hawthorne Boulevard Right-Turn Lanes Project at Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street, T-196. Once a construction cost estimate is developed, the City will pursue additional Measure M grant funding if additional funds are needed to support the construction phase.


The proposed improvements include the addition of dedicated northbound right-turn lanes at both intersections. The scope of work includes roadway widening, utility relocations, reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. In addition, upgrades to the traffic signal infrastructure are planned, including new signal heads, signal poles, master arms, pedestrian push buttons, detection systems, battery backup systems, and other related components.

The City is currently soliciting proposals for engineering design services, with construction tentatively scheduled to occur in 2027/2028.

More information about the project can be found on the project website at <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/public-works/civil-and-traffic-engineering/capital-improvement-projects/t-196>.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment 1: Project Location Map

CITY OF TORRANCE- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD RIGHT-TURN LANES AT LOMITA BOULEVARD AND 182ND STREET, T-196 PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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